



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 27, 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, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, Community Development Manager Michael Caruso, City Clerk Tara Brown, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to remove item 11 from the agenda. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of minutes: regular meeting of August 13, 2024
- b. Approval of TCO 190
- c. Approval to retain Precision Concrete Cutting for sidewalk trimming services until June 30, 2027
- d. Approval to extend Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network Bid #ITB-FH-20-21-2270 to Spray-Patch Road Repair, Inc for service through fiscal year 2026/2027
- f. Approval of Resolution #2024-18 to approve the MDOT Contract 24-5268 for construction improvements in conjunction with MDOT construction on highway I-96 at Grand River

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:34 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta spoke regarding a new traffic control order which will now have a four way stop at N. East Street and Beaver Street and the approved traffic control order on this agenda that will help with traffic stacking into the Target/Home Depot driveway area. Flags will be posted as well as social media posts to help get the word out.

DPS Director Goch updated City Council on several projects throughout the city. The wastewater roof replacement wrapped up in two weeks, St. Paul Street handicap parking is now operational, and the final paving of the East Street

stub streets will be completed in early September.

Human Resources Manager Miller noted the sculpture Hot Landing is missing it's third goose. Unfortunately, it fell over into the millpond. DPW crews will locate the goose once the water is a bit lower.

Manager Gomolka stated the downtown fire pit will pivot from summer hours to fall hours and be operational at 5:00 p.m. Please be sure to scan the QR code at the fire pit to learn more about seasonal hours, tips, and safety notices.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Gipson stated the Downtown Development Authority met on August 20, 2024, and contracted with Landscape Design and Associates for planter maintenance along Main Street. The DDA will begin strategic planning at a special meeting on October 24, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Tour de Livingston, hosted by Go Liv Co for its first time will occur on October 6, 2024. For more information, please visit golivco.org.

Councilmember Pettengill relayed the lights in Hyne Alley were repaired and lit as of August 20, 2024. The Brighton Arts and Culture Commission had a special meeting on August 22, 2024, to conduct a jury review of the mural artists for the St. Paul Pocket Park.

Discussion

9. St. Paul Pocket Park mural artist presentation by the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission

Brighton Arts and Culture Commission Chair Thomas presented City Council with a detailed overview of the St. Paul Pocket Park mural specifications as well as various submissions from sixteen artists. Ultimately the Commissioners recommended of Tess Marhofer for the St. Paul Pocket Park mural. The Commission will work with Ms. Marhofer to refine the design and the city's communications team to ensure the mural is a great event.

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the authorization of \$8,000.00 for the St. Paul Pocket Park for the mural painted by Tess Marhofer. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

10. Traffic Patrol

Chief Pirochta spoke at length about plans to dedicate officers to patrol specific traffic areas of concern throughout the city which includes but not limited to overtime and foot patrol.

~~11. Consider BS&A Cloud~~

Public Hearing

12. Conduct a second reading and public hearing for proposed Ordinance 607 to amend the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances and consider approval

Clerk Brown officered clarification to the proposed ordinance should there be any questions; however, the bulk of the ordinance amendments is to streamline and clarify language in respect to the Officers Compensation Commission.

Mayor Tobbe opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve Ordinance 604 Amendments to the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

New Business

13. Consider awarding the contract for Drummer Lane mill and overlay to Bowen Paving and a budget amendment for use of bond funds for an amount not to exceed \$69,322

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to award the contract for Drummers

Lane mill and overlay to Bowen Paving and a budget amendment for use of bond funds for an amount not to exceed \$69,322. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

14. Consider awarding the bid for the installation of the Pine Creek Booster station to Reliance Building Company, Inc. in the amount of \$687,700

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Albert to award the bid for installation of the Pine Creek booster station to Reliance Building Company, Inc. in the amount of \$687,700. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

15. Consider approval to purchase the Safe Fleet body worn camera package, UTEC computer, and the necessary budget amendment in an amount not to exceed \$20,882; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Agreement to Purchase

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the purchase of the Safe Fleet body worn camera package, UTEC computer, and the necessary budget amendment in an amount not to exceed \$20,882; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the Agreement to Purchase. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

16. Consider entering into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to enter into closed session at 8:04 p.m. to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to come out of closed session at 9:31 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

17. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:32 p.m.

Councilmember Susan Gardner spoke regarding spray patching within the city.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 9:33 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**