



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 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, Muzzin, Pettengill, and Tobbe, all of whom disclosed their locations. Councilmember Emaus was absent. City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Management Assistant Henry Outlaw, Police Chief Rob Bradford, DPS Superintendent Daren Collins, DPS Assistant Director Corey Brooks, Compliance Officer Josh Bradley, Economic Development Coordinator Denise Murray, Attorney Paul Burns, and Attorney Jeff Alber. There were two persons in the audience.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to excuse Councilmember ~~Tobbe~~ Emaus for personal reasons. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill 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 Pettengill, 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 of November 19, 2020
- b. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session of November 19, 2020
- c. Acceptance of Quarterly Financial Statement and Investment Reports
- d. Approval of Agreement with Brighton Area Schools to Collect Operating Property Taxes on the City's Summer 2020 Tax Bills
- e. Approval of Agreement with Livingston Educational Services Agency to Collect Operating Property Taxes on the City's Summer 2020 Property Tax Bills
- f. Approval of Agreement with Livingston County for Designated Assessor per Public Act 660
- g. Appointment to Various Boards and Commissions

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

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

Susan Bakhaus spoke about the appointment of various board and commission members and compliance with the City Charter.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:37 p.m.

7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford updated City Council on Officer Eccles and his movement through training. The City of Brighton Police will be increasing patrol within the southern neighborhoods in response to recent thefts in the area.

Director Goch noted Consumers Energy has completed their work along Grand River, however they were unable to finish greenbelt restoration which will be completed early spring. Leaf bag and vacuuming has ended, residents who still have bags of leaves should store them for pick up in early 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner noted that she recently took three bags of leaves to Tuthill Farm for compost for a nominal charge.

Management Assistant Outlaw stated temporary parking signage along Main Street and Grand River will be in place by December 11, 2020 to help business with curbside and carry out services.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Pettengill thanked Boy Scout Troop 350 for helping elderly and physically challenged families with fall cleanup. While out working, the Boy Scouts also helped when they noticed an elderly woman clearing her yard waste. Ms. Pettengill also thanked the DPS for helping carry away the yard waste and to WHMI for the nice news article about the Boy Scouts yard waste cleanup efforts.

Councilmember Muzzin noted the Brighton Area Fire Authority meets December 10, 2020.

Councilmember Tobbe stated the SEMCOG executive committee will be meeting virtually on December 4, 2020.

Mayor Pipoly relayed the DDA is scheduled to meet December 15, 2020. The Holiday Light Patronicity campaign concluded and raised over \$10,000 from many generous donations and the Brighton Shopping Pass is now available for purchase through participating non-profit organizations, please visit the City of Brighton website for more information.

New Business

9. Consider Approval of Three-Year Professional Services Agreement Renewal with the Economic Development Council of Livingston County

City Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item noting if approved, this will be the third three-year renewal with Ann Arbor SPARK. The SPARK team provides a variety of business development initiatives throughout the City and County such as market entry strategy, project management, key introductions, and talent services. It is important to note, SPARK has kept their 2018 contribution levels and SPARK has been budgeted.

Marcia Gebarowski, from EDCLC SPARK, presented a detailed annual recap. Ms. Gebarowski outlined the SPARK team, the growing Livingston County team, and highlighted several initiatives and partnerships from 2020.

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the three-year professional services agreement renewal with the Economic Development Council of Livingston County. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

10. Discussion of 2021 Bond Program Outline and Consider Staff Direction

City Manager Geinzer introduced the agenda item noting the referendum period has ended and direction will be needed to prepare the bond authorizing resolution and the key aspects of the bond during the study session. He asked that City Council provide clarification on bond terms, contingency, and direction for stub streets.

Mayor Pipoly asked what would be brought back to City Council, if all terms are approved, and what is needed to move forward. Mr. Geinzer noted that if Council approves of terms, the key structure of the bond program will be brought back for final approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner asked if the small portion of Rickett Road be included in the Rickett Road phase two

project. She also asked about the variation in terms and the logic of one term over another. Director Goch stated little Rickett Road is included in the scope of the Rickett Road phase two project.

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to direct City staff to finalize the 2020/2021 bond program outline to include the stub streets and bonding terms for 2A – 12 years, 2B – 10 years, 2C – 10 years, and 2D - 15 years with a contingency of 10%. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Other Business

11. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:28 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 8:28 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to adjourn the Study Session at 8:29 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor