



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 8, 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, Gipson, and Schmenk.

Others Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, City Clerk Tara Brown, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to excuse Councilmember Gardner and Pettengill for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

### 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, 5-0.**

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of June 24, 2025**
- b. **Approval of Resolution #2025-19, A Resolution Approving the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor to Suhel Kizi, dba, Brighton Gas Mart, 204 W. Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48116**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Councilmember updates

City Council thanked the Sunrise Rotary and the Brighton Area Fire Authority on another great 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

### 7. Staff updates

Community Development Manager Caruso noted that Burlington has obtained their certificate of occupancy on Monday, July 7, 2025. The grand opening date will be announced at a later date.

City Manager Gomolka noted that an asphalt preservation treatment called Reclamite will be applied to Liberty, Beaver, and Flint Roads. Please note that this treatment is initially sticky and pink but will fade quickly. If you are concerned about your driveway, please park on the street until the treatment dries. Also, please note that whether you're driving or walking in Downtown Brighton, stay alert and follow crosswalk rules to keep everyone safe. Always stop and make eye contact with the driver or pedestrian before crossing.

### 8. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:37 p.m.

Kelly Genei spoke regarding proposed ordinance 608 and asked that the same allowance to be extended to the west side of North East Street.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:41 p.m.

### **Public Hearing**

#### **9. Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of proposed ordinance 608, Amendments to Chapter 98, "Zoning" of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances**

Community Development Manager Caruso provided a brief overview of the proposed ordinance. Noting that additional allotments can be reviewed independent of this ordinance amendment but would require a zoning change.

Mayor Tobbe opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to approve the adoption of ordinance 608, Amendments to Chapter 98, "Zoning" of the City of Brighton code of Ordinances. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.**

#### **10. Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of proposed ordinance 609, Amendments to Chapter 22, "Peddlers, Solicitors, and Canvassers" of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances**

City Clerk Brown provided a brief overview of changes that were addressed from previous discussions, specifically regarding children soliciting fundraisers door to door and Halloween.

Mayor Tobbe opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

City Council discussed various concerns with the proposed solicitor's ordinance, specifically as it pertains to canvassers and time. It was the consensus of City Council that revisions would be necessary before it can be considered for adoption.

### **New Business**

#### **11. Consider conducting a first reading for proposed ordinance 610, Amendments to Chapter 98, "Accessory Structures" of the City of Brighton Code of Ordinances and consider setting a public hearing for August 12, 2025**

Community Development Manager Caruso provided an overview of the proposed changes, noting the height and use allowance for accessory structures.

It was the consensus of City Council to amend the height to 26 feet and to keep it as is with a prohibition of dwelling.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to set a public hearing for proposed ordinance 610, Amendments to Chapter 98, "Accessory Structures" for August 12, 2025. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

### **Other Business**

**12. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 7:45 p.m.

Tom Coates recommends allowing a sink and/or toilet in the accessory structure ordinance.

Kelly Genei asked that City Council consider allowing the same zoning to be extended to the west side of North East Street.

Walter Barrett agreed with Kelly Genei and asked for the same consideration along the west side of North East Street as it pertains to Ordinance 608.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 7:48 p.m.

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. **The motion carried, 5-0.**

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Tara Brown