



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 6, 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, Chief Rob Bradford, and Attorney Laura Genovich. There were fifteen persons in the audience.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the agenda as amended, moving item i from Consent Agenda to New Business as 9a. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to approved the amended Consent Agenda. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: Special Budget Work Sessions of April 13 and 14, 2021**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: Study Session of April 15, 2021**
- c. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Session of April 15, 2021**
- d. **Approval of Resolution #2021-08 for the Category "F" Grant Funding Contract for the Rickett Road Phase II Street Project, as Accepted by the City Attorney**
- e. **Approval of a Resolution #2021-09 to Enter into a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the Crossing on North Fourth Street, Including Payment of \$4,325, as Accepted by the City Attorney**
- f. **Approval of Resolution #2021-10 to allow staff to apply for a \$250,000 Category B Program Grant funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation Economic Development Fund for the Second Phase of the Northwest Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Project with a Grant Matching Fund Requirement of Fifty Percent.**
- g. **Approval of Engagement Letter for General Legal Counsel**

- h. Approval of Flagstar Deposit Placement Agreement, as Accepted by the City Attorney**
- ~~i. Approval of Site Plan #20-19: Northpond Office Complex, 1112 Rickett Road, as Recommended by the Planning Commission (moved to New Business)~~**

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 7:36 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding Council Chambers renovations.

Cindi Joachim spoke in support of social districts

Sara Manning spoke regarding concerns with the Northwest Neighborhood project.

Chris Ozminski also spoke regarding concerns with the Northwest Neighborhood project.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:44 p.m.

7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford relayed a new program to help City residents on vacation. The police department will check the exterior of the home and provide reports with days and times the home was checked. This is a new program and daily checks are not guaranteed depending on the call volume of the officers.

Director Goch noted the DPW has been busy with new tree plantings along Devonshire and Woodlake. Mr. Goch also provided an update on the Northwest Neighborhood project and the recent bid opening for Rickett Road.

City Council discussed concerns that were brought up during Call to the Public.

Human Resources Manager Miller stated the City is still looking to hire four more seasonal DPW employees for the summer and two more recycling auditors. Those who are interested are urged to contact Michelle Miller at City Hall or visit the City website for more information.

Clerk Brown noted the City will have an August Primary for City Councilmembers. Those voters who are on the permanent absentee list should expect their ballot application at the end of May with ballots being sent at the end of June. The absentee ballot application will be a dual application for both the August Primary and November elections.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Emaus stated the VetLife Organization will hold Boots and Brews Charity Pub Crawl to support veterans and local bars May 15, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Those interested should visit the Vetlife Facebook page or contact Councilmember Emaus.

Councilmember Muzzin happily reported that Representative Slotkin recommended the Brighton Area Fire Authority to fund the construction of a new fire authority. The project has moved forward to the next level of the approval process.

Councilmember Bohn noted the Planning Commission met to consider approval on two agenda items. Town Place Suites was denied a site plan extension and a site plan for North Pond Complex on Rickett Road was approved.

Councilmember Tobbe reported SEMCOG met April 23, 2021 with MDOT to discuss current and future projects.

Public Hearing

9. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget, Resolution #2021-11

Mayor Pipoly opened the Public Hearing at 8:33 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding the utility fee increase.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adopt the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget, resolution #2021-11. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

New Business

9a. Approval of Site Plan #20-19: Northpond Office Complex, 1112 Rickett Road, as Recommended by the Planning Commission

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to approve of site plan #20-19: Northpond Office Complex, 1112 Rickett Road, as recommended by the Planning Commission. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

10. Consider Approval of the Proposed Fiscal Year ~~2020/2021~~ 2021/2022 Fee Schedule, Resolution #2021-12

Motion by Councilmember Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the proposed fiscal year 2021/2022 fee schedule, resolution #2021-12. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

11. Consider Approval of Resolution #2021-13 Setting Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Millage Rates to Set the Levy and Authorize the Collection of Taxes, Penalties and Fees.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of resolution #2021-13 setting fiscal year 2021/2022 millage rates to set the levy and authorize the collection of taxes, penalties, and fee. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

12. Consider Awarding Engineering RFP for “Engineer of Record” Services and Prequalified “Project Engineers”

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, Councilmember Pettengill to award engineering RFP for “Engineer of Record” services and prequalified “Project Engineers” as presented. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

13. Consider Approval of Bids Relating to the Council Chambers Rehabilitation in the Amount of \$130,625.83 per Subcommittee Recommendation

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve of bids relating to the Council Chambers Rehabilitation in the amount of \$130,625.83 per subcommittee recommendation. **The motion carried by roll call vote (4-3) with Councilmembers Bohn, Muzzin, and Tobbe voting no.**

Other Business

14. Call to the Public

Mayor Pipoly opened the Call to the Public at 9:35 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding sidewalks in the Northwest Neighborhood.

Jordan Genso thanked DPW for the new tree plantings.

Chris Ozminski spoke regarding the Northwest Neighborhood project.

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

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor