



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 11, 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, 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 Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the consent agenda items as presented. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0. Mayor Tobbe abstained.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of minutes: regular meeting of May 28, 2024
- b. Approval of minutes: special meeting of May 30, 2024
- c. Approval of final year end budget amendments for the year ending June 30, 2024, Resolution #2024-16
- d. Approval to purchase an Exmark Lazer Z E-Series Turf Mower from Weingartz in an amount not to exceed \$11,145
- e. Approval of Resolution #2024-17 authorizing application and implementation of the Michigan Shared Streets and Spaces Grant
- f. Authorize execution of the Agreement for Road Safety Audit with SEMCOG

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:33 p.m.

Ken Larscheid spoke regarding the agenda item to expand the lane closure for A Taste of Brighton event, noting this will enable more space for a stage and for event goers to enjoy Brewer Becker.

Scott Winningham spoke about the current zoning and potential rezoning of the district where his home is located. He noted that he is trying to sell his home, but city discussions have altered his plans.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:39 p.m.

7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta stated the City of Brighton Police Department Facebook page is now live, please like and follow the page. Chief Pirochta also thanked city staff for all their hard work on creating start up content, templates to work from, and creating the page.

DPS Director Goch noted that Challis and Bauer will be closed for the Livingston County Road Commission roundabout construction beginning June 13, 2024, until completion which is projected to be sometime in August, weather permitting. ITC and DTE are in the area, along Grand River to upgrade electrical poles, please use caution driving along Grand River.

City Manager Gomolka expressed her gratitude for all who attended last weekends events downtown. Manager Gomolka participated in the Main Street Mile and conducted the unveiling of Decision Pending sculpture with Councilmembers Susan Gardner, Renee Pettengill, and Ken Schmenk. The city was busy with the Farmers Market, Fishing Derby, Main Street Mile, and the Decision Pending unveiling. All events were very well attended.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Pettengill noted the Children's Summer Series is back at The AMP and the first event, chalk artist David Zinn, will be on June 18, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Councilmember Pettengill stated the recent Brighton Arts and Culture Commission meeting was on June 11, 2024, the commission discussed placing chairs and flowers along Hyne Alley, and the St. Paul's pocket park wall refurbishment will be completed shortly. A call to artists will be issued to commission an artist to paint a mural along the wall. There is some movement with various sculptures so visitors can expect some art to be moved or returned to artists. Also, the commission met with Dennis Dimoff from the Kiwanis Club to discuss the story walk.

Councilmember Gardner noted the next Huron River Watershed meeting will be held July 18, 2024. The meetings are quarterly; however, the watersheds website is full of great information and maps for the public use.

Discussion

9. Mixer Media production of video series

Representatives from Mixer Media presented a brief introduction and answered questions from City Council. It was the consensus of City Council to move forward with engaging Mixer Media to produce various videos to showcase and highlight aspects of the city to foster more robust resident engagement.

10. Zoning

City Council discussed the recent opening of the Master Plan and voiced several concerns they wish to have reviewed, specifically the current land use map regarding density and height as it pertains to the R-5 district near City Hall. While the concerns over density and height have been discussed at length over the past six to eight months, it was decided that each City Councilmember should individually send concerns, recommendations, and notes regarding the Master Plan to City Manager Gomolka and City Attorney Sarah Gabis.

11. Parking lots and engineering

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to move forward with exploring engineering as a first step towards paving the CSX parking lots and to instruct the City Attorney to discuss a possible amendment with CSX to extend the lease agreement terms. **The motion carried, 5-2. Councilmembers Albert and Pettengill voted no.**

New Business

12. Consider approval of the purchase order to Pavetech, Inc. in the amount of \$69,000 for Reclamite treatment

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the purchase order to Pavetech, Inc. in the amount of \$69,000 for Reclamite treatment. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider approval to award the contract for the Wastewater Treatment Building Roof Replacements Project to Tri-Star Roofing and Sheet Metal in an amount not to exceed the amount of \$199,688.30

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to award the contract for the Wastewater Treatment Building Roof Repair Project to Tri-Star Roofing and Sheet Metal in an amount not to exceed

\$199,688.30. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

14. Consider approval of A Taste of Brighton lane closure change request

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve A Taste of Brighton lane closure change request. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

15. Consider approval of a 12-month contract with Zencity for their Community Engagement Platform in an amount not to exceed \$7,000 along with related budget amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to untable the ZenCity agenda item. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve a 12-month contract with Zencity for their Community Engagement Platform in an amount not to exceed \$7,000 along with related budget amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement as presented in the packet with a reevaluation before renewal. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

16. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:57 p.m.

Director Goch stated that the East Street preconstruction meeting will be conducted during the week of June 17th, 2024. Sandwich boards will be posted throughout, and mailers will be sent to those in the affected area.

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

17. Adjournment

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

Tara Brown, City Clerk