



Brighton City Council Retreat

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL RETREAT MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2023

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tobbe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Tobbe, Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, Councilmembers: Emaus, Gardner, Gipson, and Pettengill. Councilmember Albert was absent.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Michael Caruso, Attorney Sarah Gabis, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Finance Director Liz Gaines, and Chief Brent Pirochta. There were three people in the audience.

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to excuse Councilmember Albert for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 5-1. Councilmember Emaus voted no.**

Motion by Mayor Tobbe, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to add the Pledge of Allegiance as item 3a. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

3. Consider Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

3a. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:01 a.m.

Todd Buckley spoke regarding the upcoming streetscape project, noting there was a two hour wait at Brighton Bar and Grill during the past weekend. However, he stresses the importance of messaging that businesses are open during the beatification.

Michelle Roy from Grace and Whimsy spoke regarding parking during the streetscape project and asked that it be possible to allow left turns onto Grand River from Main Street.

Seeing and hearing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 9:09 a.m.

5. Discussion: Police Capital Millage Renewal

6. Discussion: Community Engagement

- a. Forums/Open Houses
- b. Resident/Business Recognition
- c. Video Education Series
- d. Use of social media
- e. Website
- f. City App

7. Streetscape

- a. Messaging**
- b. Expectations**
- c. Points of Contact**

8. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 12:02 p.m.

Ken Larschied spoke regarding media and marketing during the streetscape project.

Michelle Roy thanked City Council for the retreat and dedicating time to discuss important topics.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 12:05 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 12:005 p.m. **The motion carried (6-0).**

Tara Brown, City Clerk