



City Council Study Session

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MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 3, 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, 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 was one person in the audience.

Call to the Public

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

Discussion of the 2021 Bond Program Outline

City Manager Geinzer began discussion outlining the 2021 Bond Program found in the regular meeting packet, specifically directing Council's attention to stub streets costs, terms of the bond and timeline. Mr. Geinzer relayed that with City's financial rating of AA+, Council can expect to see very low interest rates. He also presented staff recommended terms and contingency.

City Council discussed incorporating stub streets within the Bond Program as well as important infrastructure needs while ensuring the bond reaches out to as much capital as possible. Councilmember Bohn asked about the separation of DPS line items pertaining to the Northwest Neighborhood project. Mr. Geinzer noted the delineation was due to multiple funding sources between streets and utilities. Questions were raised about the payment structure in relation to the terms. Director Gomolka explained how the payment structure would work with each bond subcategory but noted the final bond program outline will come back for City Council approval and will contain all of the funding, term, interest, and payment information.

City Council discussed the terms of each bond project category and overall contingency percentage. It was added by Manger Geinzer that if an emergency repair were to occur, bond funds could be redirected. Manager Geinzer asked that if Council approves the proposed bond program and would like to include the stub streets, to include that information in the motion. Councilmember Bohn noted the cost of the various stub streets range quite a bit in cost and asked if it was due to different repair needs. Director Goch confirmed each stub streets needs vary ranging from a full reconstruct with curb and gutter to a mill and fill. Councilmember Pettengill asked if the stub street projects will include sidewalks, Director Goch stated the streets will be in alignment with the Capital Improvement Plan.

Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:23 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:23 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to adjourn the Study Session at 7:232 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**