



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 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.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis. There were approximately twenty people in the audience.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

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

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

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

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of September 21, 2023

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

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

TJ Tyrrell, Jeff Worth, Craig Kovarik, Shaun Bhajan, and Danielle Corey spoke in favor of the pedestrian pathway.

Susan Bakhaus spoke regarding sidewalks on Brighton Lake Road.

7. Staff updates

Community Development Manager Caruso stated that contractors will be onsite at Lindbom to begin demolition of the building on October 6, 2023. The work will take a few weeks to complete. Mr. Caruso also provided an update on the Downtown Streetscape Project, noting that the homecoming parade may need to be routed differently. The projected completion date of the street is too close to call, it would be best to plan accordingly.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Albert stated the City Manager Review committee met to discuss the format of the review. The committee will be ready to conduct the review on October 19, 2023.

Councilmember Emaus stated there were no DDA or Brighton Veteran Memorial Committee meetings however the Community Engagement Committee met to discuss a promotional event called the Full Hunters Moon Party. More information on the event on the DDA Downtown Facebook page.

Discussion

9. MDOT 1-96 Pedestrian Pathway informational update

City Manager Gomolka provided City Council and the public with an update regarding the funding and potential grants available for the pedestrian pathway if City Council wishes to move forward with the pathway.

New Business

10. BACC presentation and recommendation for the placement of Decision Pending

Human Resources Manager Miller and Brighton Arts and Culture Chair Thomas provided a synopsis and presentation of the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission recent discussion and a formal recommendation from the Commission to relocate Decision Pending to the center area of the Mill Pond Park area.

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the placement of Decision Pending as recommended by the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

11. Conduct a first reading and set a public hearing of November 2, 2023, for Ordinance #606 Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to set a public hearing of November 2, 2023, for Ordinance #606 Consumers Energy Gas Company Franchise. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to enter into closed session at 7:35 p.m. to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to come out of closed session at 8:14 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communications Pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h)

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to enter into closed session at 8:15 p.m. to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communications Pursuant to section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(h). **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Emaus to come out of closed session at 8:47 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

14. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:47 p.m.

Marty Smith spoke in favor of the pedestrian pathway.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 8:50 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Emaus, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**

Tara Brown, City Clerk