



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 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, Finance Director Liz Gaines, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Director Michael Caruso, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Assistant to the DPS Director Patty Thomas, Chief Brent Pirochta, Deputy Chief Craig Flood, and Attorney Sarah Gabis.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

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

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of Minutes: regular meeting of January 23, 2024**
- b. **Acceptance of the quarterly investment report**
- c. **Acceptance of the quarterly financial report**
- d. **Approval to recognize Veterans Connected as a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License, Resolution #2024-04**
- e. **Approval to recognize Triple S Boosters as a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License, Resolution #2024-05**
- f. **Approval of the 2024 poverty exemption application, Resolution #2024-06**

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

Clerk Brown stated that the first ever statewide early voting will begin February 17, 2024, and conclude on February 25, 2024. All registered voters who wish to vote early can do so between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Chief Pirochta and the Brighton Police Department has achieved accreditation and will be provide an overview at a future meeting when the formal award is given to the Brighton Police Department.

Community Development Manager Caruso noted that the Downtown Development Authority meeting for February has been canceled.

City Manager Gomolka noted the annual Brighton Area Fire Authority will host its annual Soup Out on February 15, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a variety of homemade soups made by area firefighters and staff at Station 31, 615 W. Grand River, Brighton.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Schmenk attended a Zoning Board of Appeals training recently along with Management Assistant Joe Gaikema.

Councilmember Pettengill noted the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission did not meet due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting will be March 11, 2024.

Councilmember Gardner noted that Jim Muzzin provided an update from the Brighton Area Fire Authority that seven new fire protection specialists were sworn in by Clerk Brown on February 8, 2024.

New Business

9. Consider canceling and possible rescheduling the February 27, 2024, City Council meeting

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to cancel the February 27, 2024, City Council meeting. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

10. Consider approval of the Tetra Tech proposal for professional consultant services for the east stub streets improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$237,900, including a budget amendment

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the Tetra Tech proposal for professional consultant services for the east stub streets improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$237,900, including a budget amendment. **The motion carried, 6-1. Councilmember Albert voted no.**

11. Consider approval of the purchase of a Coldspring columbarium for \$23,256 and setting of the columbarium by Fenton Monument in a cost not to exceed \$6,250 including a \$450 contingency

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve of the purchase of a Coldspring columbarium for \$23,256 and setting of the columbarium by Fenton Monument in a cost not to exceed \$6,250 including a \$450 contingency. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

12. Consider approval of the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Explorers from Lunghamer Ford with up-fitting to be completed by Cruisers and W-4 Signs in an amount not to exceed \$174,192, including all necessary budget amendments

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to approve the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Explorers from Lunghamer Ford with up-fitting to be completed by Cruisers and W-4 Signs in an amount not to exceed \$176,573, including all necessary budget amendments. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider approval of the revised event policy and application

After much discussion, City Council asked that the event policy be reviewed with the City Manager and City Attorney and be brought back to City Council at a later date.

14. 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 Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to enter into closed session at 8:41 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 Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session at 9:24 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

15. 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 9:25 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 Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to come out of closed session at 10:10 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

16. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 10:11 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m. **The motion carried (7-0).**

Tara Brown, City Clerk