



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025

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, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Assistant the DPS Director Patty Thomas, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

4. Consider approval of the agenda

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

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of minutes: regular meeting of February 11, 2025
- b. Acceptance of the quarterly investment and financial reports

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

Chief Pirochta notified all that the annual statewide tornado drill will be on March 19, 2025. Social media messaging will be sent out for public awareness.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated that retailer Burlington will be coming to the city at the Brighton Mall location.

City Manger Gomolka noted that several city staff were present during the Explore Brighton Howell 2025 Annual Partner meeting held at Chemung Hills and noted that Kathleen London and Laura Boote won an award for their well-attended Destination Stars Hollow event in Downtown Brighton.

8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions

Mayor Tobbe asked for a moment of silence in honor of long-time community member Bonnie Corrigan.

Councilmember Gardner reported that the annual Suds on the River fundraising event for the Huron River Watershed

Council programs will be held on September 12, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Delhi Metropark, located at 3902 E. Delhi Rd. Ann Arbor. Councilmember Gardner also noted at a recent Brighton Area Fire Authority meeting; the board approved the transfer of Fire Station 31 from the City of Brighton to the Brighton Fire Authority.

Mayor Tobbe noted the recent SEMCOG meeting in Detroit discussed economic ventures and specifically noting their in-demand branding. Mayor Tobbe also relayed that the City of Brighton Police Department hosted SEMCOG on Wednesday, February 20, 2025, to meet with local officials on regional issues and initiatives.

Discussion

9. Millage language for street millage renewal

City Manger Gomolka provided City Council with proposed ballot language to review. No action was taken; however, city staff will continue the process of gathering data and moving forward with plans to present voters with the proposed millage question on the November 2025 ballot. Approval of final language will be presented to City Council at a later date.

New Business

10. Consider approval of the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Explorers from Lunghamer Ford in the amount of \$103,890, up-fitting and equipment from Cruisers, Safe Fleet, UTEC and W4 Sign in amounts not to exceed, \$60,000, \$15,000, \$6,500, and \$1,600 respectively

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Explorers from Lunghamer Ford in the amount of \$103,890, up-fitting and equipment from Cruisers, Safe Fleet, UTEC and W4 Sign in amounts not to exceed, \$60,000, \$15,000, \$6,500, and \$1,600 respectively. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

11. Consider approval of License Agreement with C.A. Hull for storage at the water plant

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to authorize the City Manger and City Attorney to execute the license agreement with C.A. Hull for storage at the water plant as reviewed with City Council. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

12. Consider Entering into Closed Session to Receive a Written Attorney-Client Privileged Communication pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976, § 15.268(1)(h), Michigan Compiled Laws.

Motion by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to enter into closed session at 7:10 p.m. to receive a written attorney-client privileged communication pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976, § 15.268(1)(h), Michigan Compiled Laws. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

Motion by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to come out of closed session at 8:16 p.m. The motion carried, 7-0.

Other Business

13. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:16 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk