



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 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, Community Development Manager Michael Caruso, City Clerk Tara Brown, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gardner 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 Schmenk to approve the consent agenda item as presented. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of September 24, 2024**

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 stated that early voting for the November 5, 2024, General Election begins on October 26, 2024, and will run through November 3, 2024. Voters who wish to cast their ballot during early voting should come to City Hall, 200 N. 1st Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Chief Pirochta noted that the Brighton Home Coming parade will be held on October 11, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. He stated the route and that detours will be posted.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated the October 10, 2024, the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting has been canceled.

DPS Director Goch stated that Drummers Lane has been completed. The East Street project punch list items have been discussed with the contractor. The leaf collection schedule is forthcoming, more information soon as the DPS monitors the leaf fall.

City Manager Gomolka noted this coming week, Tess Marhofer will begin her work on the St. Paul Pocket Park mural. Also, Manager Gomolka noted that the city was awarded federal funding for Brighton Lake Road in 2027 and Flint Road in 2028 via the Huron Valley Federal Aid Committee, saving city taxpayers \$1.3 million dollars.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Gardner stated for those interested, the Huron River Watershed Council is promoting their “Adopt a Storm Drain” campaign. For more information, please visit their website to “Adopt a Storm Drain,” to name your drain and place your name on the map.

Councilmember Pettengill noted that Boy Scout Pack 347 gathered to paint trim along the chalk boards and spruce up the little free library all located at the Imagination Station.

Councilmember Schmenk stated the Tour de Livingston was well attended with 125 riders which support the advocacy efforts of the Go Liv Co Horal Family Foundation.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn noted the Planning Commission met to discuss two items. There was a public hearing on the Challis Road parcel which was tabled and discuss the R5 zoning district which will have a public hearing on November 4, 2024.

Discussion

9. Main Street parking at crosswalks and intersections

Manager Gomolka and DPS Director Goch presented City Council with various options to address recent concerns for pedestrian sight lines on Main Street. City Council and staff discussed options in detail to enable the city to maintain safety while retaining parking. City Council asked for staff to consult with Streetscape engineers and return to City Council.

New Business

10. Consider awarding the contract for a lift station floor rehabilitation to Blasteck, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$32,191.00

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to award the contract for a lift station floor rehabilitation to Blasteck, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$32,191.00. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

11. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:16 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk