



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 25, 2024

1. Call to order

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, and Chief Brent Pirochta

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 Schmenk to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of June 11, 2024**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:31 p.m.

Gavin Van Hall introduced himself as a member of Boy Scout Troop 351.

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

7. Staff updates

Clerk Brown noted that absentee ballot for the August 6, 2024, State Primary will be sent by June 30, 2024, and should be in mailboxes by the first week in July.

Chief Pirochta stated the 2024 Youth Academy is now on its third day at the Brighton Area Fire Authority having concluded their time at the Brighton Police Department. He thanked all twenty-one youth for their interest in the police. The group's graduation from the academy will take place at the end of the month. Chief Pirochta also noted that he was fortunate to teach 136 school resource officers as part of the Schools Educators Police Liaison Association (SEPLA) instructor.

Manager Gomolka provided a DPW update regarding various projects within the city. The sidewalk project along Flint and Williamsen has been completed. The East Streets project has begun. Please follow posted detours as the construction is underway.

Manager Gomolka proudly reported that the City of Brighton's Tridge project grant is a finalist awaiting federal approval. Senator Gary Peters recommended this project for \$1.5 million to rehabilitate and repair the City of Brighton's Tridge.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Albert noted the recent Downtown Development Authority meeting was light. The authority spoke about the Tridge, a valet parking opportunity, and will meet to discuss strategic planning for future endeavors. The Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee met on June 19, 2024, to discuss the recent Memorial Day Parade, what went well, and what needs improvement. The committee is proud to have 1,000 pavers sold so far commemorating those who served.

Councilmember Gardner noted the Kiwanis Car Show has resumed its concerts and show but has moved to Brighton High School. More information can be found on the Kiwanis website.

Councilmember Pettengill noted the June 2, 2024, unveiling of Albert Wirth's music garden in the Imagination Station near the pyramid, was a great success. The Brighton Arts and Culture Commission will install chairs and plants in Hyne Alley, and overhead lighting will be installed shortly. David Zinn, chalk artist, will kick off the Children's Summer Series July 8, 2024, with a hunt for eight chalk drawings and presentation by the world-renowned artist.

Councilmember Schmenk and the Zoning Board of Appeals met on June 6, 2024, to discuss a variance on Rickett Road for an accessory structure that was granted. Long serving ZBA member Jordan Genso will be moving out of the city and so the vacancy has been posted for those interested to serve. Please visit the city website for more information on how to apply.

Discussion

9. Public parking lot naming

City Council and staff discussed the merits of naming public parking lots within the city as a great way to designate each lot for ease of recognition and uniformity. City staff noted that naming of each public lot will develop as a public effort through a naming contest and as part of the greater wayfinding effort.

New Business

10. Consider approval Tetra Tech Engineering Services Retainer Agreement for engineering services from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$16,368

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to direct the City Manager to approve and execute the Tetra Tech Engineering Services Retainer Agreement for engineering services from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$16,368. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

11. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:57 p.m.

Susan Walters-Bakhaus spoke regarding the Downtown Development Authority.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:59 p.m.

Councilmember Albert spoke and clarified the call to public comment.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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