



Brighton City Council Meeting

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July 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call
4. Consider approval of the agenda
5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Consent Agenda Items

- a. [Approval of minutes: regular meeting of June 25, 2024](#)

Correspondence

6. Call to the public
7. Staff updates
8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Discussion

9. Branding presentation
10. [Ordinance 607: Amendments to the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances](#)

New Business

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

Other Business

12. Call to the public
13. Adjournment



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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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Tara Brown, City Clerk



City of Brighton

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER TO CITY COUNCIL

JULY 9, 2024

SUBJECT: DISCUSS PROPOSED ORDINANCE 607 TO AMEND THE CITY OF BRIGHTON CODE OF ORDINANCES

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

The Officers Compensation Commission is crucial for ensuring a fair, transparent, and strategic approach to managing compensation within our organization, for council, boards, and commissions. This commission can ensure that compensations are aligned with both market standards and our organizational goals.

An amendment is necessary to align various ordinances with consistent language to ensure clarity, coherence, and uniformity across the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances as a first step.

Items underlined in the attached draft ordinance amendments are additions to the existing language.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is necessary. It is recommended that City Council review the proposed ordinance amendment and provide comments before the subject is placed on a future agenda for a first reading.

Prepared by: Tara Brown, City Clerk

Reviewed by: City Attorney (Required for all agreements, ordinances, etc.)

Acceptable Form and Ready to Execute

Other _____

Attachments: Draft ordinance amendments

CITY OF BRIGHTON
AMENDMENT TO CODE: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
ORDINANCE NO. _____

DATE

The City of Brighton City Council ordains and adopts the following amendments to Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, § 2-163; Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, § 2-184; Chapter 2, Article III, Division 3, §§ 2-205 and 2-221; and Chapter 2, Article III, Division 3, § 2-244 [new language underlined, deleted language ~~stricken~~]:

THE CITY OF BRIGHTON ORDAINS:

Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article III “Boards and Commissions”, Division 1 “Generally”, § 2-163 “Compensation” is amended to read as follows:

§ 2-163 Compensation.

Unless otherwise provided, all members of boards, committees and commissions shall serve without compensation as members thereof. If compensation is expressly provided for by ordinance or resolution of the city council, compensation shall be determined by the Officers Compensation Commission.

Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article III “Boards and Commissions”, Division 2 “Planning Commission”, § 2-184 “Compensation” is amended to read as follows:

§ 2-184 Compensation.

The Officers Compensation Commission shall determine the compensation for the members of the planning commission. ~~Members of a planning commission may be compensated for their services as provided by the city council.~~ A planning commission may adopt bylaws relative to ~~compensation and~~ actual and necessary expenses incurred by ~~of~~ its members and employees for travel when engaged in the performance of activities authorized by the legislative body, including, but not limited to, attendance at conferences, workshops, educational and training programs, and meetings.

Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article III “Boards and Commissions”, Division 3 “Board of Appeals”, § 2-205 “Compensation” is amended to read as follows:

§ 2-205 Compensation.

The Officers Compensation Commission shall determine the compensation for the members of the zoning board of appeals. ~~A member of the zoning board of appeals may be paid a reasonable per diem and reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in the discharge of his or her duties.~~

Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article III “Boards and Commissions”, Division 3, § 2-221 “Construction Board of Appeals” is amended to read as follows:

§ 2-221 Compensation.

The Officers Compensation Commission shall determine the compensation for the members of the construction board of appeals. Compensation of members of the construction board of appeals shall be determined by resolution of the city council.

Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article III “Boards and Commissions”, Division 3 “Officers Compensation Commission”, § 2-244 “Duties” is amended to read as follows:

§ 2-244 Duties.

The Officers Compensation Commission shall determine the salaries compensation of elected officials (or those appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected office) for the city which determination shall be the salaries compensation unless the City Council, by resolution adopted by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving on the council, shall reject them. The determinations of the Officers Compensation Commission shall be effective 30 days following their filing with the city clerk unless rejected by the City Council. In case of rejection, the existing salary compensation shall prevail. Any expense allowance or reimbursement paid to elected officials in addition to salary compensation shall be for expenses incurred in the course of city business and accounted for to the city. If provided by ordinance, the Officers Compensation Commission shall also make a recommendation regarding the compensation of appointed officials who hold positions on city boards, commissions, and committees and who are not full-time or part-time employees of the City, which shall be the compensation of such officials upon resolution of approval by the City Council. Unless otherwise provided by statute, the Officers Compensation Commission may recommend compensation for officials appointed to city boards, commissions, and committees on a per diem or salary basis. The Officers Compensation Commission shall make its determination and recommendations in accordance with and within the time periods provided for by law.

YEAS: Council Member(s) _____
NAYS: Council Member(s) _____
ABSTAIN: Council Member(s) _____
ABSENT: Council Member(s) _____

CERTIFICATION

As the City Clerk of the City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, I certify this is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the City of Brighton Council at a regular meeting held on _____, 2024.

Date: _____, 2024

City Clerk _____

Tara Brown

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

Adoption: _____

Publication: _____

Effective Date: _____