



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 2, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly and Councilmember Tobbe are absent. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were seven persons in the audience.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly and Councilmember Tobbe for personal reasons. **The motion carried without objection.**

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried without objection.**

Consent Agenda Items

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

5. Approval of Minutes: Special Budget Study Session Meeting of April 8, 9, and 10, 2019

6. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of April 18, 2019

7. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 18, 2019

8. Approval of Minutes: Closed Session Meeting of April 18, 2019

Correspondence

9. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 7:32 a.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke about the utility administration fee as it pertains to Pine Creek residents.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 7:36 p.m.

Manager Geinzer stated MHOG handles all of the billing for Pine Creek, one bill is sent to Genoa for payment. The City is currently working with Genoa on a new contract. Billing will be looked at as well.

Mayor Muzzin asked if City residents pay one \$79.50 broken down over the year and Genoa/MHOG. Director Gomolka stated that the City sends one bill to MHOG and they in turn, bill each resident and add their own administration fee. Manager Geinzer further clarified that debt service fee goes directly to debt.

10. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford noted that the shower remodel has been started and should be completed in two weeks.

Director Goch noted that the crack sealing is finished. Spray patch will start soon. Second Street paving is completed, Director Goch and the contractor will do a final walk through. Consumers will be at Chestnut and will be in the greenbelt to address some gas lines, any area that is disturbed will be restored. Single Barrel Social will complete their tie in, weather permitting. The Pierce Street filter is back online as of May 3, 2019.

Councilmember Bohn asked if the contractor doing the hot crack sealing of the streets was going to finish the crack sealing on Black Walnut, between Lily Pond and Northridge Woods Drive. Director Goch stated that work should be done but will follow up to make sure the work was completed.

Councilmember Pettengill asked when the speed bumps in Millpond Lane will be installed. Director Goch stated that the DPW is working on it and is on the list to accomplish.

Clerk Brown stated that the Clerk's office will hold Saturday hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 4, 2019 to register voters and issue absentee ballots.

11. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Gardner relayed that the Livingston County Health Department Annual Report is out and gave a brief update.

Councilmember Pettengill noted that the Spring Kickoff for the Imagination Station was a big success. 138 volunteers came out to clean up garbage and spread 75 yards of mulch, and scrub tables. Ms. Pettengill stated the 150th Committee reused a tree from the AMP area and turned it into a bench. The severely rotted tree was repurposed by Jim Roth and is topped with copper. On either ends of the bench engravings show historical images.

Mayor Muzzin stated that The AMP ribbon cutting will begin at 3:45 p.m. on May 4, 2019 followed by Carl's concert with Sponge headlining the celebrations at 7:00 p.m. Larry Lawrence, husband of County Commissioner and former City of Brighton Mayor Kate Lawrence has passed away. Paul Pipoly, father of Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, passed away at 92 years old. He was a World War II veteran. He will be sorely missed.

Public Hearing

12. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget, Resolution #19-11

Mayor Muzzin opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke about franchise fees, PEG fees, and televising the study session.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Mayor Muzzin noted that PEG fees and audio visual will be discussed at a later study session.

Councilmember Emaus stated that he will continue to evaluate and lift the lid off of every expendable. He recapped the findings of the Task Force and spoke about concessions and thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the difficult budget process.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget with Resolution #19-11. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

New Business

13. Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Fee Schedule

Director Gomolka introduced the fee schedule and gave a brief overview, noting any changes are in the margin with a note for the fee change.

Councilmember Gardner asked about the collection containers and if the fee was meant as a deterrent. Councilmember Emaus expressed that the fee was to regulate the containers as most container have been removed. Director Gomolka noted typographical errors that were cleaned up from years past. Councilmember Bohn clarified the vacant and abandoned structures fee will be collected on a monthly basis. The fee for the abandoned structures will be billed in accordance with the ordinance. Councilmember Pettengill asked for clarification on wording for The AMP rental. Councilmember Emaus asked regarding reduction of parking for prohibited purposes on displaying a vehicle for sale, he asked why the fee has been eliminated. Chief Bradford noted that it was ruled unconstitutional. Councilmember Emaus asked if there is any ordinance to prohibit cars for sale. Chief Bradford stated that there is a no parking on grass ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to Approve the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Fee Schedule and Corrections/Changes discussed with Resolution #19-12. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

14. Consider Approval of Refuse and Recycling Contract with Waste Management

Director Goch reviewed the agenda item noting that the Contract with Waste Management has come to an agreement along with the City Attorney. There have been ongoing talks with Condominium Associations to work with the challenges they may have. Councilmember Bohn asked about the 4% inflation escalator each year. Director Goch noted that amount was in their contract and accounts for annual inflation along with various inflationary fees.

Ms. Jill Reynolds from Waste Management addressed the concerns with the 4% increase. She noted that insurance, recycling, and many other factors with the general cost of doing business is the reason for the 4% increase. Industry wide there has been a range from 3-6% inflation increases.

Councilmember Emaus noted that this was the most competitive bid. He further asked if the City Attorney approves of the contract and noted a few changes that his office had made. Councilmember Gardner asked about renting additional carts. Ms. Reynolds stated that a customer may rent another container based on their current container size.

Councilmember Emaus noted that both the City of Brighton and Waste Management have been very helpful in accommodating the needs and wants of condominium associations, specifically Hamilton Farms topographical and geographical challenges. He thanked Waste Management and the DPW for all their hard work. Councilmember

Pettengill asked when the carts will be replaced. Director Goch stated that Waste Management will evaluate the current carts and order the necessary replacements. After pickup of trash, the new carts will be left.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to Approve the Refuse and Recycling Contract with Waste Management. **The motion carried without objection.**

Other Business

15. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:21 p.m.

Bob Pettengill thanked staff and Council for the very detailed 208-page budget. He also stated that the \$5,000.00 spent on woodchips for the Imagination Station is a small price to pay for such a big reward. The Imagination Station is a large draw to the City.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor