



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 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 Manager Mike Caruso, 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 Gardner to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of minutes: regular meeting of June 25, 2024

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

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

Jon Emaus thanked the City Council, Downtown Development Authority, and the DPW and staff for their hard work on the Downtown Streetscape. He stated that the downtown area is now both gorgeous and safe, noting that he has observed many more people downtown.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:35 p.m.

7. Staff updates

Community Development Manager Caruso stated that election signs are not allowed in the right of way. Signs in the right of way will be removed.

Chief Pirochta thanked the residents and visitors for a wonderful 4th of July Parade. The turnout was amazing and there were no issues.

City Manager Gomolka stated the AxMiTax initiative, an effort to eliminate property tax, failed to gain enough signatures to appear on the ballot.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Pettengill noted the BACC will issue a call to artist for the enhancement of the St. Paul pocket park retaining wall for a painted mural. Chairs and a table were added to Hyne Alley with lights lining the length of the

walkway overhead.

Councilmember Gipson thanked Jon Emaus for his important role on the Downtown Streetscape Project while he was on both the City Council and on the Downtown Development Authority.

Councilmember Albert noted that United States flags now line Main Street. Councilmember Albert thanked the Kiwanis Club for supporting and purchasing the flags as well as crafting the brackets also made by one of the Kiwanis Club members.

Councilmember Pettengill thanked Running Lab for their donation of \$2,500 from the Main Street Mile to the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission.

Councilmember Gardner asked when the firepit will be operational. Manager Gomolka stated that the metal mesh safety cover is currently being worked on and should be installed soon.

Mayor Tobbe noted SEMCOG staff will be hosting an open house for economic development grant listening sessions. More information to come on those grant opportunities in the near future. Mayor Tobbe thanked several stakeholders in the community for all their collaborative work to make the 4th of July Parade so successful.

Discussion

9. Branding presentation

Management Assistants Samantha Gardiner and Joe Gaikema presented two concepts in which City Council, if they choose, can move forward with for logo design and branding.

10. Ordinance 607: Amendments to the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances

Clerk Brown introduced the ordinance amendments to standardize various ordinance language for boards and commissions as a preface to renewing the Officers Compensation Committee.

New Business

11. Consider amending the civic event application for A Taste of Brighton

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve an amendment to the civic event application for A Taste of Brighton that was approved at the April 2, 2024 City Council meeting to include use of the Mill Pond, an asset generally not open for public swimming, for a hydrofoil wakeboard demonstration to take place during the A Taste of Brighton event occurring on Friday July 12th and Saturday July 13th, 2024, such approval contingent upon the execution of a waiver signed by participants in a form approved by the City Attorney. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

12. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:29 p.m.

Jon Emaus asked that if rebranding is something City Council wants to move forward with, the current logo could be incorporated into existing designs and noted that any logo design should be trademarked through the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 7:31 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk