



# Brighton City Council Meeting

---

Contact Information: City Hall • 200 N First St. • Brighton, Michigan 48116  
(810) 227-1911 • [www.brightoncity.org](http://www.brightoncity.org) • [info@brightoncity.org](mailto:info@brightoncity.org)

This meeting was conducted electronically.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 2, 2020

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the 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, Muzzin, Pettengill, and Tobbe. City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Management Assistant Henry Outlaw, DPW Superintendent Daren Collins, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were five persons in the audience.

### 4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

### 5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: Closed Session of June 4, 2020**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 18, 2020**
- c. **Approval of Reappointments of Michael Schutz to the City of Brighton Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:33 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the Call to the Public was closed.

### 7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford reported that ten years' worth of documents have been converted for digital storage by Deb Utter during the recent slowdown, whom he thanked for all her work on the project. MACP Accreditation is well underway by Sergeants Pirochta and Miller, per accreditation rules they are required to be completed within two years.

Director Goch reported City staff will be touching up some small sewer repair items during the week of July 6, 2020. Alpine, Fairway, and Third project (ATF) is moving along very well. The heat has pushed work until July 6, 2020 and the contractors will be finishing the third phase shortly. The sidewalk program is being completed along with some restoration work.

Councilmember Tobbe asked if it is a good idea, while pipes are being used more lightly, that the FROG/sewer cleaning be addressed. Director Goch noted Superintendent Brooks has not stopped maintenance and regularly monitors the grease and fats within the sewer.

Director Gomolka noted the CARES Act allocation for local unit's hazard pay for public safety will be applied for as

soon as the applications are available. House Bills 5761 and 5810 are anticipated to be signed by the Governor which will permit the deferment of Summer 2020 taxes until May 2021 without penalty, those who hold taxes in escrow would be exempt.

Manager Geinzer reported the 2019 pension actuarial results are in and the positive impacts of the benefit restructuring has mitigated a greater impact. The OPEB actuarial reports are not currently available but City Manager Geinzer will assemble the information for review as soon as possible.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner stated the 2020 Census response rate for Livingston County is at 80%, the deadline to complete the Census has been extended to October 31, 2020 due to the pandemic. A resident's response to the Census may be completed via the United States Census website, phone, or paper copy. Many helpful Census links can be found on the Livingston County website.

Councilmember Bohn reported that he recently received a complaint from a resident on Oakridge. The resident has requested permission to trim back brush and overgrown foliage from along the water line. Mr. Bohn evaluated the property from his vehicle although due to limited view, he was unable to determine the extent of the overgrown brush. He noted that Manager Geinzer had visited the site and met with the resident.

Manager Geinzer noted the weed treatment has been entered back into the budget due to complaints of smell along the pond. Mr. Geinzer will evaluate different options to improve the "park" area. Mr. Bohn noted the resident on Oakridge could see the pond initially but cannot now.

Councilmember Pettengill asked if City park areas and ponds should be a study session topic for more discussion. Mr. Geinzer agreed and will gather recommendations and return to Council with options.

Councilmember Bohn remarked the Lee Road leveling base is down and the contractor has done a phenomenal job as did the Alpine, Fairway, and Third contractor.

Councilmember Muzzin noted the July 9, 2020 Brighton Area Fire Authority meeting will be in person.

Councilmember Tobbe noted that he has been invited to speak at a SEMCOG work session.

Mayor Pipoly noted the Fourth of July parade has been canceled due to health concerns and the inability to insure adherence to the Executive Order for social distancing by Governor Whitmer.

#### **New Business**

#### **9. Consider approval of the 2020 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program to Perform Street and Sidewalk Maintenance with Funds from the Major and Local Street Funds Not to Exceed \$120,000**

Director Goch introduced the agenda item noting that the DPS is focused on extending the life and preventative methods for the streets and would like to not lose sight of ongoing maintenance which includes sidewalk maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner expressed her delight over the current condition of the roadwork and sidewalk projects.

Councilmember Bohn noted several sites for maintenance but asked if Northern Ridge Drive would be included. He believes spray patch may extend the life of Northern Ridge significantly. Director Goch will look into the area mentioned.

Councilmember Pettengill inquired about an interactive map for ongoing projects and sidewalk projects on the City website for residents to follow along. Director Goch will speak with the City Manager and Management Assistant Outlaw to assemble a map for the website.

Councilmember Emaus asked if the funds are within the current budget. Director Goch stated the maintenance

projects are within the budget.

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to approve of the 2020 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program to perform street and sidewalk maintenance with funds from the Major and Local Street Funds not to exceed \$120,000 including the extension of the 2019 JV Contracting cooperative bid, the issuance of purchase order for spray patching to Spray Patch Road Repair Inc., per MITN extendable bid reference #0000146813, and authorizing the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the sole source Reclamite treatment to Pavetech Inc. and Precision Concrete Cutting as outlined. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

**10. Consider Approval of Award bid extension of the 2019 Catchbasin and Storm Sewer manhole cleaning contract from Dependable Sewer Cleaners with an amount not to exceed \$40,000**

Director Goch introduced the agenda item as part of the phase II storm water program as required to meet compliance for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. Once approved the cleaning would catch the City up for the next three to four years.

**Motion** by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve of and award bid extension of the 2019 Catchbasin and Storm Sewer manhole cleaning contract from Dependable Sewer Cleaners with an amount not to exceed \$40,000. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

**Other Business**

**11. Call to the Public**

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:04 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public.

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

---

Tara Brown, City Clerk

---

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor