



City Council Study Session

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MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muzzin called the Study Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

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 Michelle Miller, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Chief of Police Rob Bradford, Superintendent Corey Brooks, Superintendent Todd Bennett, and Attorney Jeff Alber. There was one person in the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 6:30 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to Public at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION: FOG (FATS, OILS AND GREASE) PROGRAM AND CROSS CONNECTION PROGRAM

Director Goch presented a brief overview of fats, oils, and grease with a power point presentation. He specifically outlined goals, necessary maintenance, inspection, and education. Superintendent Brooks relayed the cost benefits of the FOG program and the considerable time that will be saved once implemented. The main employee time use relates to clearing pipes of hardened fats, oils and grease build up, which must be done regularly to ensure no blockages occur. Mr. Brooks explained that the aging vacuor truck requires at least two employees to operate. Mr. Brooks then relayed that occasionally the DPS employees will find small shampoo bottles in the system as well. Mr. Goch stressed the importance of a comprehensive educational piece to the FOG program.

Councilmember Emaus, understanding the staff knows the biggest contributors of FOG, asked if staff is able to speak directly to those businesses to address the issue. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Bennett do know who most of the major contributors are and have worked with those entities extensively but all system users need to be educated and aware of the program to lessen the amount of FOG put into the system.

Councilmember Pettengill asked if FROG, R to include rag, is an initiative that the city is looking into as well. The DPS will investigate FROG and provide Council with additional information.

Councilmember Pettengill asked if there are plans for health department involvement, Director Goch indicated that there is not. Councilmember Tobbe asked if there is a possibility for DPS employees to conduct their FOG inspections while police conduct alcohol license inspections, to coordinate. Chief Bradford stated that not all restaurants serve alcohol but he understands the idea and is ready to assist when requested. Mayor Pro Tem Pipoly asked what the end result would be if a business did not comply with the program, would the city issue fines. Director Goch stated that the city will be able issue notices/fines to businesses in accordance with the ordinance.

Councilmember Bohn remarked if it would be possible to hire a third party to inspect and issue notices to those businesses not in compliance with the ordinance or issue certifications after inspections. Director Goch indicated that it something to consider. The city is currently in the planning phase of the FOG program and will reach out to neighboring municipalities to evaluate best practices.

When staff has gathered best practices and scope of the project, cross connection, and for future conversations, Councilmember Emaus would like facts, data, links, and advance notice to properly prepare for a technical discussion.

Council and staff discussed several educational opportunities for residents and business owners to learn the importance of the FOG program and understand the serious need to maintain the city's infrastructure with programs such as FOG.

Mayor Muzzin noted that there wasn't sufficient time to begin the talk about cross connection and recommends the discussion to be postponed to a later date.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Muzzin opened the Call to the Public at 7:21 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Muzzin closed the Call to the Public at 7:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the Study Session at 7:21 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor