



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 18, 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 and Pipoly. Councilmember Tobbe was absent. Staff: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Public Works Supervisor Daren Collins, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were four persons in the audience.

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

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve the agenda as amended, deleting items 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, and 18. **The motion carried without objection.**

Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried without objection.**

5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of June 20, 2019

6. Approval of Minutes: Closed Session Meeting of June 20, 2019

7. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 20, 2019

~~8. Approval of Brighton Manor Sidewalk Vacation~~

~~9. Approval of Brighton Manor Easement~~

~~10. Approval of Brighton Manor License Agreement~~

Correspondence

11. Call to the Public

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

Jim Vichich, from the Brighton Historical Society, noted that the CoBACH center is currently featuring Women's Suffrage until August 23, 2019. Please check the Brighton Area Historical Society Facebook page for details.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m.

12. Staff Updates

DPW Superintendent Daren Collins updated that Consumers Energy gained a right of way permit to replace service lines along Rickett Road. As soon as a date is chosen, the City will update social media and local news sources with dates and times.

Director Gomolka reminded residents that the summer tax bill is due August 15, 2019.

Clerk Brown stated that the website is active. The new site will take time for various search engines to update throughout the web. She also stated that the City Council video will be ADA compliant with closed captioning for the hearing impaired. Ms. Brown asked all who speak during the City Council meetings to speak clearly and loudly into the microphone so the closed captioning will be as accurate as possible.

City Manager Geinzer stated that he had recently attended the EDC meeting at Thai Summit. The meeting was very informative and stressed the importance of recognizing the career opportunities within the manufacturing sector.

Councilmember Pettengill asked about when the crosswalks will be painted, Superintendent Collins stated that the striping will occur the week of July 22, 2019.

Councilmember Gardner asked when the areas that were spray patched will be restriped. Superintendent Collins stated that the City is on the contractor's schedule.

Councilmember Bohn stated that he is concerned about the RAW home gym in the City that has an online presence and is sometimes using the Imagination Station for workout purposes. Mr. Bohn is also concerned about Waste Management continuing to drip oil or grease from their waste collection trucks. Manager Geinzer stated most times the liquid that is coming out of the trucks is residential cooking oils and grease or liquids but will make sure an educational piece about proper disposal of cooking oils and greases is provided to residents.

13. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly updated that the DDA met on July 16, 2019 which was the biannual meeting and discussed the sign for the amphitheater. Piet Lindhout is working on the design and will bring it back for DDA approval. The Brighton High School Robotic Team, TechnoDogs, is being honored Monday, July 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts at Brighton High School. Mr. Pipoly also stated that Mr. Gary Underwood, a close business mentor and friend, passed away at the age of 79 years old.

Councilmember Pettengill stated that the ZBA met twice during July. A training session with Giffels Webster to answer questions and inform the board members on best practices was held early July and a regular meeting on July 11, 2019 to consider a variance to allow construction of an accessory building on a side yard, which was denied.

Councilmember Emaus stated that the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee met on July 17, 2019. He is happy to report that the dedication of the Rosie the Riveter rose bush garden will be on August 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with a Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee just before at City Hall. If you would like an agenda item added to the agenda, please contact the committee via their Facebook page. Mr. Matt McGivney has been appointed to replace David Reader as Circuit Court Judge by Governor Whitmer. Mr. Emaus also stated that LYFT is available in the City of Brighton as an alternative ridesharing option.

Mayor Muzzin updated that the Brighton Area Fire Authority met on July 11, 2019 and the main topic was changing of ownership of the fire stations. Genoa Township stations 34 and 35 will be change ownership to the BAFA with a "revert back to" clause if the building is no longer used for public safety. Twenty-two cadets graduated from the Livingston County Fire Fighter Academy on July 15, 2019. All twenty-two cadets successfully graduated, ten of the cadets are already associated with the Brighton Area Fire Authority.

New Business

14. Consider Approval of Bid Award for the 2019 Sidewalk Maintenance Project to Rotondo Construction in the Amount of \$106,675.25

Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item specifically noting the financing, which was detailed in the packet.

Councilmember Gardner asked when the contractor expects to start the job. Manager Geinzer stated the work will begin this fall.

Councilmember Bohn asked how the sidewalks were prioritized. Manager Geinzer stated that the sidewalk work was prioritized by trip hazard. Mr. Bohn is concerned about volume as well. Superintendent Collins confirmed that the trip hazards will be addressed first, but noted that sidewalk shaving has also been contracted and will start the week of July 22, 2019. Manager Geinzer explained the specifics involved with trimming versus replacement.

Councilmember Emaus stated that he maintains his commitment to being within budget and that the expectation that finance will monitor the funds from which the remainder of the funding for the sidewalk will come from and that those funds will forego certain projects to remain within budget.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of Bid Award for the 2019 Sidewalk Maintenance Project to Rotondo Construction in the Amount of \$106,675.25 along with Corresponding Budget Amendments. **The motion carried without objection.**

15. Consider Approval of Concession Package and Amendments to the Employee Benefits for Non-Union Administrative Employees and Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute All Necessary and Related Documents

City Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item specifically outlining the necessity of the concession package as it relates to the non-union administration employees due to the fiscal realities.

Councilmember Bohn asked what the projected savings the concession package may be for the City. Manager Geinzer stated although hard to pin point, the projected savings will be \$15,000-20,000 a year in the short-term and a savings of \$200,000 in the long-term pension liability. The City is also offering a one-time option to convert to a defined contribution benefit, which may be a great for some as a transferable asset. As new employees are hired, or convert, the long-term savings will grow.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve of Concession Package and Amendments to the Employee Benefits for Non-Union Administrative Employees and Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute and Implement All Necessary and Related Documents. **The motion carried without objection.**

~~**16. Consider Entering Closed Session for Strategy Session Connected with the Negotiation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c)**~~

~~**17. Consider Approval of TPOAM – Clerical Collective Bargaining Agreement and Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute All Necessary and Related Documents**~~

~~**18. Consider Approval of TPOAM – Public Services Collective Bargaining Agreement and Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to Execute All Necessary and Related Documents**~~

Other Business

19. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 8:11 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 8:11 p.m.

20. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor