



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 6, 2023

1. Call to order

Mayor Tobbe called the regular 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.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Regulatory Compliance/Water Treatment Superintendent Josh Bradley, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Chief Brent Pirochta, Attorney Stephanie Morita, and Attorney Sarah Gabis. There were approximately five people in the audience.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve the consent agenda items as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of June 15, 2023**
- b. **Approval the purchase of an Advantage Rapid Response safe from 360 Life Safety**
- c. **Approval of the purchase of ballistic plates from Pro-Tech not to exceed the purchase price of \$13,835**
- d. **Approval to purchase SWAT ballistic plates from Pro-Tech not to exceed the purchase price of \$3,300**
- e. **Approve the purchase of a Lazer X-Series Turf Mower from Weingartz in the amount of \$11,145**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:32 p.m.

Todd Buckley spoke regarding item 11 on the agenda, asking for another look at the proposed ordinance to ensure that hobby users are still permitted to use drones in the city.

Ken Schmenk thanked all who participated in the 4th of July parade and all staff, participants, and Meijer for all their efforts to make this parade a success.

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

7. Staff updates

Clerk Brown stated that the City of Brighton tent will be at the farmers market this Saturday, July 8, 2023 to answer questions, hand out freebies, and gather feedback.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated the Planning Commission will kick off the Master Plan review on September 18, 2023.

Superintendent Bradley provided several updates about the Main Street Streetscape, Grand River project, sidewalk removal and replacement, DPW garage, hot patch repairs, Wastewater Treatment Plant claricone #3 rehabilitation, Brighton Cove lift station, Summit Street water tower interior painting, Nelson Street SCADA work, water main installation at the Vistas on 2nd Street.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Albert thanked the police department, Brighton Area Fire Authority, and all departments that made the parade a success. Mr. Albert stated that it was perhaps the best and longest 4th of July parade that he can remember attending.

Councilmember Emaus stated the Downtown Development Authority met on June 27, 2023, to execute two CSX lease agreements and terminate the LETS shuttle service.

Councilmember Gardner noted the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission will meet on July 10, 2023. Ms. Gardner thanked the city staff, Meijer, Brighton Area Fire Authority, and the police department for making all the necessary arrangements to ensure the city was able to hold the 4th of July parade this year. And a huge thanks to the firefighter who was on top of ladder 31 operating the spray hose.

Councilmember Pettengill thanked the twenty-seven volunteers that were out from Livingston Family Medicine Residency who donated their time to make improvements at the Imagination Station.

Councilmember Gipson thanked all that were involved with making the parade such a success. He noted the time and dedication of staff and various authorities who worked hard to formulate a route and plan.

Mayor Tobbe also thanked all who were able to make this year's 4th of July parade such a success even with all of the construction, teams worked together to find the best plan and route to ensure safety. Mr. Tobbe also thanked Community Development Manager Caruso for going above and beyond to help a resident after hours.

Discussion

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 Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to enter into closed session at 7:02 p.m. to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session at 8:30 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

New Business

10. Consider approval to purchase an E.H. Wachs valve maintenance trailer from Wachs Utility Products for \$92,599.81

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to approve the purchase of an E.H. Wachs valve maintenance trailer from Wachs Utility Products for \$92,599.81. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

11. Conduct a first reading and set a public hearing for August 17, 2023, for proposed ordinance 603: amendments to Chapter 42 "Environment," regulating the operation of unmanned aircraft (drones) of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to table the first reading and set a public hearing for August 17, 2023, for proposed ordinance 603: amendments to Chapter 42 "Environment," regulating the operation of unmanned aircraft (drones) of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

12. Conduct a first reading and set a public hearing for August 17, 2023, for proposed ordinance 604: amendments to Chapter 46 and Chapter 70 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances regarding open burning

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to table the first reading and set a public hearing for August 17, 2023, for proposed ordinance 604: amendments to Chapter 46 and Chapter 70 of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances regarding open burning. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider approval of an agreement with Aylwayrd Consultants, LLC DBA Abilita-Lansing to enter into a thirty-six-month agreement to review the telecommunications system to receive recommendations for improvements and possible savings

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the agreement with Aylwayrd Consultants, LLC DBA Abilita-Lansing to enter into a thirty-six-month agreement to review the telecommunications system to receive recommendations for improvements and possible savings. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

14. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:58 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**

Tara Brown, City Clerk