



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 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, 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 Gardner, 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 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 November 12, 2024**
- b. **Acceptance of the quarterly investment and financial reports**
- c. **Approval of Resolution# 2024-25 – Amended and Restated 457(b) retirement plans and authorize the City Manager to execute the same**
- d. **Approval of Resolution# 2024-26 – Amended and Restated 401(a) retirement plans and authorize the City Manager to execute the same**
- e. **Approval of Nationwide Administrative Services Agreement for the Governmental 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan and 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:33 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta thanked all who came out to Cram the Cruiser, community member efforts fully crammed local police vehicles for Bountiful Harvest and their beneficiaries.

City Manger Gomolka noted the City of Brighton holiday lights were lit during the Holiday Glow on November 23, 2024 with some great additions including the singing holiday trees at the AMP as well as community favorite tunnel of lights.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Albert stated the Brighton Veteran Memorial Committee will not meet again until February but noted

that he had a speaking engagement with the Senior Men's Club, which was a great opportunity to discuss city initiatives.

Councilmember Gipson noted the Downtown Development Authority meeting on November 19, 2024, was canceled, the next meeting will be on December 17, 2024.

Councilmember Schmenk noted the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on November 14, 2024, discussed a request for additional signage for a merchant at 9846 E. Grand River.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn stated that the Planning Commission met on November 18, 2024, to continue ongoing discussions regarding the Zoning Ordinance amendments.

9. Mayoral Proclamation: Eagle Scout Liam Wheeler

Discussion

10. Review draft Ordinance: Amendments to the Solicitors Ordinance

City Council and staff discussed the proposed Solicitors Ordinance and recommended additional investigation before it is brought back to City Council for further consideration.

New Business

11. Consider adoption of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the adoption of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same. **The motion carried 7-0.**

12. Consider approval of Resolution #2024-24, 2025 City of Brighton Boards and Commissions meeting schedule

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve Resolution #2024-24, 2025 City of Brighton Boards and Commissions meeting schedule adding January 25, 2025, for the City Council retreat. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

13. Conduct a first reading and consider setting a public hearing date of January 14, 2025, for proposed ordinance #607: Amendments to the R5 Zoning District Regulations

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to set a public hearing date of January 14, 2025, for proposed ordinance #607: Amendments to the R5 Zoning District Regulation. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Closed Session

14. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication pursuant to section MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to enter into closed session to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to section MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act at 8:02 p.m. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to come out of closed session at 8:26 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to proceed as discussed in closed session. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

15. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:27 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk