



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 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, DPW Director Marcel Goch, Finance Director Liz Gaines, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta. There were thirty-five people in the audience.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to add the Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day Proclamation to the agenda as 18a. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of January 19, 2023

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:41 p.m.

Collin Miller, Artisans Bench, spoke regarding the Streetscape project.

Jennifer Marks, Brighton Area School Board member, spoke regarding the dangers of fentanyl and invited all to an awareness presentation held on March 6, 2023, at 2|24 Church.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, Mayor Tobbe closed the call to the public 6:45 p.m.

7. Staff updates

Clerk Brown noted the recently passed Senate Bill 13 which will move the Presidential Primary to the fourth Tuesday in February. If there are enough votes in favor, the bill will take immediate effect for 2024.

Chief Pirochta provided updates on several traffic detours. He also noted that drivers should not attempt to make a left into the CSX parking lot on Main Street since the street is closed west of the parking lot.

Director Goch provided updates on the watermain project on Main Street.

Manager Gomolka noted that City parking lots have been added to Google Maps and already has construction detours included.

8. Swearing in of new Brighton City Police Officer Ashely Esposito

9. Announcement of Snowplow fleet winning names

Manager Gomolka announced the winning names that will be displayed on the city snowplows, they are Scoop Dogg, Ctrl+Salt+Delete, Plowy McPlowerson, Snowbegone Kenobi, and Plowasaurus Rex.

10. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Gipson noted that Punxsutawney Phil has predicated another six more weeks of winter.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn and the Planning Commission met on January 23, 2023, to consider a site plan for a carwash that is will part of a public hearing on February 16, 2023.

Councilmember Gardner happily reported the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission has gained two new members after several years of only three members and they are all looking forward to revising the sculpture list and reviewing current sculpture contracts while the streetscape project is underway and especially bringing back some of the much-loved events to the AMP.

Councilmember Emaus stated the Downtown Development Authority met early February 2, 2023, to discuss the streetscape bids. Councilmember Emaus also pointed out the flags by the Brighton Veteran Memorial will be refreshed with new.

Discussion

11. Downtown Streetscape – Bids and Funding

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve of \$500,000 from the Utilities Fund to be applied to the watermain portion of the Downtown Streetscape project, and all related budget amendments.

The motion carried, 6-1.

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve a contribution of \$680,000 to fund the contract contingency for the Downtown Streetscape project such funding contingent upon the reinsertion of the Grand River and Hyne Street sidewalks previously eliminated from the scope of the project and all related budget amendments. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-2.**

12. City Council and Planning Commission Recommended Device

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to authorize the City Manager to finalize the purchase of 15 Lenovo IdeaPad Flex 5i Chromebook laptop computers at a price of \$299.99 each, totaling \$4,499.85, and 15 Lenovo laptop bags at a price of \$14.97 each, totaling \$220.05 for use by City Council and Planning Commission members. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

New Business

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to table items 13 and 14 until the February 16, 2023, City Council meeting. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider approval of revised City vision and goals (tabled until February 16, 2023)

14. Consider approval of a contract to revise and upgrade the City's website (tabled until February 16, 2023)

15. Consider approval of an additional \$42,000 funding request from Tetra Tech Engineering Services to complete construction phase engineering of the Northwest Neighborhood Project

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of an additional \$42,000 funding request from Tetra Tech Engineering Services to complete construction phase engineering of the Northwest Neighborhood Project. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

16. Consider awarding the bid for the installation of a new Gorman Rupp Sewer Pump Station at the Brighton

Cove Apartments to Comprehensive Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$397,270.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to award the bid for the installation of a new Gorman Rupp sewer pump station at the Brighton Cove Apartments to Comprehensive Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$397,270. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

17. Approval of a Resolution #2023-01 to Enter into a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the Crossing on Main Street

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded to approve of resolution #2023-01 to enter into a facility encroachment agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. for the crossing on Main Street. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

18. Consider authorizing the development of a City of Brighton GoGov Application

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to authorize the City Manager to execute the GoGov agreement in the amount of \$4,260 for a 12-month subscription to the GoNotify application and to name the application My Brighton MI in the app store. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

18a. Mayoral Proclamation: Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day recognition

Other Business

19. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 10:24 p.m.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding utility contracts that the City of Brighton service.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, Mayor Tobbe closed the call to the public 10:26 p.m.

20. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**