



City Council Special Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 8, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Pipoly (City of Brighton, MI) and Mayor Pro Tem Gardner (City of Brighton, MI), Councilmembers: Bohn (City of Brighton, MI), Emaus (City of Brighton, MI), Muzzin (City of Brighton, MI), Pettengill (City of Brighton, MI), and Tobbe (City of Brighton, MI).

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Geinzer, City Clerk Tara Brown, and Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka. There were ten persons in the audience.

3. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

4. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 6:02 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus remarked that there are two public meetings being conducted currently.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 6:03 p.m.

5. Interviews of MTT Special Legal Counsel Finalists per Task Force Recommendation

- a) Foster Swift - 6:00 p.m.
- b) Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, & Amtsbuechler - 6:30 p.m.
- c) Hallahan & Associates - 7:00 p.m.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Consider a Selection for City of Brighton MTT Special Legal Counsel

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin for the City of Brighton accept the proposal and by Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, & Amtsbuechler to provide Michigan Tax Tribunal legal services and to work with City staff to bring a representation agreement back to City Council for approval. **The motion carried by roll call vote, with Councilmembers Gardner, Pettengill, and Tobbe voting no.**

7. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 8:03 p.m.

Michael Hormier thanked City Council for the thoughtful discussion and appreciated the opportunity to interview for legal counsel.

Stephanie Morita thanked City Council and looks forward to working with the City of Brighton.

Jordan Genso thanked City Council for their swiftness in securing legal counsel for the City of Brighton.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor