



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Muzzin, Pettengill, and Tobbe. Absent: Mayor Pipoly. Also present were City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Sergeant Pirochta, Attorney Paul Burns, and Attorney Jeff Alber. There were three persons in the audience.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner asked for a moment of reflection to honor the passing of Mayor Pipoly's mother, Margaret Pipoly.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to approve the agenda as amended moving items 5f and 5h to new business. **The motion carried without objection.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: Retreat Meeting of January 11-12, 2020**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 16, 2020**
- c. **Approval of Minutes: Closed Meeting of January 16, 2020**
- d. **Approval of KEPS Technologies, Inc. dba ACD.net Metro Act Right-of-Way Permit Extension**
- e. **Approval to Recognize MADPAC Booster Club, INC. as a 501(c)3, Non-Profit for the Purpose of Obtaining a Charitable Gaming License, Resolution #20-03**
- f. ~~Approval to Replace the BS&A Server for a total of \$11,344.60 (moved to New Business)~~
- g. **Approval of MTT Consent Judgement for Stellar Hospitality Brighton LLC (Holiday Inn Express)**
- h. ~~Acceptance of Quarterly Financial and Investment Reports (moved to New Business)~~

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner opened the Call to the Public at 7:36 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner closed the Call to the Public at 7:36 p.m.

7. Staff Updates

Director Goch stated the tree contractor will be starting work during the week of February 17, 2020, notices will

be sent out to those affected.

Clerk Brown updated that absentee ballot for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary will be sent out February 7, 2020 to all residents who have requested a ballot. If an absentee ballot is needed, please contact City Hall and ask for the Clerks department.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Bohn stated the Planning Commission met to hold a public hearing for a proposed PUD agreement and rezoning of West Village, by S.R. Jacobson. The meeting lasted two hours, many of the resident's present were not in favor of the development. Mr. Bohn remarked the parcel has had several proposed developments in the past and consistently met with resident disapproval. He felt that no matter the development, it will be met with opposition.

Councilmember Emaus stated the Brighton Veterans Memorial will meet in March a definite date is still being decided. Mr. Emaus wished to clarify that the MADPAC be recognized as a non-profit for charitable gaming rather than what was stated on the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner stated Livingston County has established a complete count committee for the 2020 Census. Many helpful tip and fliers are available on the county website for reference.

New Business

9. First Reading and Setting of a Public Hearing for Proposed Text Amendments to Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances

Community Development Manager Caruso began discussion with a brief overview of the intentions of the Planning Commission and the proposed text amendments and asked that a public hearing date of March 5, 2020 be set to field public comment.

Councilmember Muzzin asked that the letter given to City Council be read into the March 5, 2020 public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to set a public hearing for proposed text amendments to Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances for March 5, 2020 as approved and recommended by the Planning Commission. **The motion carried without objection.**

10. First Reading and Setting of a Public Hearing for Proposed Map Amendments to Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances

Community Development Manager Caruso began discussion with an overview and history of the proposed map amendments noting the properties involved are Lynch Funeral Home, Keehn-Griffin Funeral Home and a financial business as well as businesses located on the eastern portion of Grand River. The proposed designation will allow for more uses.

Councilmember Bohn asked Mr. Caruso to clarify that Keehn-Griffin Funeral home is not intending to expand and there is no intention or zoning to support the expansion of the funeral home to the residential parcels behind the funeral home. Mr. Caruso clarified that the zoning for the homes near Keehn-Griffin Funeral home will not change and current zoning would not support expansion nor is it the intension of Keehn-Griffin Funeral home to expand.

Councilmember Pettengill asked about the verbiage of fraternity, sororities, private clubs, and lodges listed under permitted uses within section B of the commercial district. Mr. Caruso stated the language was already in the zoning district.

10a. Approval to Replace the BS&A Server for a total of \$11,344.60

Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item as a standard budgeted replacement of hardware for the BS&A

accounting software.

Councilmember Emaus asked that any acronyms be spelled out for those not familiar. Director Gomolka stated that at one time it was last names but is referred to BS&A, which is the suite of financial programs. Mr. Emaus asked if the server is strictly housed in Howell per the arrangements with a shared IT Manager with Howell. Manager Geinzer affirmed that the server is housed in Howell and is only for the City of Brighton use.

Councilmember Tobbe asked if the server is sufficient for the needs of the City. Director Gomolka stated that she would defer to the IT Managers recommendations and feels confident in his assessment of the City's IT needs.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to approve to replace the BS&A server for a total of \$11,344.60. **The motion carried without objection.**

10b. Acceptance of Quarterly Financial and Investment Reports

Councilmember Bohn asked how rents and royalties relates to the line item charges to major and local streets. Director Gomolka stated based on the government reporting, the major and local street fund pays the general fund for rented employees. Mr. Bohn asked for additional clarity to include a summary and itemization of the millage money. Director Gomolka clarified the presented quarterly financial spreadsheet is general fund, the millage is not reported and collected in the general fund. Manager Geinzer stated a software provider is currently being vetted for millage reporting to display on the City of Brighton website.

Councilmember Emaus complemented staff for including and generating this report for interested citizens. He thanked staff for including this valuable resource.

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to accept the quarterly financial and investment reports. **The motion carried without objection.**

Other Business

11. Call to the Public

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner opened the Call to the Public at 8:02 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner closed the Call to the Public at 8:02 p.m.

12. Consider Entering Closed Session to Receive Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h)

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to enter into closed session to receive written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

City Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner advised that item 13 will be deleted from the agenda.

~~**13. Consider Possible Actions Resulting from Closed Session**~~

14. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**