



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 1, 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: Emaus, Gardner, Gipson, and Pettengill.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Executive Assistant to Community Development Kelly Haataja, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis. There were approximately five people in the audience.

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

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of May 18, 2023**
- b. **Approval of resolution #2023-16, of a Social District License Application for Full Circle Brews, LLC, located at 709 W. Grand River**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn opened the call to the public at 6:35 p.m.

Neil Roberts spoke regarding ongoing water pressure issues in Pine Creek. He noted that he would like city officials and staff to work with the homeowner's association to place a lift station to help with water pressure.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:36 p.m.

7. Staff updates

Clerk Brown noted that she will be at the Brighton Farmers Market on Saturday, June 3, 2023, with giveaways and provide city information.

Chief Pirochta noted that Officer Roberts has started solo patrol and is doing a great job.

Director Goch provided updates on various ongoing projects and addressed the concerns voiced during call to the public. The downtown streetscape project is moving along with several contractors in to upgrade electric and gas. Visitors to downtown will notice that the contractor has begun laying concrete in sections. The northwest neighborhood project contractors and staff completed their walk through of the project to evaluate punch list items

for evaluation/repair before final sign off of the project. The Summit water tower is back up and running. The water restriction should be lifted shortly. Also, staff and the events committee met to review and refine the 4th of July parade route.

Councilmember Pettengill inquired about the speed hump located along millpond lane and when it will be installed. Director Goch stated the speed hump will be installed by the weekend.

Manager Gomolka stated that Brass + Oak is currently conducting their ribbon cutting and for all to visit the shops opening. Along with several clothing and gift options, refreshments and appetizers from Whisk and Ivy are on site for patrons to enjoy.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Emaus with Brighton Veteran Memorial and the American Legion VFW hosted the Memorial Day parade. Councilmember Emaus thanked staff, officials, the Brighton Area Fire Authority, Police Department and all who helped plan the event and to those who attended. The Downtown Development Authority will meet later in the month.

Councilmember Gardner stated the Livingston County Planners Luncheon Series gave a presentation on moratoriums by Kyle O'Meara.

Councilmember Pettengill will be hosting the annual Imagination Station Kickoff this coming Saturday, June 3, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. to help spread mulch, make repairs, and mix and mingle with the community. All tools and equipment will be provided.

Councilmember Gipson thanked Councilmember Emaus for such a great Memorial Day parade event, and Mayor Tobbe for such a great speech during the parade festivities, and finally thanked all who helped plan out the 4th of July parade route.

Discussion

9. Wastewater Treatment Plant

Representatives from Tetra Tech provided an overview of the City of Brighton wastewater treatment plant needs with forecasts for several years out. While city staff has done a remarkable job keeping the plant operational, the plant is over thirty years old and is in need of upgrades.

New Business

10. Consider approval of site plan 23-04, Fifth-Third Building, Main Street, as recommended with the conditions as stated by the Planning Commission

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve of site plan 23-04, Fifth-Third Building, Main Street as recommended with the conditions as stated by the Planning Commission. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

11. Conduct a first reading and set a public hearing for proposed ordinance 602 amendments and reorganization of Chapter 66 – Signs, of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to set a public hearing for proposed ordinance 602 amendments and reorganization of Chapter 66 – Signs, of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances for July 20, 2023. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

12. Consider entering into closed session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, being Rohrkemper v 1023 Holdings, LLC et al, because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to enter into closed session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, being Rohrkemper v 1023 Holdings, LLC et al, because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:17 p.m. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session at 8:41 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

13. Consider entering into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to enter into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:42 p.m. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to come out of closed session at 9:52 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to instruct the City Attorney, City Manager, and staff to proceed as discussed in closed session. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Other Business

14. Call to the public

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn opened the call to the public at 9:53 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment the call to the public was closed.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. **The motion carried (6-0).**

Tara Brown, City Clerk