



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 16, 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, Councilmembers: Albert, Gardner, Gipson, and Pettengill.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Liz Gaines, Superintendent Brad Schrader, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta. There were approximately eleven people in the audience.

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to excuse Councilmember Emaus for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Bohn for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda with the addition of resolutions #2023-05, #2023-06, #2023-07, and #2023-08 as items 15a-d. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

### 5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.**

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of March 2, 2023**
- b. **Approval of Resolution to Recognize Triple S Boosters as a 501(c)(3), Non-Profit organization for the Purpose of Obtaining a Charitable Gaming License, Resolution #2023-03**
- c. **Approval of resolution #2023-04, Social District License Application by Zando Group Inc., a/k/a Label Kitchen & Bar, located at 125 E. Grand River**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:34 p.m.

John Conely invited City Councilmembers to an event at Brighton High School on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to showcase the new STEAM Center Health Occupation Lab.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:37 p.m.

### 7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta stated that Officer Steve Carlson will be completing his FTO March 20, 2023, and will be on his own. Officer Ashley Robertson has moved to phase two of her FTO. Livingston County is participating in a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Director Goch provided several updates, stating the water main project contractor is busy making connections along Main Street and noting the project is moving along and is on time.

Director Gaines noted the Board of Review will hold its final meeting for this month on March 27, 2023.

#### **8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions**

Councilmember Gardner stated the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission met on March 13, 2023, to discuss several plans for the summer including new QR codes and new plaques for various art around downtown, and the summer children's series beginning June 20, 2023. It was further stated that the members will meet again April 10, 2023, for a quick walking sculpture tour and then the meeting at the usual time.

Mayor Tobbe wished to thank SEMCOG for the generous TAP grant of \$329,560 that was awarded to the City of Brighton to fund the sidewalk gap project.

#### **Discussion Items**

#### **9. 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 to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h) at 6:48 p.m. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

#### **10. Debt Roll-Off**

Director Gaines presented City Council with a spreadsheet from the budget book with the debt roll-off schedule and briefly discussed the schedule.

#### **11. Acquisition of a Portion of Challis Road from the County Road Commission**

Director Goch relayed the request to acquire a small portion of Challis Road from the Livingston County Road Commission which was recently repaved, and the city maintains. It was consensus that the city moves forward with the acquisition to bring back to City Council for approval.

#### **12. Discuss Police Millage plan**

Chief Pirochta provided a presentation on the current millage and plans for a renewal at a possible increase. With the schedule of elections, it appears that the soonest available would be for the August Primary if there is one with a fall back election of the November City General Election. City Council agreed that city staff and the city attorney work together to bring back ballot language with a targeted election date with a millage ask of .50.

#### **New Business**

#### **13. Consider approval to award a three-year sidewalk maintenance contract, with optional two, one-year extensions to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Co. in an amount not to exceed \$158,000 for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 with future year's funding being approved by City Council through the budget process**

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Albert to award a three-year sidewalk maintenance contract, with optional two, one-year extensions to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Co. in an amount not to exceed \$158,000 for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 with future year's funding being approved by City Council through the budget process. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

#### **14. Consider approval to award the bid for the Aluminum Hatch Replacement at the Wastewater Plant to Orion**

**Specialty Company in an amount not to exceed \$13,583**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to award the bid for the Aluminum Hatch Replacement at the Wastewater Plant to Orion Specialty Company in an amount not to exceed \$13,583. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

**15. Consider approval of the Tetra Tech Proposal for Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Radio Telemetry System Upgrade in the amount of \$81,900**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of the Tetra Tech Proposal for Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Radio Telemetry System Upgrade in the amount of \$81,900. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

City Manager Gomolka introduced four resolutions for projects in need within the city in response to Congresswoman Slotkin's fiscal year 2024 Community Project Funding opportunity.

**15a. Consider approval of Resolution #2023-05 Authorization and Support for the Submission to Congresswoman Slotkin for a Federal Funding Request Under the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Mayor Tobbe to approve resolution #2023-05. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.**

**15b. Consider approval of resolution #2023-06 Authorization and Support for the Submission to Congresswoman Slotkin for a Federal Funding Request Under the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding for the Millrace and Dam Structure Replacement**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Mayor Tobbe to approve resolution #2023-05. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.**

**15c. Consider approval of resolution #2023-07 Authorization and Support for the Submission to Congresswoman Slotkin for a Federal Funding Request Under the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding for the Mill Pond Boardwalk and Tridge Project**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve resolution #2023-07. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.**

**15d. Consider approval of resolution #2023-08 Resolution of Authorization and Support for the Submission to Congresswoman Slotkin for a Federal Funding Request Under the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding for the Sidewalk Gap Program**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of resolution #2023-08. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.**

**Other Business**

**16. Call to the public**

Susan Walters spoke regarding the proposed civic event Weekends on West, police millage, and the March Board of Review meetings.

Eric Siegal spoke regarding the proposed Weekends on West event and that the parties involved have discussed options and are open to compromise.

**17. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. **The**

**motion carried (5-0).**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk