



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 7, 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, Finance Director Liz Gaines, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Caruso, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis.

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

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

### 5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

**Motion** by Councilmember Schmenk, 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 April 23, 2024**
- b. **Acceptance of the quarterly finance reports for the period ending March 31, 2024**
- c. **Acceptance of the quarterly investment reports for the period ending March 31, 2024**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:32 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

### 7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta stated that on May 16, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Brighton City Police will be at Target, 8043 Challis Road, Brighton for Cupcakes and Conversations to talk with the public about all things police related.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated the previous sidewalk café question regarding barriers has been cleared up by the MLCC. All applicants who have submitted their application to the MLCC will proceed as directed by the MLCC in accordance with Michigan Law.

DPS Director Goch stated the sidewalk gap project should be completed within the next two weeks. The contractor has requested a walk through however Director Goch will conduct a walk-through once the work has been completed. WOW! is still in town running cable and anyone who has repairs or concerns should call the DPW to report an issue or restoration need. Superintendent Shrader has been working with the Downtown Streetscape contractor to complete punch list items. The firepit has been turned off for repair. A new ignitor has been ordered and received and a new screened top will be added to prevent further damage to the components of the firepit.

### 8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Albert remarked that he was recently on a trip to the west side of the state and noticed several flags

and patriotic statues in and around the area he visited, noting that he would like to see more flags along Main Street and perhaps City Council could consider asking that the city organize a flag distribution initiative for city residents.

Councilmember Gardner stated that the Huron River Watershed Council received their first ever grading for watersheds in southeast Michigan from The University of Maryland. The Huron River watershed received a C+ rating which, overall, is a good score.

Councilmember Pettengill stated the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission met with the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce for training, including a tour of the art sculptures and to learn more about their program. The annual spring kick off at the Imagination Station was a great success. The 115 volunteers were finished with spreading mulch by 10:30 a.m. Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 350 and 347, the City of Brighton DPW employees, city staff, and Councilmember Gipson for volunteering their time.

Councilmember Schmenk noted the Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in April. Councilmember Schmenk wished Clerk Brown a Happy Clerks Week.

Mayor Tobbe thanked Traci Mularoni and the DPW employees for organizing the annual Arbor Day tree planting event. Mayor Tobbe read a proclamation once again recognizing the City of Brighton as a Tree City USA.

### **Public Hearing**

#### **9. Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget, Resolution #2024-10**

Mayor Tobbe opened the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve resolution #2024-10, including Exhibit A, to adopt the City of Brighton budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

### **New Business**

#### **10. Consider approval to set the levy and authorize the collection of taxes, penalties, and fees for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, Resolution #2024-11**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve resolution #2024-11 to set the millage rate and authorize the collection of taxes, penalties, and fees for fiscal year 2024-2025. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

#### **11. Consider approval of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 fee schedule, resolution #2024-12**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve resolution #2024-12 to set the fees and charges for fiscal year 2024-2025. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

#### **12. Consider appointments to various boards and committees, Planning Commission**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve the appointment of Tom McCallion and reappointment of Dave Petrak to the Planning Commission. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

#### **13. Consider approval of the purchase and installation of two Xylem AC Series 2000 pumps and motors for the Northstar Booster Station from Kennedy Industries in an amount not to exceed \$40,400**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve of the purchase and installation of two Xylem AC Series 2000 pumps and motors for the Northstar Booster Station from Kennedy Industries in an amount not to exceed \$40,400. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

#### **14. Consider approval of TCO 186 to place “No Parking This Side of Street” signs and yellow curb on the north side of Washington Street from Hyne Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve of TCO 186 to place “No

Parking This Side of Street” signs and yellow curb on the north side of Washington Street from Hyne Street to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**15. Consider approval of TCO 187 to create two Handicap Parking spaces on west St. Paul Street**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve TCO 187 to create two handicap parking spaces on west St. Paul Street. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**16. Consider entering into closed session to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, being City of Brighton v Filipowski 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 7:28 p.m. to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, being City of Brighton v Filipowski 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, 7-0.**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to come out of closed session at 7:45 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to direct the City Attorney to sign and file the consent judgement presented during closed session. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**17. Consider possible action resulting from closed session**

No additional action was taken.

**Other Business**

**18. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:45 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

**19. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Garnder, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**