



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 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 Paul Burns. There were four persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to approve the agenda, deleting item 12. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: Study Session Meeting of September 17, 2020**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: Closed Session Meeting of September 17, 2020**
- c. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 17, 2020**

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:35 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke about snow removal and liability.

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

7. Staff Updates

Director Goch updated City Council that Titus Welding is starting work on the oxidation ditch.

Director Gomolka happily reported the Lee Road project came in \$5,200 less than what was estimated for the City of Brighton contribution. The Police Department received \$68,500 in federal forfeiture money that will be distributed in the forfeiture fund to be spent on specific items. Director Gomolka was elected President of the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association and conducted her first board meeting to a membership of 700 on October 1, 2020.

Human Resources Manager Miller noted City Hall will be closed on October 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and DPS will be closed October 9, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for mandatory employee training.

Clerk Brown reported that 42% of City of Brighton registered voters currently have an absentee ballot for the

November 3, 2020 General Election. For those who wish to vote by absentee ballot, please email the City Clerk or visit City Hall to get your ballot.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner reported Livingston County received a funding of \$702,400 for COVID-19 related health issues which translates into twenty-two term positions that focus on COVID-19 and health related issues starting October 1, 2020 through September 3, 2021 with a possible extension. Also chalk artist David Zinn was commissioned by the BACC to decorate the City with his creations. Mona Shand and her daughter received the most likes on their Facebook post picturing a few of David Zinn's creations. They will receive a signed book by David Zinn.

Mayor Pipoly relayed City staff has received several inquiries about Halloween but notes the City of Brighton does not regulate Halloween but the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention have published best practices and urged all who choose to celebrate Halloween to read and implement the recommendations. A City of Brighton Facebook post will contain links to both the CDC and MDHHS recommendations for resident's review.

New Business

9. Consider Approval of the Purchase of PowerDMS and Associated Budget Amendment

Chief Bradford introduced the agenda item noting his staff is preparing to achieve accreditation and PowerDMS is a step towards that goal. PowerDMS will streamline trainings certifications, accreditation, and policy management.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of the purchase of PowerDMS and associated budget amendments and allow the City Manager and Chief of Police to sign the contract. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

10. Consider Approval of Notice of Intent Resolution # 20 -17 to Issue Capital Improvement Bonds

Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item citing previous informational meetings however Bond Counsel, Director Gomolka, and himself are available to answer questions from Council.

City Council discussed the clear infrastructure and streets necessity of the bond and then discussed the term of the bond with a majority in favor of extending the term from ten years to up to twenty years. Councilmember Tobbe is not in favor of the bond because of the high dollar amount.

Manager Geinzer clarified the term and dollar amount are a framework to work within, if the motion passes there will be further discussion and approvals necessary.

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to approve of the notice of intent Resolution #20-17 to issue capital improvements for up to \$18 million dollars and a term of up to twenty years.

The motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Tobbe voting no.

11. Consider Approval of an Advance of Funds to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in the Amount of up to \$15,000 for the Purpose Conducting Brownfield Plan Development Activities

Councilmember Pettengill asks that updates from the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority are given during Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions at Council Meetings.

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve of an advance of funds to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in the amount of up to \$15,000 for the purpose of conducting Brownfield Plan Development activities. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

~~12. Consider Approval of City Manager Compensation Task Force Recommendations~~

Other Business

13. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:10 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke about past fire department training.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 8:12 p.m.

14. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Discuss the Purchase or Lease of Real Property Pursuant to MCL 15.268(d)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to enter into closed session to discuss the purchase of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268(d). **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to reconvene the regular meeting. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

~~**15. Consider Possible Action Resulting from Closed Session**~~

16. 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