



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 17, 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 (Traverse City, 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, Finance Director Gretchen Gomolka, Public Services Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Assistant to the DPS Director Patty Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager Henry Outlaw, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Chief Rob Bradford, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Attorney Mike Homier. There were nine persons in the audience.

There was a moment of silence in memory of former Brighton Area Fire Authority Deputy Chief Charles Bidwell and to acknowledge his long career in public service.

4. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Tobbe to approve the agenda as amended, adding item 12a. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

5. Consider Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus 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 June 3, 2021**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Session of June 3, 2021**
- c. **Approval of Tetra Tech Engineering Services Retainer Agreement for Engineering Services from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the Amount of \$13,920, pending City Attorney Review**
- d. **Award of Bid for the 2021 Parking Lot Maintenance to T&M Asphalt in the Amount of \$12,950, with a 15% Contingency, for a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$14,892.50**
- e. **Approval of an Amendment to the PUD Contract Agreement with Robertson, Brighton Square, LLC**

Correspondence

6. Call to the Public

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

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding the decorative street lights.

Dan Huth introduced himself to City Council as a candidate on the August 3, 2021 ballot for City Council.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 7:39 p.m.

7. Staff Updates

Chief Bradford stated the speaker at Lindbom has been removed; however, the alarm will still signal law enforcement.

Director Goch provided an update on the Northwest Neighborhood project with a progress map. The request for proposals for the Fairway Cemetery road project has been issued, the bid was given more time due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Clerk Brown indicated that absentee voters should be receiving their requested ballots during the week of June 21, 2021.

Manager Geinzer noted that he attended the memorial for Deputy Chief Bidwell at Station 31. The ARPA act funds will be dispersed in two tranches of approximately \$800,000 each; however, he noted that some strategic procrastination should be exercised when spending these funds as the parameters for spending the funds needs to be more clearly defined by the State.

8. Updates from Councilmember Liaisons to Various Boards and Commissions

Councilmember Muzzin noted the Brighton Area Fire Authority met on June 10, 2021. Mr. Muzzin also stated Deputy Fire Chief Bidwell was a great servant to his community and was honored with a wonderful memorial. Employees of BAFA will receive a COVID-19 bonus.

Councilmember Pettengill and the ZBA met to hear a single variance on property located at 720 Walnut, which was denied. There is a new addition at the Imagination Station by Girl Scout Troop 40227. The troop installed a free food pantry. The girl scouts hope their pantry motto of "take what you need, give what you can," will inspire those who visit the area. The girl scouts also created a Facebook page titled Imagination Station Free Food Pantry to keep people posted and to showcase the hard work and planning involved with the pantry.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission met and regretfully accepted the resignation of Whitney Stone from the commission. BACC voted Brenda Ochodnicky as chair. The commission discussed several art installations throughout the City as well as bike racks for the new Downtown Streetscape project. Ms. Gardner also thanked Kate Lawrence for her vast career in public service.

Mayor Pipoly and the Downtown Development Authority met and was given an update by Giffles Webster for ideas for improvement around the Millpond and a Market Analysis by Gibbs Planning Group.

New Business

9. Approval of the Purchase of Six Black Decorative Streetlights from KE Electric in the Amount of \$41,297.55

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve of the purchase of six black decorative streetlights from KE Electric in the amount of \$41,297.55. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

10. Consider Award of Bid for the 2021 Municipal Parking Lot Reconstruction Project to ASI, Inc. for the \$44,900 with a 15% Contingency for a Total not to Exceed \$51,635

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to award the bid for the 2021 municipal parking lot reconstruction project to ASI, Inc. for the \$44,900 with a 15% contingency for a total not to exceed \$51,635. **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 8:10 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding a recent Brighton Arts and Culture Commission.

Mayor Pipoly closed the Call to the Public at 8:12 p.m.

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

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to enter into closed session to receive written-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) at 8:13 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote**

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session at 9:16 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

12a. Consider Possible Action from Closed Session

Motion by Councilmember Muzzin, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to direct City Attorney as discussed in closed session. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

13. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. **The motion carried without objection by roll call vote.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk

Shawn Pipoly, Mayor