



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 19, 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 (electronically), and Chief Brent Pirochta. There were twenty-four people in the audience.

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to move item 6 from Correspondence to New Business as item 13a. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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

### 5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the consent agenda as amended. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of January 5, 2023**

#### Correspondence

- ~~6. **Mayoral Proclamation: Eagle Scout Conner Prah** (moved to New Business)~~

### 7. Call to the public

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

Katy Michalski introduced herself as Representative Elissa Slotkin's new district liaison.

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

### 8. Staff updates

DPW Director Marcel Goch provided an update on the Main Street watermain replacement and expressed his appreciation for everyone's patience as the contractor conducts their work.

Chief Pirochta asked that travel east into the city do not attempt to drive east on the close portion of Main Street.

Manager Gomolka provided an announcement with the location, dates and times, for the City Council Retreat on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 9. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Gardner noted the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission meeting has been rescheduled to January 23, 2023.

Councilmember Emaus reported that the the DDA met and re-elected its officers and noted that a special meeting will be held to provide updates on the Streetscape project bid on February 2, 2023.

Councilmember Gipson has had preliminary discussions with merchants about the City's civic events and has been brainstorming ideas to lessen the pressures from the closure of Main Street while continuing to host civic events.

### New Business

**10. Consider approval of site plan #22-12, building for LOC Credit Union branch office, as part of a new commercial development located at 1025 E. Grand River**

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of site plan #22-12, building for LOC Credit Union branch office, as part of a new commercial development located at 1025 E. Grand River. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**11. Consider approval of an appointment to the Planning Commission**

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Pettengill to reappoint Susan Gardner to the Planning Commission. **The motion carried, 6-1. Councilmember Gardner abstained.**

**12. Conduct a first read for rezoning of parcels #22-01, proposed rezoning of 8251 and 8265 Cross Street from C1 – Community Shopping Center, to C2 – General Business**

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Albert to set a public hearing for February 16, 2023 for the rezoning of 8251 and 8265 Cross Street from C1-Community Shopping Center, to C2-General Business. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**13. Conduct a first reading and set a public hearing of February 16, 2023, for proposed Ordinance 601: Amendment to the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing of the Downtown Development Authority**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to set a public hearing for February 16, 2023, for proposed Ordinance 601: Amendment to the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing of the Downtown Development Authority. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**13a. Mayoral Proclamation: Eagle Scout Conner Prah**

Mayor Tobbe presented Eagle Scout Conner Prah with a City of Brighton Proclamation.

**14. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communications Pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act**

**Motion** by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to enter into closed session at 7:09 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 Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session at 7:38. p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**15. Consider approval of a three-year contract with BioTech Agronomics for biosolids hauling services**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of a three-year contract with BioTech Agronomics for biosolids hauling services pending City Attorney review. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### Other Business

**16. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:56 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

**17. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk