



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 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, Superintendent Daren Collins, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Police Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Paul Burns. There were four persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner 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 Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to delete item c under the Consent Agenda. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Mayor Pro 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 September 3, 2020**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 3, 2020**
- c. ~~**Resolution #20-17 Recommending Rejection of Appointment of Victoria Enyart to the Michigan Tax Tribunal**~~

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 7:35 p.m.

7. Staff Updates

Manager Geinzer introduced Denise Murray who has joined the City in a joint venture with Ann Arbor SPARK for economic development within the City. Marcia Gebarowski outlined the new venture and Denise Murray introduced herself.

Chief Bradford noted the City Police Department will be wearing pink during the month of October in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

Director Goch stated the fire hydrant flushing will be conducted during the week of September 16, 2020 and continue until completed. Consumers Energy is in the City to replace a large main gas line which is about 800 feet

of pipe. Consumers Energy will conduct right of way restoration once the line has been replaced.

Councilmember Tobbe asked if the new portion of Grand River will be disturbed. Director Goch stated a new portion of Grand River will be disturbed to replace the gas line however Consumers Energy will bring in their own contractors to replace the asphalt.

Finance Director Gomolka reported the CARES Act grant for public safety was partially dispersed. The remaining disbursement will be made once all application grants have been completed by the state.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated Jim O'Connor started September 16, 2020 as a part time code enforcement officer.

Management Assistant Henry Outlaw stated September 26, 2020 is Downtown Day by the Downtown Association.

Clerk Brown relayed absentee voter information for the upcoming November 3, 2020 election.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and the BACC met on September 14, 2020. Chalk artist David Zinn will be in the City on September 19, 2020 to begin his drawings around the Millpond. The BACC will send out a fun guide with clues to find Sluggo and friends. The BACC urges all to come down to the Millpond to find Sluggo and Friends and post selfies of your finds on Facebook, be sure to tag the City in your post. The post with the most likes will win an autographed book by the chalk artist David Zinn.

Councilmember Muzzin stated the Brighton Area Fire Authority met on September 10, 2020 at the new fire station. The new fire station will house the Howell High School Fire Academy which is available to all students. The new fire station is complete with six sleeping quarters.

Councilmember Bohn reported he received a loud music complaint from a resident. The sound was coming from a restaurant Downtown. Councilmember Bohn did drive Downtown to listen and was able to hear the music at the West Street Parking lot, however once he arrived at Devonshire where the complaint was from, he could barely hear the music.

Chief Bradford noted that the police department did take a call for loud music and asked the restaurant manager to turn down the music. The restaurant manager complied.

Mr. Caruso noted there is a noise ordinance, but the street closure is a City function and therefore permitted under the noise ordinance.

Councilmember Emaus stated there are five new pavers in the Brighton Veteran's Memorial. If anyone would like to purchase a memorial paver, please visit the Brighton Veteran's Memorial website or Facebook page for details. Due to recent news stories regarding political signs being stolen, Mr. Emaus asked that we all respect and honor everyone's right to freedom of speech. He cautioned that stealing political signs is a criminal offense.

Councilmember Pettengill met with the Zoning Board of Appeals to hear two variances. The first variance was at 722 S. 3rd Street and the second at 730 Glenwyth.

Mayor Pipoly noted the committee for Rules and Procedures met. Staff will be putting together an outline with best practices. He asked for a modest budget of \$500 to bring in a professional parliamentarian to evaluate the flow of meetings and procedures.

Councilmember Emaus asked if this request is from the City Council conferences line item budget.

Mayor Pipoly stated it is from the line item for City Council conferences and trainings.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve of an amount not to exceed \$500 for trainings for the Rules of Procedure committee. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

New Business

9. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and to Discuss the Purchase or Lease of Real Property Pursuant to MCL15.268(d)

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to enter into closed session at 8:10 p.m. to receive a written attorney-client communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and to discuss the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268(d). **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:06 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

City Council discussed establishing a Brownfield Authority and financing the abatement and demolition of the Lindbom site.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to request the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be convened to explore any Brownfield opportunity for the Lindbom School. **The motion carried by roll call vote, with Councilmember Tobbe voting no.**

10. Consider Possible Action Resulting from Closed Session

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to request the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be convened to explore any Brownfield opportunity for the Lindbom School. **The motion carried by roll call vote, with Councilmember Tobbe voting no.**

11. Consider Approval of the purchase ClearGov

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the purchase of ClearGov. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

12. Consider Award of Bid and Related Budget Amendment for the Police Department Generator to Cyr Electric in the amount of \$60,192.

Chief Bradford introduced the agenda item relaying the historic significance of upgrading to a larger generator to ensure all network and servers as well as the Police Department main power during outages. This cost does include an extended warranty.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to award of bid and related budget amendment for the Police Department generator to Cyr Electric in the amount of \$60,192. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Other Business

13. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 9:24 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor