



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 27, 2025

### 1. Call to order

Mayor Tobbe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tobbe led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Roll call

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

Others Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Superintendents Brad Shrader, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to excuse Councilmember Pettengill for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the agenda as presented. **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: regular meeting of May 13, 2025**
- b. **Approval to purchase police department equipment from Rogue Fitness in an amount not to exceed \$12,100.27**
- c. **Approval of Resolution #2025-15, Authorization to Impose Liens on Properties for Unpaid Maintenance**
- d. **Approval of Resolution #2025-16, Local Governmental Unit Approval for Social District Permit for Don Ramon, LLC, dba El Patron located at 675 W. Grand River Avenue**
- e. **Approval to purchase three sewer force main flow meters from Midwest Municipal Instrumentation Inc. in an amount of \$15,500**
- f. **Approval for Action Asphalt LLC to perform an asphalt patch at the intersection of Main Street and Sixth Street, at a cost not to exceed \$14,812**
- g. **Approval of design and construction engineering services for Oakridge Drive from Hubbell, Roth, & Clark, Inc. in a cost not to exceed \$16,300 along with necessary budget amendments**
- h. **Approval of Resolution #2025-17 authorizing execution of the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Construction Operation and Reciprocal Easement Agreement between Target Corporation and Brighton Holdings, LLC, which was recorded against city owned parcel no. 4718-24-400-028**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:34 p.m.

Mojdeh Meghnot spoke regarding the construction at the new Fifth Third Bank location and the impact the

construction has had on her building and tenants next door at 305 W. Main Street.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed.

## **7. Staff updates**

City Manager Gomolka reported on behalf of Human Resources Manager Whitney and Councilmember Pettengill that the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission has successfully applied for and received three grants to help fund the Children's Summer Series. While the event fees are modest, receiving these grants is a welcome boost to support the program. Additionally, residents interested in a senior center membership should visit City Hall to pick up a voucher for a free basic membership. Although vouchers are available year-round, the senior center operates on a membership year from July 1 to June 30. Lastly, the grand opening of the St. Paul Pocket Park will take place on June 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Artist Tess Marhofer will be in attendance, and refreshments will be provided, courtesy of DTE.

## **8. Updates from Councilmember liaisons to various boards and commissions**

Councilmember Gipson reported that the DDA met on May 20, 2025, with the sole agenda item being a closed session. He also shared that he attended the Imagination Station Kickoff on May 17, 2025, and was impressed by the strong community turnout. He praised Councilmember Pettengill for her efforts in organizing the event and for her continued work to enhance the playground.

Councilmember Albert thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Day Parade and expressed appreciation to Mayor Tobbe for delivering a great speech. He also acknowledged the attendance of Representatives Lana Theis and Ann Bollin.

Mayor Tobbe extended his thanks to the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee, the American Legion, and the VFW for their efforts in making the Memorial Day Parade a successful event. He noted that this year's parade had the largest turnout he could recall attending.

## **9. United Way 2-1-1 presentation and discussion**

Carrie Newstead, Livingston County United Way Executive Director; and Audrey Choate, Marketing and Development, provided an overview of the United Way 2-1-1 program and the partners involved throughout the county.

## **New Business**

### **10. Approval of the purchase of and installation of an NVR 72TB Windows server including associated software upgrades and the refurbishment of the current city NVR, from Essential Electric LLC in an amount not to exceed \$41,058.66**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to purchase and install an NVR 72TB Windows server including associated software upgrades and the refurbishment of the current city NVR, from Essential Electric LLC in an amount not to exceed \$41,058.66. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

### **11. Consider awarding the 2025 storm structure cleaning contract to Safeway Environmental Services in an amount not to exceed \$128,800 along with necessary budget amendments.**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to award the 2025 storm structure cleaning contract to Safeway Environmental Services in an amount not to exceed \$128,800 along with necessary budget amendments. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

### **12. Consider approval of ballot language for the proposed renewal of the Headlee Override Street Millage**

City Manager Gomolka provided an overview of the current millage that was approved by voters in 2019, noting that it has been reduced from 2.5 to 2.4053 mills due to Proposal A. She stated that the existing millage override will expire

this year after the July 2025 levy. To continue funding road and sidewalk repairs, City Council has decided to seek renewal of the millage with a restoration to the original voter approved 2.5 mills for a term of 10 years. This will allow the city to continue to repair roads and sidewalks, noting that future projects are not as expensive as the Northwest Neighborhoods project that was completed using millage funds. Should the millage pass, the city will be able to address a substantial amount of road repairs. The city has been successful in obtaining grant funding for road repairs and will continue to do so regardless of the outcomes of the millage request. City staff will create informational literature based on road conditions and repair plans as well as open houses, and a webpage to inform residents in preparation for the vote.

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve of the ballot language for the proposed renewal of the Headlee Override Street Millage and authorize staff to begin preparing educational materials.

**The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

**Other Business**

**13. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:39 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

**14. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

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Tara Brown