



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 6, 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.

Management Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Finance Director Liz Gaines, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis. There were approximately thirteen people in the audience.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to the agenda moving item b from consent to new business as item 17a. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the amended consent agenda. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of March 16, 2023
- ~~b. Approval of Police Department Weapons Purchase~~ moved to new business
- c. Approval of resolution #2023-09, Social District License Application by Sidecar Slider Bar, located at 120 W. Main Street
- d. Approval of Resolution #2023-10, Request for the State of Michigan Legislature/Governor to Include Funding in the 2023 Budget for Communities Following Pension Best Practices

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

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

Dennis Nauss, 125 N. Church St, thanked the city water department and DPW for their fast and responsive work on the recent water main break.

Jim Vichich, Brighton Historical Society, spoke regarding the volunteer efforts in the Old Village Cemetery and thanked the city for helping to fund various restoration and clean up events in the cemetery.

Diane Philion, 928 Brighton Lake Road and owner of The Pound!, spoke regarding The Pound! and the civic spirit of Weekends on West.

Eric Siegal spoke in support of Lynn Wilde from Wilde Theatre and noted that no compromise was reached between the two interested parties for the Weekends on West event.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public at 6:47 p.m.

7. Staff updates

City Manager Gomolka thanked the DPS and DPW for their fast and prompt work on the recent water main break.

Chief Pirochta stated that April is National Distracted Driver Month, he urges all to put the phone down and be safe while driving.

Director Goch provided an update on the water main break that occurred during the past weekend stating the fifty-year-old cast iron pipe broke along a line that had broken almost nine years ago. The boil water advisory was precautionary and necessary under EGLE rules. The Summit Street water tower repair and painting has begun. The contractors arrived early and are already working. Grand River repairs have begun with ADA ramps, sidewalks, and curb. The paving of Grand River is targeted to be complete by June 30, 2023.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Discussion Items

9. Presentation of 2023-24 Budget

City Manager Gomolka presented the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget, the entire budget presentation will be posted online, and a copy of the budget is available for view at the front counter at City Hall or on the city's website.

10. Discuss options for paving portions of Grand River cut from the streetscape project

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to support awarding a contract to Cadillac Asphalt for the paving portion of Grand River that was cut from the Main Street Streetscape Project and to instruct the City Attorney to review and finalize the proposed contract and to have the City Manager and/or her designee present the CMR for review and vote at the first budgetary workshop session. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

New Business

11. Consider setting City Council budget work session dates

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to set the City Council Budget Work Sessions for April 13 and 17, 2023 beginning at 5:30 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

12. Consider Weekends on West revised Civic Event application

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to table the consideration of Weekends on West revised civic event application. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 4-3. Mayor Pro Tem Bohn and Councilmembers Albert and Gardner voted no.**

13. Consider Ruck to Live revised Civic Event application

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the revised and submitted Ruck to Live civic event application. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

14. Consider authorizing the City Manager to approve pop-up civic events throughout the year

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to table authorizing the City Manager to approve pop-up civic events throughout the year. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

15. Consider staff recommendation on anticipated Robertson Brothers donation

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to accept the Robertson Brothers donation to be allocated to the Brighton Arts & Culture Commission. **The motion carried, 7-0.** Approval was granted with a point made by Councilmember Emaus that he as one voting member prefers the money be used in direct public areas or should be going back to the neighborhood from where it originated.

16. Consider approval of City of Brighton Police Headlee override millage language

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the Police Headlee Override Millage ballot language as presented for the next possible election (August or November) and authorize staff to

begin preparing educational materials. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

17. Consider approval of Traffic Equipment Purchase and Installation by Severance Electric Company

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to table the approval of Traffic Equipment purchase and installation by Severance Electric Company. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to un-table the consideration of approval for traffic equipment purchase and installation by Severance Electric Company. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the traffic equipment purchase and installation by Severance Electric Company as the previous lowest bidder and in the best interest of the city. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

17a. Approval of Police Department Weapons Purchase

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the purchase of new Sig Sauer P320 duty pistols, holsters, magazines, and ammunition from ACME Sports ACME Sports INC for the amount not to exceed \$26,000. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

18. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 10:54 p.m.

Susan Walters, 907 Brighton Lake Road, spoke regarding a recent Planning Commission meeting and the circle style concrete manhole surrounds.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, Mayor Tobbe closed the call to the public at 10:57 p.m.

19. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**

Tara Brown, City Clerk