



Brighton City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 26, 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, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Michelle Whitney, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, Superintendent Josh Bradley, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

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 Schmenk, 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 August 12, 2025**
- b. **Approval of Resolution 2025-22, approving the Sale of Alcoholic Liquor by Clink and Co Designs, LLC, DBA Le Clink Events located at 265 W. Main Street, Suite 200**
- c. **Approval of Resolution 2025-23, approving the Redevelopment Liquor License Application to the MLCC by Clink and Co Designs, LLC, DBA Le Clink Events located at 265 W. Main Street, Suite 200**
- d. **Approval to recognize Center2Grow as a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License, Resolution #2025-24**
- e. **Approval of the purchase of a Hydrant Saver and all associated accessories from Jack Doheny Company in an amount not to exceed \$12,832.33**
- f. **Acceptance of the quarterly financial report**
- g. **Acceptance of the quarterly investment report**

Correspondence

6. Councilmember updates

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn stated the Planning Commission met on August 18, 2025, to recommend that the master plan be approved for distribution and start the 60-day review period to include the CVS parking area and building as a potential redevelopment site.

Councilmember Gardner noted the Huron River Watershed Council will celebrate its 60-year anniversary with Suds for the River event on September 10, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please visit their website for more information.

Councilmember Gipson noted that Downtown Development Authority met on August 19, 2025, and approved the takeover of the CSX lot lease and discussed options for more use of the AMP with potential music acts and acoustic sets.

Councilmember Albert noted that during discussion with the Downtown Development Authority it was expressed that they would like to see more use of the AMP and potentially work with musicians to make better use of the AMP to bring ambient/complementary music downtown.

7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta noted that Keehn Griffin Funeral Home will be honoring a veteran with a 21 Gun Salute Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Community Development Manager Caruso noted that West Village infrastructure work is a day or two away from completion. There have been some complaints about dust and sound during this phase in West Village, but the builder has three water trucks going at all times to mitigate dust and the sound concerns are within the city's ordinance limits.

DPS Director Goch noted the Pine Mount booster station will be installed soon. Also the city's concrete contractor for sidewalk rehabilitation is onsite repair and replacing various sidewalk flags throughout the city.

City Manager Gomolka reported that she and Chief Pirochta attended the grand opening of El Patron. During the event, Chief Pirochta presented an award for bravery to Noe Maldonado in recognition of his quick thinking and calm response when a fellow vendor experienced a medical emergency due to low blood sugar at the Taste of Brighton.

8. Quarterly employee spotlight and recognition Officer Kristi Bell and DPW Operator III Dan Tharp

9. Call to the public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:55 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

New Business

10. Consider approval to distribute the final draft Master Plan, as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, including the Planning Commission's revision to designate the corner of W. Grand River and E. Main Street as an additional redevelopment site

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to direct staff to distribute the final draft Master Plan, as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, including the Planning Commission's revision to designate the corner of W. Grand River and E. Main Street as an additional redevelopment site. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

11. Conduct a first reading and set a public hearing for September 23, 2025, for proposed Ordinance 611 amendments to the zoning ordinance permitting temporary outdoor storage

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to set a public hearing for September 23, 2025, for proposed Ordinance 611 amendments to the zoning ordinance permitting temporary outdoor storage. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

12. Consider approval of the purchase of eight new pneumatic wasting valves from Kennedy Industries for a cost not to exceed \$62,752

Motion by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the purchase of eight new pneumatic wasting valves from Kennedy Industries for a cost not to exceed \$62,752. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

13. Consider awarding the contract for the 2025 Road Maintenance Project to Allied Construction for \$1,484,171.48 including a 15% contingency, for a total of \$1,707,000

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Albert to award the contract for the 2025 Road Maintenance Project to Allied Construction for \$1,484,171.48 including a 15% contingency, for a total of \$1,707,000 along with all necessary budget amendments. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Other Business

14. 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.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk