



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024

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, Gardner, Gipson, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Director Michael Caruso, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to move item 11 after item 16 as number 16a. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

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

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of December 7, 2023**
- b. **Approval of Minutes: special meeting of December 11, 2023**
- c. **Approval of Minutes: special joint meeting of December 11, 2023**
- d. **Approval to set a joint Special City Council and Planning Commission meeting for February 12, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**
- e. **Approval to set the Special City Council Annual Retreat for February 24, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Police Department located at 440 S. 3rd Street**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:33 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment the call to the public was closed.

7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta cautioned all that with the upcoming snowstorm, all drivers should be ready. An upcoming post on the city's Facebook page will provide tips and best practices to ensure safe driving for all.

DPS Director Goch and the DPW crew will be staffed to ensure clear sidewalks and streets.

City Manager Gomolka noted the recent addition of AED devices and trauma kits in the city hall lobby and in the employee area.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Schmenk noted the wonderful new downtown is alive with visitors, especially with the new addition of the fire pit and holiday decorations. Not only is downtown a place to eat and shop, but it is also a place to gather and come together.

Councilmember Pettengill thanked all of the members of the civic event committee for their work. A new policy will come before City Council for approval that will streamline and standardize the process. The Brighton Arts and Culture Commission has two vacancies to fill after the resignation of two members.

Councilmember Gipson stated the Downtown Development Authority met to discuss future projects. Notably the plan for summer flowers and rehabilitation of the decorative wall by the Main Street and Grand River intersection near CVS.

9. Proclamation: Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day

Discussion

10. I-96 interchange bridge wording and gateway signage

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve Welcome to Brighton on both sides of the I-96 interchange with thin horizontal lines on either side. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve black lettering on the I-96 interchange. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

New Business

~~**11. Consider approval of Resolution # 2024-01 to accept preliminary proposal from DA Building, LLC for purchase and development of vacant city owned property.**~~

12. Consider approval of a METRO Act Unilateral Form Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit for Livingston Count Fiber Network.

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the METRO Act Unilateral Form Right -of-Way Telecommunications Permit for Livingston County Fiber Network. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0. Mayor Tobbe abstained.**

13. Consider approval of a design and construction engineering proposal from Tetra Tech Engineering Services for the Pine Creek booster station in an amount not to exceed \$97,000

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the design and construction engineering proposal from Tetra Tech Engineering Services for the Pine Creek booster station in an amount not to exceed \$97,000 and authorized the DPS Director to execute. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

14. Consider approval of Resolution #2024-02 to allow the City of Brighton to enter into contract #23-5508 with the Michigan Department of Transportation to receive funds for the 2023 sidewalk gap improvement program

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve of Resolution #2024-02 to allow the City of Brighton to enter into contract #23-5508 with Michigan Department of Transportation to receive funds for the 2023 sidewalk gap improvement. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

15. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication pursuant to section MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to enter into Closed Session at 8:04 p.m. to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to section MCL 15.268(1)(h) 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 8:27 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

16. 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 Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to enter into closed session at 8:28 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 Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to come out of closed session at 9:20 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Councilmember Gipson left the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

16a. Consider approval of Resolution# 2024-01 to accept preliminary proposal from DA Building, LLC for purchase and development of vacant city owned property.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve Resolution #2024-01 to accept the preliminary proposal from DA Building, LLC for purchase and development of vacant city owned property.

Other Business

17. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:34 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. **The motion carried (6-0).**



Tara Brown, City Clerk