



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 4, 2019

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Muzzin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Gardner, Pettengill, Pipoly, and Tobbe. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Organizational Relations Manager Michelle Miller, Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were eighteen persons in the audience.

### 4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as amended, moving item 5 to new business and adding 8a to correspondence. **The motion carried without objection.**

#### Consent Agenda Items

**Motion** by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried without objection.**

~~5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of March 21, 2019~~

### 6. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 21, 2019

### 7. Approval of Negotiated Settlement Proposed in the Michigan Tax Tribunal Matter of Brighton Hotels, LLC v. City of Brighton

### 8. Approval of Cost Share for HP Data Tape Backup Replacement Project with the City of Howell in the Amount of \$13,104.00

#### Correspondence

#### 8a. Eagle Scout Proclamation: Jonathan Yakimow

Mayor Muzzin presented Jonathan Yakimow with a Mayoral Proclamation for his achievement. Mr. Yakimow briefly discussed his Eagle Scout project.

### 9. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 7:36 p.m. After hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 7:36 p.m.

### 10. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford stated that the Youth Academy will be held June 12-28, 2019. The deadline to apply is April 12, 2019. Applications are available to Brighton School student, ages 11-14, grades 7, 8, and 9.

Director Goch noted that work will be starting on Second Street and Single Barrel Social will be starting work during the week of April 8, 2019. Updates will be posted on social media and the City website.

Clerk Brown stated the Third Annual Millpond cleanup is scheduled for April 13, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be no cutting or heavy equipment used as this cleanup will address garbage and debris left over from the winter.

Manager Geinzer noted that he met with a prospective Eagle Scout to develop and plan a Millpond Interpretive planting. Mr. Geinzer also stated that the spring newsletter went out to residents with information about garbage, the Amp grand opening, yard waste calendar, and the May 7 ballot proposal. Ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the AMP will begin at 3:45 p.m. The emotional support Carl Nagy Band will play shortly afterward followed by a full night of music and headliner Sponge.

#### **11. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions**

On March 13, 2019 the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee met and has started initial planning for the Memorial Day Parade, allocated funds for an improved website and website presence as well as investigate to add the portion of the memorial to war dogs. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019, any interested parties can submit a request to be added to the agenda.

Mayor Muzzin updated that the BAFD closed on the vacant property on Webber Street and will be building a new station in the future.

#### **New Business**

##### **5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of March 21, 2019**

Councilmember Bohn corrected item discussion item about future ordinance amendments in the second paragraph to read noise ordinance, rather than environmental ordinance.

**Motion** by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the minutes from study session meeting from March 21, 2019. **The motion carried without objection.**

##### **12. Consider Approval of the 2019 Civic Events Applications**

Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas introduced the agenda item, noting that the committee has recommended to approve all twenty-six applications. Ms. Thomas noted a few changes, the Chamber of Commerce Brighton Fine Art and Acoustic Music Festival has changed the name to Brighton Main Street Wine, Art, and Music Festival and will be enclosing The AMP for a beverage garden with licensing through the Liquor Commission. She highlighted some of the new events for the season. The Taste of Brighton application, although not on the list, is also recommended for approval. They have requested to close Main Street at the railroad tracks. The committee does not recommend request.

Councilmember Pettengill asked about The AMP enclosure. Ms. Thomas clarified that parameters of the gating, noting that it will not be closed to public. It will completely open for anyone to enter. The event organizer hopes that attendees will bring in food from area restaurants. Chief Bradford spoke about the request to close Main Street all the way to the railroad tracks relaying the difficulties that would occur with routing traffic.

Councilmember Pettengill asked what the difference was between when the railroad tracks were closed for repair during the 2018 Taste of Brighton event and their current request. She stated that Main Street was closed up to the tracks during that time. Director Goch remarked that the railroad closure was beyond the City's control and

that CSX had dictated the repair timeframe and he also noted that safety is the biggest concern and setting a precedent for all future events. Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly recalls this same request comes up every few years. Councilmember Pettengill stated that she understands that it has been talked about in the past but since the closure for repair there was a renewed interest. Councilmember Emaus noted that safety is the biggest concern, noting the recent death in Royal Oak on the railroad tracks. Manager Geinzer stated that staff wanted to do their due diligence to bring the recent request to Council for final decision.

Councilmember Tobbe asked that those organizations that place ribbons around trees and light polls be sure to remove them after the event, he has noticed leftover forgotten ribbons throughout the City. Councilmember Pettengill asked if SwinginFusion applied for this season. Ms. Thomas stated that there has been no response from the group. Manager Geinzer stated that the staff will follow-up with the ribbon/pinwheel organizations to make sure they are cleaned up. Ms. Pettengill asked if there were permits for the organizations that place the ribbons throughout the City. Manager Geinzer stated that it is organized out of the DPW by a right of way permit.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of the 2019 Civic Events Applications and to not allow Main Street to be closed at the railroad tracks. **The motion carried without objection.**

**13. Consider Award of Bid for Pavement Marking to JV Contracting, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$42,000**

Director Goch introduced the agenda item noting that the shared bid was a collaboration between City of Wixom and the City of Milford to achieve the best pricing. He noted that the City contract has been added to the bid. Mr. Goch recommends awarding the bid for pavement marking to JV Contracting, Inc. which had favorable references.

Council and staff discussed the parameters of the project and the type of products that will be used for the marking.

**Motion** by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to award the bid for pavement marking to JV Contracting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00. **The motion carried without objection.**

**14. Consider Award of Bid for Crack Sealing Services to Scodeller Construction, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$55,000**

Director Goch introduced the agenda item again noting the shared bid collaboration between two other cities to achieve best pricing. Councilmember Pettengill asked where the crack sealing will be as she did not see it in the CMR. Mr. Goch indicated that the last bullet item on the CMR noted that the work will be done on Brighton Lake Road, Flint Road, Grand River, Brighton Interior Drive, and the new section of Black Walnut. Other streets may be added if funds remain.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to award the bid for crack sealing services to Scodeller Construction in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00. **The motion carried without objection.**

**Other Business**

**15. Call to the Public**

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:10 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus would like clarification about the Chamber event that would block off access to The AMP stating that she recalled that The AMP would always be open to public regardless of event.

Christine Tonge stated that she received a letter from the assessor stating that the exterior and interior of the house will be inspected. She did look on the website but did not find an answer. She also thanked Manager Geinzer who worked to address the condemned house next to her demolishing the house and getting it cleaned up. She stated that she now has a great neighbor and a house back on the tax rolls.

Finance Director Gomolka noted that an error and omission was made on the letter, clarifying that it is not required or mandatory to have an interior inspection. Ms. Gomolka clarified the process for assessing and the state tax commission requirements. Councilmember Bohn asked if a letter should go out to clarify to residents that interior inspections are not required. He further asked why a new condominium would need to be inspected noting that a neighbor asked the same as Ms. Tonge. Ms. Gomolka informed about the process for inspections. Ms. Pettengill asked if there were adverse consequence to not allow the assessors inside for an inspection. Ms. Gomolka stated there is no negative impact.

Assistant to the DPS Director Thomas stated that The AMP will not be closed at any time for the event and will be accessible to the public of all ages. Councilmember Gardner stated that she had previously asked if The AMP will be closed for a special event such as a wedding and it was clarified at that time that The AMP would not be closed off for an event.

## 16. Adjournment

**Motion** by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk

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James Muzzin, Mayor