



Brighton City Council Retreat

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MINUTES OF THE RETREAT OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2020

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pipoly, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmembers: Bohn, Emaus, Muzzin, Pettengill, and Tobbe. Also present were City Manager Nate Geizner, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Human Resource Manager Michelle Miller, Superintendent Daren Collins, Superintendent Corey Brooks, Superintendent Todd Bennett, Chief Rob Bradford, Deputy Chief Craig Flood, and Attorney Paul Burns. There was one person in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Call to the Public

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

6. Utility Operational and Asset Needs

Director Goch gave an extensive photographic and financial presentation on both water and waste water facilities, outlining each plants function and layout. Each superintendent relayed state mandates, repair history, age of facility, and current needs. Discussion then centered around budget priorities and funding options as they relate to the capital improvements plan for scheduled repairs and replacements.

Motion at 9:38 a.m. by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to break for ten minutes. **The motion carried without objection.**

Motion at 9:48 a.m. by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to reconvene the retreat. **The motion carried without objection.**

7. Fiscal Year: Update of Progress

Manager Geizner reported an update on the fiscal year and progress realized on the recommendations by the Task Force. Key points of progress were increased investments in sidewalk repair and replacement, increased street maintenance, Rickett Road, creation of the capital reserve fund and saving for future projects, and implementation of other Task Force recommendations.

Motion at 11:10 a.m. by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to break for ten minutes. **The motion carried without objection.**

Motion at 11:20 a.m. by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to reconvene the retreat. **The motion carried without objection.**

8. Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Priorities and Goals

Manager Geinzer presented a budget forecast looking ahead at projected property tax growth and economic development while balancing the needs and goals of the City to meet service delivery, regulatory, and capital demands.

Motion at 12:09 p.m. by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to break for ten minutes. **The motion carried without objection.**

Motion at 12:19 a.m. by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to reconvene the retreat. **The motion carried without objection.**

9. Retreat Wrap Up

Manager Geinzer relayed and outlined the overall take away points from the retreat and will follow up with appropriate information as requested by City Council. Updates will be discussed at the budget retreat with ongoing discussions regarding development and Marijuana.

10. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 12:53 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke and referenced the City Charter.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 12:54 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. **The motion carried without objection.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor