



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 15, 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, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Assistant to the DPW Director Patty Thomas, Superintendents Todd Bennett, Corey Brooks, and Daren Collins, Chief Rob Bradford, Executive Administrative Assistant to Community Development Kelly Haataja, Attorney Paul Burns, and Labor Attorney Gregg Schultz. There were three persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as amended, moving items 9 and 10 to New Business. **The motion carried without objection.**

Consent Agenda Items

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

5. Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of August 1, 2019

6. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 1, 2019

7. Approval of Minutes: Closed Session Meeting of August 1, 2019

8. Consider Awarding the Bid for the Wastewater Plant Air Compressor Replacement Project to Central Air Compressor in the Amount of \$23,760

9. ~~Consider Approval of Tetra Tech Proposal for 2019/2020 Retainer Services in the Amount of \$11,200~~ (moved to New Business)

10. ~~Consider Approval of Access Agreement for Weld Mold Company of Brighton Michigan for the Installation of a Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump System.~~ (moved to New Business)

Correspondence

11. Call to the Public

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

Ellen Lafferty from the League of Women Voters announced that a candidate open house will be held on October 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. She noted that all five candidates have confirmed their attendance and asked all voters to know the candidates.

Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 7:37 p.m.

12. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford stated that the residents can sign up for emergency alerts via the new app PulsePoint which is currently only in Livingston County. On Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Livingston County will hold a Family Emergency Readiness Expo at 1911 Tooley Road, Howell, MI 48855. The family oriented event will feature sixteen speakers, emergency response vehicles, jet, helicopter and free tours and classes.

Human Resource Manager Michelle Miller stated that the last Brighton Arts and Culture Commission event was held on August 13, 2019 with a great attendance. She noted that all three events were well attended and the Commission looks forward to feature the series twice a month next summer.

Director Goch noted that the preconstruction meeting for Rickett Road will be held on September 2, 2019. The Rickett Road project is expected to be completed late October or early November. Schools, churches, and residents directly impacted by the work have been notified and kept informed. Mr. Goch said that updates about the project will be shared on the City website and social and local new media.

13. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Pettengill updated that the Brighton Area Fire Authority is the first to utilize PulsePoint in Livingston County, those interested should download the app via their mobile device. The app alerts CPR and/or AED trained people close by that someone is in need of medical attention. But anyone can use the app which has a list of emergency calls within the county.

Councilmember Emaus and the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee met on August 14, 2019 and directly after the meeting at 10:00 p.m. dedicated two new rosebushes each honoring an individual World War II Rosie. Mrs. Wanda, a 96-year-old Rosie, was present during the celebration and dedication.

Mayor Muzzin updated that the Brighton Area Fire Authority met on August 15, 2019 and has completed the transfer of ownership for two fire stations in Genoa Township to the Brighton Area Fire Authority. New plans and layout for the Weber station expansion were reviewed.

New Business

9. Consider Approval of Tetra Tech Proposal for 2019/2020 Retainer Services in the Amount of \$11,200

Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item noting that this retainer is for eight months and will allow enough time to send out a request for proposal by the end of the year.

Councilmember Emaus questioned the 17% price increase and the use of the term retainer. He asked Ms. Gomolka if any unused funds had been credited back to the City if left unused. Ms. Gomolka indicated that Tetra Tech had not issued a refund for any unused retainer fees to the City. He asked if Tetra Tech invoices had been under the quoted price or hours, Ms. Gomolka indicated that they had not. City Council and staff discussed hourly rates and retainer fees at length. Mayor Muzzin asked if hourly rates are billed differently based on Tetra Tech staff. Manager Geinzer stated that there are several ways to structure engineering agreements, in the coming months Mr. Geinzer will return to Council with recommendations.

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to approve of Tetra Tech proposal for 2019/2020 retainer services in the amount of \$11,200. **The motion carried without objection.**

10. Consider Approval of Access Agreement for Weld Mold Company of Brighton Michigan for the Installation of a Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump System.

Director Goch introduced the agenda item noting that it is staff's recommendation from the insurance carrier to delete the highlighted section of the agreement under 6A which reads: "City shall agree to waive its insurer's right

of recovery under its policies.” This passage was talked about at length and determined by the city attorney and insurance carrier to remove. Manager Geinzer does not feel that there will be an issue with the deletion. Councilmember Emaus asked if the city attorney was satisfied with the agreement, attorney Burns stated that overall he is okay with the agreement. Mr. Emaus asked that all CMRs that contain contracts or agreements specifically note that the city attorney approves of the document.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of the Access Agreement for Weld Mold Company of Brighton Michigan for the installation of a Sanitary Sewer Grinder Pump System subject to the removal of the highlighted portion under 6A as recommended. **The motion carried without objection.**

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to enter into closed session for strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c). **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

City Council reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:17 p.m.

15. Consider Possible Action Resulting from the Closed Session

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute all necessary and related documents the letter of understanding dated August 16, 2019. **The motion carried without objection.**

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

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approval of TPOAM-Clerical Collective Bargaining Agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute all necessary and related documents. **The motion carried without objection.**

Other Business

17. Call to the Public

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to Public at 8:20 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 8:20 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**