



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 20, 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Muzzin, Pettengill, and Tobbe. City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Management Assistant Henry Outlaw, Police Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Jeff Alber. There were nine persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the agenda as amended moving item d from the Consent Agenda to New Business and adding "as Requested by the City Manager" to item 11. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mayor Pre Tem Gardner, 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: Study Session Meeting of August 6, 2020**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 6, 2020**
- c. **Approval of Graphic Sciences, Inc. Document Imaging Scope of Work in the Amount of \$11,498.38**
- d. ~~Acceptance of Quarterly Financial Reports (moved to New Business)~~

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:35 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:36 p.m.

7. Staff Updates

No updates were given.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner stated the BACC met on September 12, 2020 to discuss upcoming events and how they may look as social distancing is still in effect.

Councilmember Bohn stated the Planning Commission met on August 17, 2020 to discuss temporary usage, parking zoning, and accessory structures in older neighborhoods.

Councilmember Pettengill and the Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 18, 2020 to discuss two variances. One for an enclosed porch and the other to raze a detached garage and rebuild an era appropriate replacement.

Councilmember Muzzin and the Brighton Area Fire Authority met on August 13, 2020. He was pleased to announce Fire Marshall Richard Boisvert achieved the Center for Public Safety Excellence designation. Mr. Boisvert is one of four in Michigan and one of 189 in the United States to achieve this credential. The Board also approved the purchase of turn out gear per the regularly scheduled cycle.

Councilmember Emaus and the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee met to welcome new member from the Air Force. There are currently no plans to celebrate Veterans Day, detail will follow should plans develop. The Committee will be adding a new flag to the memorial in honor of Space Force. Councilmember Emaus met with Representative Elissa Slotkin and other local officials for a round table to discuss the restaurant industry during the pandemic, to help generate business, plan for winter months, and overall needs.

Mayor Pipoly and the Downtown Development Authority met on August 18, 2020. The DDA approved amendments to the authority's bylaws, confirmed advisory committee appointments, and discussed future planning.

New Business

d. Acceptance of Quarterly Financial Report

Councilmember Emaus questioned the personal property taxes and expectations from the county's contribution. He then asked about the individual financial institutions and how banks are chosen, noting a recent MTT case with State Bank where the City holds an account.

Director Gomolka noted the financial institutions are chosen by Treasurer Laura Hoshaw and approved by herself based on the products they offer and the interest rate on those products.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to accept the quarterly financial reports. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

9. Consider Amendments to Resolution #20-12 To Promote Our Community and Healthy Public Socialization

Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item stating the Chamber of Commerce has asked that City Council allow the Farmers Market to continue on Main Street until October 31, 2020. There have been recent concerns over spacing but the Chamber and the Farmers Market organizers have addressed the issues and have made layout arrangements to space out vendors along Main Street.

Overall City Council was in favor of continuing with Farmers Market on Main Street until October 31, 2020 however all efforts must be made to maintain social distancing and masks must be worn by all vendors. Councilmember Bohn questioned how the Farmers Market can be in compliance

and continue to be open with Executive Orders mandating attendance during events. Mr. Bohn asked the City Attorney to give an opinion regarding the Executive Orders and associated laws allowing the Farmers Market to continue to be open.

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to allow the Farmers Market to continue on Main Street on Saturdays until 2:00 p.m. concluding at the end of the Farmers Market on October 31, 2020. **The motion carried by roll call vote, Councilmembers Bohn and Emaus voting no.**

Other Business

10. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:32 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public.

11. Consider Entering Closed Session to Consider the Periodic Personnel Evaluation of the City Manager Pursuant to MCL 15.268(a) as Requested by the City Manager.

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to enter into closed session at 8:34 p.m. to consider the periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager pursuant to MCL 15.268(a) as requested by the City Manager. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to reconvene the regular session of City Council at 9:36 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Mayor Pipoly asked that the compensation committee consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and Councilmembers Emaus and Muzzin meet with Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller to discuss compensation for the City Manager as well as review City Council per diems.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor