



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2025

1. Call to order

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call

Present were Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, Councilmembers: Albert, Gardner, Gipson, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Michelle Miller, DPW Superintendent Brad Shrader, DPS Superintendent Josh Bradley, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to excuse Mayor Tobbe for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

4. Consider approval of the agenda

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to remove item 14 from the agenda. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: retreat meeting of January 25, 2025**
- b. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of January 28, 2025**
- c. **Approval of Resolution 2025-05 for the transfer of a Class C License with Sunday Sales Permit (PM) – spirits and mixed spirit drinks from Sagano to Twelve LLC, dba Trailhead Town to Trail Outfitters, LLC located at 312 W. Main St., Brighton MI**
- d. **Approval of resolution #2025-06, Local Government Unit Approval for Social District License for Twelve, LLC, dba Trailhead Town to Trail Outfitters, LLC**

Correspondence

6. Call to the public

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn 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

Community Development Manager Caruso relayed that the new development on Main Street has secured five tenant rentals for the new building, what those tenants are still unknown, but the leases have been secured.

Director Goch noted that the upcoming snow event has necessitated a snow emergency. The snow emergency information will be posted on social media, the city website, and broadcasted over the city app. A snow emergency

means that there is no parking on public roads to allow snowplows to safely and efficiently clear the roads of snow.

Human Resources Manager Miller provided an update on the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission sculpture tour and outlined the desire to seek sponsorship and will have a rotating art installation to generate interest. The final look is hoping to be set by August.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Councilmember Albert asked for clarification on the snow emergency whether all roads must be clear or only snow routes.

Councilmember Gardner asked for clarification regarding the safety of skating on the Mill Pond. Chief Pirochta advised that the community stay off the ice as there is flowing water under the ice which could pose a huge safety issue.

Councilmember Pettengill provided an additional update from the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission that benches at the St. Paul Pocket Park will be coming soon. The commission will be installing benches that will be removed by the CVS parking lot and repurposing them at the St. Paul Pocket Park. Also, the Commission authorized \$4,500 to bring the much-loved Children's Summer Series back to the AMP and \$700 for marketing. Councilmember Pettengill thanked Michelle, Sam, and Joe for all their work on all the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission initiatives.

Councilmember Schmenk noted the Kiwanis Club has switched out the book along the Mill Pond Tridge story walk. The new book is Hello My Name is Ruby about a small bird in a big world. The author, Philip C. Stead, is from Ann Arbor.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn and the Planning Commission met and discussed the Master Plan. The finalized Master Plan should be wrapped up in the next few meetings and come before City Council for approval.

Presentation

9. Presentation of Officer of the Year – Sergeant Keven Miller

Chief Pirochta presented the Officer of the Year award to Sergeant Keven Miller.

10. Believe in Brighton Update

Ken Larscheid, representing Believe in Brighton, provided an update to City Council about the upcoming launch of the new Believe in Brighton website and improvements that were made. The new website is expected to be launched in the upcoming weeks.

11. Water Plant staging site storage for C.A. Hull

City Council and staff discussed the need for MDOT contractors to utilize a staging site for equipment and vehicle storage during the upcoming I-96 Grand River Interchange Project. Staff will bring back an agreement for review and possible approval.

Discussion

12. Temporary land use permit ordinance and how it relates to Food Trucks

City Manager Gomolka stated that she has received a few inquiries from businesses regarding the use of food trucks within the city. City Council would like staff to gauge interest on expanding the use of food truck permits, either by allowable days or otherwise, and evaluate a potential ordinance amendment, if necessary.

New Business

13. Consider an appointment to the Board of Review

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the appointment of Jack Shanholtz to the Board of Review. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

~~14. Consider the appointment of an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals removed from the agenda~~

15. Consider approval of the purchase of two 2025 Ford F250 pickup trucks from Lunghamer Ford in an amount not to exceed \$95,135 and buildouts of said trucks from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$49,803

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Other Business

16. Call to the public

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn opened the call to the public at 8:08 p.m. Hearing and seeing not comment, the call to the public was closed.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk