



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 15, 2021

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pipoly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 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, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller,
Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Public Services Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Mike
Caruso, Assistant to the DPS Director Patty Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager Henry Outlaw, Deputy DPS
Director Corey Brooks, DPW Superintendent Daren Collins, Regulatory Compliance Officer Josh Bradley, and Chief
Rob Bradford. There were fourteen persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to approve the agenda, adding item 8a to
New Business. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

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

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of March 25, 2021
- b. Approval of Minutes: Regular Session of April 1, 2021
- c. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of April 8, 2021
- d. Approval of Bray Electric Proposal to Replace Parking Lot Lights at the PD/DPS Complex in the Amount of \$19,915.79
- e. Approval of Traffic Control Order (TCO) 176 for 25 MPH Speed Limit Signs on N. 1st Street Between W. Main Street and Chestnut Street
- f. Approval of Retention Letter for MTT/Tax Special Counsel

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:34 p.m.

Brighton High School Principal Gavin Johnson spoke in support of the BAS civic event.

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

7. Staff Updates

Director Goch noted the waste oxidation ditch screw pump has been pulled and is in need of repair. The Nelson Street booster station bid was held on April 15, 2021 but no bids were submitted. Director Goch stated phone calls will be made to determine the reason for no bids.

Director Gomolka noted that she collaborated with reporter Sara Kellner on an article in the Livingston Daily that features information about residential assessed value and taxable value of homes.

Human Resources Manager Miller stated the City is accepting applications for seasonal DPW employees. For more information, please contact Ms. Miller or visit the City's website.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission met on April 12, 2021 and discussed artist stipends and the Brighton Garden Club gnome project. More details to come soon.

Councilmember Muzzin and the Brighton Area Fire Authority met on April 8, 2021 to discuss healthcare, 457 options, MERS changes, and budget review.

Councilmember Pettengill attended the City Council Budget Work Shop and therefore asked Community Development Manager Caruso to relay the Zoning Board of Appeal proceedings. Mr. Caruso stated there were two variance requests that were approved. One for a garage setback and the other for a business sign.

Councilmember Emaus and the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee have been planning, optimistically, for a Memorial Day parade but will adhere to all regulations.

New Business

8a. Consider Approval of Letter of Support to Representative Slotkin for BAFA Fund Request for Capital Funding for a New Fire Authority Head Quarters

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the letter of support to Representative Slotkin for BAFA fund request for Capital funding as presented and to be expedited by 10:00 a.m. April 16, 2021. **The motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Bohn voting no.**

9. Consider Authorizing a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$124,495.50 to Rotondo Construction for Sidewalk Maintenance and Fire Hall Entrance Pad Replacement with a Budget Amendment of \$124,495.50 From the General Fund Fund Balance

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$121,495.50 to Rotondo Construction for sidewalk maintenance and fire hall entrance pad replacement with a budget amendment of \$121,495.50 from the general fund fund balance. **The motion carried by roll call vote with Councilmember Pettengill voting no.**

10. Consider Award of Bid for the Northwest Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements Project to Dunigan Bros. Inc. for \$6,656,722.37, Including a 15% Contingency, for a Total of \$7,655,230.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to award the bid for the Northwest Neighborhood Street and Utility Improvements Project to Dunigan Bros. Inc. for \$6,656,722.37, including a 15% contingency, for a total of \$7,655,230 subject to legal review and approval. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

11. Consider Approval of Civic Event Applications

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve of the Civic Event Applications as listed. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

12. Discussion and Possible Action to Consider the Selection of General Legal Counsel

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to contract with Foster Swift for the City of Brighton General Legal Counsel. **The motion carried by roll call vote with Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and Councilmember Muzzin voting no.**

13. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h)

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner to enter into closed session to receive written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). **The motion failed, 2-5. Mayor Pipoly, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Councilmembers Emaus, Muzzin, and Pettengill voted no.**

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Bohn to enter into closed session to receive written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). **The motion failed, 3-4. Mayor Pipoly, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Councilmembers Emaus and Muzzin voted no.**

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to release the attorney-client privilege communication written by Keller Thoma dated April 13, 2021 to the public. **The motion failed, 2-5. Mayor Pipoly, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Councilmembers Bohn, Pettengill, and Tobbe voted no.**

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to enter into closed session to receive written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and to include the City Manager Geinzer and Clerk Brown in closed session. **The motion failed, 4-3. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and Councilmembers Emaus and Tobbe voted no.**

Motion by Councilmember Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to move on with the agenda. **The motion carried by roll call vote with Mayor Pipoly, Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, and Councilmember Emaus voting no.**

Other Business

14. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 9:40 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding crack fill on Brighton Lake Road.

Councilmember Muzzin asked Councilmember Tobbe if he had independent discussion with Attorney Burns after his resignation.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 9:43 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Muzzin to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. **The motion carried by roll call vote with Mayor Pipoly and Councilmember Emaus voting no.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor