



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 24, 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, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Others Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Superintendents Josh Bradley and Brad Shrader, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

City Council and staff provided introductions, work background, and years of service at the City of Brighton.

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert 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 Albert 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 June 10, 2025**
- b. **Approval of Resolution # 2025-18, Local Government Unit Approval for Social District Permit for Brauerei Becker LLC, D/B/A Brewery Becker, located at 500 W. Main Street**
- c. **Approval of the purchase of an ExMark Lazer S-Series Turf Mower from Weingartz in an amount not to exceed \$12,847**
- d. **Approval of the Tetra Tech Engineering services retainer agreement for engineering services from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$12,492**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Councilmember updates and discussion of the proposed North Street development

Councilmember Schmenk relayed that the Kiwanis Club has installed a new book, Three Little Kittens, along the Tridge Story Walk.

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn stated the Planning Commission met on July 16, 2025, and approved a preliminary site plan approval with contingencies.

Councilmember Gardner thanked all who attended the Boots and Beats event for making it such a great event.

Councilmember Albert noted that the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee will conduct a debrief meeting regarding the Memorial Day Parade on what went well and what needs improvement. Councilmember Albert stated

Mayor Tobbe opened discussion on the proposed North Street development by referencing provisions in the Public

Comment and Meeting Procedures, reading the recent press release, and delivering a formal statement. City Council and staff engaged in a detailed discussion of the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), reviewing the development agreement from January 2024 and outlining the approval process, which includes review by the Planning Commission before final consideration by City Council. Additional topics included the growth experienced in Livingston County and its individual jurisdictions over the past forty years, as well as concerns related to downtown parking. City Council emphasized the importance of contacting city officials directly with questions about the proposed development, rather than relying on social media for information.

## **7. Staff updates**

Chief Pirochta stated that he attended the recent SEPLA conference and noted it was the best yet. The group was able to provide \$550 to a young student with brain cancer.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated that permits were issued to 265 W. Main Street for a golf simulator business and event space on the second floor. Also the former Lindbom property, West Village development, will begin land clearing very soon which will take three weeks and progressing onto underground utilities work, and then paving in September. Residents nearby will be alerted by A frame signs as well as notification on the City of Brighton social media platforms and app.

Councilmember Gardner asked when the Fifth Third Bank will move. Community Development Manager Caruso said that the bank would move to their new location in August or September depending on the certificate of occupancy.

City Manager Gomolka noted the Lindbom development has been reduced in scope and has eliminated certain features to allow for more green space by Pulte, the new developer.

DPS Director Goch noted that Grand River and I-96 will be closed for fifty days. Also, reclamite will be applied in early July. Notification will be posted in affected areas. The City of Brighton was awarded two grants to help fund new water pumps

## **8. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:09 p.m.

Caroline Passino, Murial Kaier, Ella Nikitin, Charlene Bargert, Susan Walters Bakhaus, and Bill McCririe all spoke regarding the proposed development.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 8:26 p.m.

## **New Business**

### **9. Consider approval of the replacement of five water service lines on Glenwyth Road by Comprehensive Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$33,000**

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve of the replacement of five water service lines on Glenwyth Road by Comprehensive Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$33,000. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### **10. Consider approving the purchase of a Caterpillar 420 Backhoe Loader from Michigan Caterpillar, including a vibratory compactor attachment at a cost of \$133,775**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar 420 Backhoe Loader from Michigan Caterpillar, including a vibratory compactor attachment at a cost of \$133,775. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### **11. Consider setting a special meeting to consider the purchase or lease of real property**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to schedule a special meeting to consider the purchase or lease of real property for July 1, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**Other Business**

**12. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:47 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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Tara Brown