



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 15, 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, 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 Albert, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to excuse Councilmember Gipson for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

4. Consider approval of the agenda

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

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 5-1. Mayor Tobbe abstained.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of June 1, 2023
- b. Approval of resolution #2023-17, a Social District License Application for WD Champ's LLC, D/B/A Champs Pub located at 140 E. Grand River
- c. Approval of year end budget amendments, Resolution #2023-18, Final Year End Budget Amendments for the year ending June 30, 2023
- d. Approval to reappoint members of the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

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

Alisa Davis spoke regarding fluoride in the water and the effects of 5g towers in the city and the implications of radiation from the towers. She asked the City Council to consider using hydrogen peroxide.

Collin Miller spoke regarding the concrete finish on Hyne and the sidewalk cuts by the Fogurth Building. Mr. Miller also expressed his concern over the large seating stones along the sidewalk.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:42 p.m.

7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta stated the Youth Academy hosted seventeen youth and has been a big success so far with several local vendors supporting the academy with food and drinks.

Director Goch noted that the Grand River project is complete. Signage along Grand River will be picked up by the end of June 23, 2023; however, there will be some signage left for other projects. The Main Street Streetscape project will see planters and curbs poured, decorative dolomite stone placed, and the millrace slab over the dam installed. Sidewalks along Millpond and to Grand River will be completed and the firepit is projected to be installed very soon. The Wastewater Treatment Plant hatch has been completed and the Summit booster station is almost completed. The water asset management project is almost done, HRC will input information into the city's GIS system. Corey, Josh, and Director Goch are preparing to tour other treatment plants during the week of June 19, 2023.

City Manager Gomolka noted that the city is utilizing the app, My Brighton MI, to notify residents and interested parties about city happenings as well as important updates like meeting dates and times. Smart phone users may download the app from their app store.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Pettengill and the Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 8, 2023, to discuss and ultimately approved a variance for 622 W. Main Street for a reduction to the minimum lot width to split the parcel. Seventy yards of mulch were laid during the annual Imagination Station Kickoff with the help of many volunteers and the DPW staff.

Councilmember Gardner stated the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission Children's Summer Series is kicking off on June 20, 2023, with renowned chalk artist, David Zinn. The series is three-part with events scheduled during the months of June, July, and August. Councilmember Gardner also noted the Brighton Art Guild is hosting a Follow the Art scavenger hunt July 23, 2023, through August 6, 2023.

Discussion

9. City Council Elections

Clerk Brown discussed the potential for moving City Council elections to even years; however, while there are merits and savings, the City Council is unique in its position as non-partisan and wishes to remain. It was the general consensus that City Council election remain on odd years.

New Business

10. Consider awarding the proposal from Peerless Midwest, Inc. to perform an evaluation and rehabilitation on High Service Pump #5 at the Challis Water Plant for an amount not to exceed \$37,900

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the proposal from Peerless Midwest, Inc. to perform an evaluation and rehabilitation on High Service Pump #5 at the Challis Water Plant for an amount not to exceed \$37,900. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

11. Consider approval of Resolution #2023-19 for a jurisdictional transfer of a portion of Challis Road from the Board of Commissioners of the Livingston County Road Commission to the City of Brighton for a portion of Challis Road

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve of Resolution #2023-19 for a jurisdictional transfer of a portion of Challis Road from the Board of Commissioners of the Livingston County Road Commission to the City of Brighton for a portion of Challis Road. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

12. Consider approval of the purchase of Rockwell Automation/Allen Bradley CompactLogix Controllers, Ethernet Communication Modules, and Input/Output Cards from McNaughton McKay in the amount of \$98,881.99

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of the purchase of Rockwell Automation/Allen Bradley CompactLogix Controllers, ethernet communication modules, and input/output cards for McNaughton McKay in the amount of \$98,881.99. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

13. Consider approval of a three-year contract for a police liaison officer, between the City of Brighton and

Brighton Area Schools

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve a three-year contract for a police liaison officer (SRO), between the City of Brighton and the Brighton Area Schools. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

14. Consider approval to authorize the assignment of CSX agreement numbers CSX617306 and CSX736848 to the City of Brighton Downtown Development Authority contingent upon its approval of the revised agreements

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to authorize the assignment of CSX agreement numbers CSX617306 and CSX736848 to the City of Brighton Downtown Development Authority contingent upon its approval of the revised agreements. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

15. Consider entering into closed session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation, being City of Brighton v James Filipowski and Kathy Filipowski, Livingston County Circuit Court Case No. 23-31773-CZ, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to enter into closed session at 7:47 p.m. to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation, being City of Brighton v James Filipowski and Kathy Filipowski, Livingston County Circuit Court Case No. 23-31773-CZ, 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. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to come out of closed session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

16. Consider entering into closed session for strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Albert to enter into closed session at 8:10 p.m. for strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c) of the Open Meetings Act. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:08 a.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to authorize and Mayor and City Manager to ratify the execute the proposed tentative agreement dated June 13, with the Technical, Professional, and Office Workers Association also known as TPOAM for the DPS unit. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Other Business

17. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:10 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. **The motion carried (6-0).**