



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2023

1. Call to order

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call

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

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Miller, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta. There were approximately forty-five people in the audience.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to excuse Mayor Tobbe for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the amended agenda, removing item 14 to be discussed at a later date. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

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, 6-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: special retreat meeting of January 21 and 22, 2023**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of February 2, 2023**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn opened the call to the public at 6:33 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

7. Staff updates

Manager Gomolka provided a DPW update on behalf of Director Goch. The Main Street Watermain Project is on schedule. The contractors hit an unmarked water line but were able to make the repairs quickly. Reports that the city contractor has been parking in lots other than the designated staging lot were inaccurate.

8. Officer of the Year

Officer Drake Brusseau was presented the award by Chief Pirochta

9. Swear in of Sergeant Sliwa

10. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Emaus noted the Downtown Development Authority met for a special meeting and approved the proposal sent back to the Downtown Development Authority from City Council for the Downtown Streetscape Project. Giffles Webster will be coming back with an adjusted timeline for the Streetscape project.

Councilmember Gardner stated the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission canceled the February meeting due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023.

Councilmember Pettengill stated the March 9, 2023, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting has been canceled.

Councilmember Gipson spoke regarding a recent meeting of the Civic Events committee and asked that all preparations be discussed as soon as possible given the timeline of the Streetscape Project.

Councilmember Emaus and Councilmember Gipson discussed a grand reopening event to showcase and introduce the Downtown Streetscape project.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn advised that the Planning Commission met on Monday, February 13, 2023, to discuss the proposed Capital Improvement Plan.

Public Hearing

11. Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of rezoning #22-01, proposed rezoning of 8251 and 8265 Cross Street from C1 – Community Shopping Center, to C2 – General Business

Community Development Manager Caruso provided a background and overview of the proposed rezoning sites.

The public hearing was opened at 6:56 p.m.

Marty Smith spoke regarding the traffic study accompanying the rezoning documents and concerns over the review of the financial capacity of the developer for completing the proposed project. Representatives from Fleiss and VandenBrink and the developer were present to field questions or concerns.

Hearing no further comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the rezoning of 8251 and 8265 Cross Street from C1 – Community Shopping Center, to C2 – General Business. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

12. Conduct a public hearing for proposed Ordinance 601: Amendment to the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing of the Downtown Development Authority

Community Development Manager Caruso provided a brief overview of the reason for the ordinance to allow tax capture and change of designation under the tax increment financing of the Downtown Development Authority district.

The public hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approved ordinance 601: Amendment to the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing of the Downtown Development Authority. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

Discussion Items

13. Consider finalization and approval of revised City Vision and Goals

Manager Gomolka presented the revised City Vision and Goals as discussed at the City Council retreat adding text placed outside of the circular design were take aways from the retreat.

City Council discussed in detail the meaning of the vision. It was discussed that a possible alternative to capture core values. Manager Gomolka noted that the core values could form a mission statement, which was not crafted at the City Council retreat and that it can be discussed at a later date if City Council wishes.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the revised City Vision and

Goals as presented. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

~~14. Consider draft of Brighton Area Fire Authority Fire Station Lease Agreement~~ removed

New Business

15. Consider approval of site plan #22-11 Auto Wash to be located at 8680 West Grand River

Community Development Manager Caruso provided an overview of the look and site plan for the proposed car wash, highlighting the traffic study and images of the building. Representatives from Fleiss and VandenBrink and the developer fielded several questions on parking, queue, and traffic as it pertains to the potential new business.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of site plan #22-11 Auto Wash to be located at 8680 West Grand River. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

16. Consider approval of a contract to revise and upgrade the City's website

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of a contract to revise and upgrade the City's website and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary agreement. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Other Business

17. Call to the public

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn opened the call to the public at 8:15 p.m.

Martin Smith complimented City Council on the well-run and respectable meeting.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 8:18 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. **The motion carried (6-0).**

Tara Brown, City Clerk