



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 23, 2024

### 1. Call to order

Mayor Tobbe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll call

Present were Mayor Tobbe, Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, Councilmembers: Albert, Gardner, Gipson, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Assistant to the Community Development Manager Kelly Haataja, DPS Superintendent Brad Shrader, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis.

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### 5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the consent agenda item as presented. **The motion carried, 6-1. Councilmember Gardner abstained.**

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of April 2, 2024**
- b. **Approval of minutes: special budget workshop of April 9, 2024**
- c. **Approval of minutes: special budget workshop of April 10, 2024**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:33 p.m.

Tom McCallion, applicant for the Planning Commission, introduced himself to City Council.

Michelle Roy thanked the City of Brighton for the fantastic earth day event and a big thank you to Councilmember Paul Gipson who represented the city.

Hearing and seeing no additional comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:35 p.m.

### 7. Staff updates

Human Resources Manager Miller presented City Council with the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission approved text for the Decision Pending sculpture plaque. Ms. Miller also discussed the look and specific plans for mounting the plaque.

Chief Pirochta stated that Brighton High School students have begun their water wars which is a student lead game. Students throughout the Brighton school district will be armed with water guns trying to eliminate other teams. This game has been mentioned on different social media throughout the district and all water guns are high visibility.

DPS Director Goch spoke regarding several projects throughout the city. The East Streets project bid opening came in

under bid, Streetscape line painting will be completed, the sidewalk gap project is moving along, and backflow prevention inspections are being conducted.

City Manger Gomolka admired the plentiful wildlife at the Millpond, noting the newly hatched swans and geese. However, Ms. Gomolka asked that visitors remember to enjoy the wildlife from afar and please do not feed the wildlife as it interrupts their natural migration and could pose adverse impacts to their health.

#### **8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions**

Councilmember Gipson stated the Downtown Development Authority met to discuss their financials and look brainstormed ideas for new initiatives in the Downtown area.

Councilmember Albert and the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee met on April 17, 2024. He stated that the City of Brighton has a representative from City Council on the committee because the veteran's memorial is on city property.

Councilmember Pettengill stated the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Kickoff at the Imagination Station will be on May 4, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will be laying seventy yards of mulch, spring cleaning, trimming shrubs, pulling weeds, cleaning tables, and more. There will be jobs for all ages and skillsets.

#### **9. Mayoral Proclamation: Eagle Scout Ian Cox**

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to table the Mayoral Proclamation for Eagle Scout Ian Cox. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

#### **Discussion**

#### **10. Sidewalk café ordinance**

Community Development Manager Caruso stated he has been approached by several restaurant owners along Main Street who wish to have sidewalk cafes without the barrier gating. Mr. Caruso discussed the concerns, current ordinance, and MLCC regulations and will relay information back to City Council at a later date.

#### **11. Discuss leasing arrangement with Brighton Area Fire Authority**

City Manager Gomolka relayed that the Brighton Area Fire Authority and the City of Brighton are working through a potential agreement regarding the current lease that will come back to City Council for approval.

#### **New Business**

#### **12. Consider awarding the contract for the St. Paul pocket park concrete repair and coating to Better 2 Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$20,223**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to award the contract for the St. Paul pocket park concrete repair and coating to Better 2 Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$20,223 and approve the related budget amendments to the capital fund and capital reserve fund. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

#### **13. Consider approval of site plan 24-01, warehouse/maintenance facility proposed at 129 Summit Street**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve of site plan 24-01, warehouse/maintenance facility proposed at 129 Summit Street subject to the conditions outlined by the Planning Commission. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

#### **14. Consider awarding the contract for bituminous chip seal & fog seal to Highway Maintenance and Construction in an amount not to exceed \$222,223**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to award the contract for bituminous chip seal and fog seal to Highway Maintenance and Construction in an amount not to exceed \$222,223. **The motion**

**carried, 7-0.**

**15. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication pursuant to section MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to enter into closed session at 7:29 p.m. to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

**The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to come out of closed session at 9:10 p.m.

**The motion carried, 7-0.**

**Other Business**

**16. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:11 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding the Brighton Area Fire Authority.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 9:14 p.m.

**17. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk