



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 5, 2020

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pipoly, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, and Pettengill. Absent were Councilmembers Muzzin and Tobbe. City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were eight persons in the audience.

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to exclude Councilmembers Muzzin and Tobbe from the meeting due to personal reasons. **The motion carried without objection.**

### 4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve the amended agenda, adding to item 10 to include Discussion of Budget Presentation Dates. **The motion carried without objection.**

### 5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of February 20, 2020**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 20, 2020**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:33 p.m.

Nancy Durance, from the U.S. Census thanked Mayor Pipoly and staff for their efforts to secure a Census worker training location in Livingston County. Ms. Durance also stressed the importance of the Census and distributed important Census literature.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public 7:38 p.m.

### 7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford reported that new Officer Drake Brusseau was officially sworn in on March 2, 2020.

Director Goch stated superintendent Todd Bennett has accepted a new position, he will be missed. The job posting is on the City website as well as through the MML.

Community Development Manager Caruso, in response to recent inquires, stated he has spoken with State

officials and the former Lindbom school has not had any asbestos removal. Inspections are done annually by the State.

Mayor Pipoly asked if the asbestos containing items are inventoried. Mr. Caruso stated that the items are cataloged and inventoried annually.

Clerk Brown stated the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election is almost here. If City residents would like to vote by absentee ballot, register to vote, or to check where their polling location is, City Hall will be open on Saturday March 7, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Manager Geinzer stated DTE tree trimming contractor is in the area addressing various trees along power lines. Also noted was the forecast of a significant Headlee rollback due to larger properties uncapping last year. A majority of the rollback will affect the General Fund.

#### **8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions**

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner asked that all residents and visitors pick up after their dogs, the amount of dog waste revealed once the snow melted was astounding and unsanitary.

Councilmember Pettengill noted the next ZBA meeting will be held on March 12, 2020 and the board will hear one item. The Spring Kickoff for the Imagination Station is scheduled for May 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. More details to come.

Councilmember Emaus stressed the importance of a complete and accurate Census count, noting it is far more important than most believe. The Census will have short and long term affects if a complete count is not taken and be devastating to many homeless families and children in Livingston County.

Mayor Pipoly reported the Brighton Area Fire Authority Soup Out was last week and a great success.

#### **Public Hearing**

#### **9. Conduct Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of Proposed Text Amendments to Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances**

Community Development Manager Caruso reviewed the recommended text amendments giving a brief overview of the properties involved to allow alterations to properties and to bring consistency to the zoning ordinance.

Mayor Pipoly opened the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the adoption of proposed text amendments to Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances. **The motion carried without objection.**

#### **10. Conduct Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of Proposed Map Amendments to Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances**

Community Development Manager Caruso reviewed the recommended map amendments and relayed that the amendments would bring consistency to the zoning map and ordinance.

Mayor Pipoly opened the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the adoption of proposed map amendments to Chapter 98 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances. **The motion carried without objection.**

**New Business**

**11. Discussion of Budget Presentation Dates and Consider Setting Annual City Council Budget Work Session Dates**

Manager Geinzer noted in previous years, City Council had asked for the City of Brighton Budget for fiscal year 2020/2021 be presented in March. However due to recent revelations of a Headlee rollback, the timing of finalized revenue estimates, utilities fund challenges, as well as staff illnesses, Mr. Geinzer asked that the budget presentation be set in accordance to Charter at the first meeting in April which is April 2, 2020 to allow staff to present a complete budget.

City Council briefly discussed times and dates for the budget workshops to ensure all can attend.

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to set the budget work sessions for April 7 and 9, 2020 starting at 6:00 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

**Other Business**

**12. Call to the Public**

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:07 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 8:07 p.m.

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk

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Shawn Pipoly, Mayor