



City Council Study Session

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MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the Study Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

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, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Management Assistant Henry Outlaw, Police Chief Rob Bradford, DPS Superintendent Daren Collins, Denise Murray, Attorney Paul Burns, and Attorney Jeff Alber. There were two persons in the audience.

Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 6:31 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 6:32 p.m.

Discussion: Designated Assessor and Draft Inter-Local Agreement Related to PA 660

Director Gomolka opened discussion about the designated assessor with a brief overview of the intended purpose as it is part of a process to ensure that local units are in compliance with the statutory provisions of the AMAR to meet the minimum assessing requirements. Each county is required to enter into an interlocal agreement that designates the individual who would serve as the designated assessor. The City recently passed its audit, the designated assessor would only be utilized should the City fail to meet the requirements.

Attorney Burns added since the City of Brighton passed its audit with 100% accuracy and will not require an audit for another five years, utilizing the designated assessor most likely would not happen.

Councilmember Bohn asked if there is a cost to the service. Attorney Burns noted that there is a five-year agreement and payment would only be necessary if the designated assessor is utilized. Mr. Burns added the agreement is a formality, the City assessor is in good standing so it is unlikely the City would seek the services of the designated assessor.

Manager Geinzer relayed the agreement will come back to City Council for approval at the next City Council meeting.

~~Discussion: Assessing Field Software will discuss at a later date~~

Discussion: Temporary Parking

Councilmember Emaus began discussion noting a group of stakeholders, City Staff, and Councilmembers have met to discuss strategies to cultivate, sustain, and help business owners throughout the City of Brighton during COVID-19. One topic, in light of the recent shutdown, is to

create more temporary parking along Main Street to facilitate curbside/carry out service. The group is hoping to help merchants and reduce worry and anxiety over decreased business by increasing on street temporary parking for carry out and quick stops. The group would like to allocate fifty percent of parking along Main Street for temporary short term parking with a sunset and possible extension should it be needed.

City Council discussed particulars involved with quantity of spaces as well as the sunset and extension depending on the MDHHS dates or at least until the end of the year. It was determined that there should be temporary spaces along both Main Street and Grand River.

Business owner Steve Pilon stated he would appreciate at least fifty percent of parking be designated temporary but would prefer seventy-five percent although he assumed one hundred percent would be easier to police.

City Council would like to ensure business owners speak with their employees and ask that they leave parking on Main Street and Grand River for customers.

Attorney Burns noted the temporary parking is not enforceable because it is in opposition of the ordinance, unless there is a desire to amend the ordinance. Chief Bradford asked that the parking be in relation to crosswalks for accessibility.

Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:19 p.m.

Steve Pilon thanked City Council for their discussion and helping merchants during the shutdown. He further stated he is pleased with a fifty percent temporary parking allocation for curbside and carryout service.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:17 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the Study Session at 7:22 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor