



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2023

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, Emaus, Gardner, Gipson, and Pettengill.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta. There were four people in the audience.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

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

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

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

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: study session of December 15, 2022**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of December 15, 2022**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:32 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta noted that the detective car is in service, and Francie Ash will be retiring on January 13, 2023, from the police department where she served as the administrative assistant.

Director Goch recently attended a preconstruction meeting for the upcoming water main replacement scheduled to begin on January 9, 2023. Detoured routes will be posted. This work is scheduled to be completed by April 1, 2023. The gravel lot by North Street will be used for staging equipment.

City Manager Gomolka was happy to report that the City of Brighton received the Brighton Area Schools Shining Star award for the Pack of Dogs' memorial statue.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn noted the Planning Commission meet on December 19, 2022 and discussed some changes that will rezone 1025 E. Grand River for LOC Credit Union that was previously an acupuncture center. Also, the Planning Commission elected its slate of officers for 2023.

Councilmember Gardner stated the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission will meet on the 23rd, rather than the 9th of January.

Councilmember Emaus stated the DDA met to discuss extending marketing money to include the water main replacement portion of the project and utilizing banners for marketing.

New Business

9. Consider approval of appointments to the Brighton Arts and Cultural Commission and the Downtown Development Authority

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of the appointments of Paige Mahakian and Rob DeMilner to the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of the appointments of Steve Pilon and Ken Larscheid to the Downtown Development Authority. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

10. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h)

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to enter into closed session at 6:45 p.m. to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Albert to come out of closed session at 7:56 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to direct city staff to proceed as discussed in closed session. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

11. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:58 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke briefly at the call to the public.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 7:58 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**