



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 13, 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, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk 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 Albert to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of July 23, 2024**
- b. **Approval of the 2024 Crop Walk civic event application**
- c. **Acceptance of quarterly financial reports**
- d. **Acceptance of quarterly investment reports**
- e. **Approval of TCO 189**
- f. **Award the contract for the purchase and installation of a new HVAC system at the DPW building to Gil-Rich Cooling and Heating, Inc. for \$9,500**

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

Clerk Brown thanked all the wonderful and dedicated election workers who dedicated their time to City of Brighton voters during early voting, absentee ballot, and on election day.

Chief Pirochta updated that the City of Brighton Police Department extended a conditional offer letter to a potential new officer with a start date in October.

City Manager Gomolka provided an update on various DPS projects. The Grand River stub streets should be completed very soon. East Street and Beaver Street have a base coat already applied, Liberty Street's base coat will be applied August 14, 2024, and a final asphalt coat will be completed shortly after Liberty Street. On Monday, August 19, 2024, roofers will begin their work on the DPS buildings. The removal and replacement of 8,000 square

feet of sidewalk as well as the Main Street and 6th Street island is almost complete for this year. The contractor has been fast and efficient. Manager Gomolka also reported the Planning Commission meeting for August 19, 2024, has been canceled; however, city staff and Giffels Webster have been working on the Master Plan as directed by the Planning Commission. Manager Gomolka also noted that her office has been working on the MML Community Excellence Award presentation, video, and preparations. Many thanks to several donors who helped cover lodging, meals, video services, and more.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Schmenk thanked Brighton Police Officers Jeremy Bell and Drake Brusseau for allowing Councilmember Schmenk to ride along as they patrolled the city. The experience was enlightening.

Councilmember Pettengill provided a Brighton Arts and Culture Commission update and is happy to report that the St. Paul's Pocket Park mural call to arts is being well received with four artists already submitting. The deadline for submissions is August 22, 2024. The Arts and Culture Commission will provide a recommendation to City Council at the August 27, 2024, meeting. The Commission also met with Karleen Shafer from Landscape Design and Associates to discuss environmental enhancements to the pocket park as well to provide shade and the refresh the landscaping. The final act in the Children's Summer Series was a huge hit! Drummunity was at the AMP August 13, 2024, for their percussion-based performance that invited many attendees to join in on the fun.

Discussion

9. Flags at Fairview and Brighton Hills Cemeteries

Clerk Brown and City Council discussed options for lighting US flags within the Fairview and Brighton Hills Cemeteries. More options, including robust solar and electrical, will be investigated and presented to City Council at a future meeting.

10. Community Center Renovation Committee

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to appoint Councilmembers Paul Gipson, Renee Pettengill, and Ken Schmenk to the Community Center Committee. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

New Business

11. Consider approval of MDOT Contract 24-5268 for construction improvements in conjunction with MDOT construction on highway I-96 at Grand River

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to approve MDOT Contract 24-5268 for construction improvements in conjunction with MDOT construction on highway I-96 at Grand River and authorize the City Manager to execute the same. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

12. Consider approval of the installation of three trash compactors in the downtown parking lots at a cost not to exceed \$22,061

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the installation of three compactors in the downtown parking lots at a cost not to exceed \$22,061. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

13. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:19 p.m.

City Manager Gomolka stated the City of Brighton and Giffels Webster were awarded the ASCE Quality of Life Award for the Main Street Streetscape Project in recognition of the project's positive effects on the local community without adversely affecting the surrounding environment.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 7:20 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The motion carried, 7-0.

Tara Brown, City Clerk