



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 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, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Others Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Caruso, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, City Clerk Tara Brown, Attorney Sarah Gabis, and Chief Brent Pirochta.

Councilmember Gipson was absent.

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to excuse Councilmember Gipson 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, 6-0.**

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Approval of minutes: regular meeting of September 23, 2025**
- b. **Approval of the Police Department Network Rack Clean-Up and Switch Upgrade project with Dewpoint LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$9,143.48**
- c. **Approval of the installation of two left turn arrow signals at the corner of East Grand River and Church Street by Severance Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$10,220.66 and related budget amendments**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Councilmember updates

Councilmember Pettengill stated the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission met and discussed restoring Hyne Alley and enhancing it. A plan is being put together, and updates will be forthcoming.

Councilmember Schmenk noted that the Kiwanis Club has placed a new book in the story walk. Dino-Football by Lisa Wheeler, a Michigan author, is a fun delight for all ages. Dinosaurs compete in an epic football match with all creatures for the champion title. Councilmember Schmenk also noted the Tour de Livingston was well attended and concluded without any issues.

Councilmember Gardner noted during the Brighton Area Fire Authority meeting ongoing discussions are being held to resolve the communication issues within the first responder system. The next Brighton Area Fire Authority meeting will be held on November 13, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at Station 32. All future meetings will continue at Station 32 until construction is completed at Station 31.

Councilmember Albert stated the Brighton Veterans Memorial Committee met to discuss enhanced efforts to encourage more participation at the Veterans Day Parade. The Main Street banner will be updated with the parade sign and increased efforts on social media will help with turnout. The parade will be held on November 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. and conclude with a ceremony at the AMP.

Councilmember Pettengill asked that anyone in the community who needs leaf pick up assistance to please reach out to her as she has a dedicated team of Boy Scouts ready to help.

Mayor Tobbe stated that he met with a team of staff at Michigan State University to discuss a new concrete that is self-healing and warming. This innovation is a welcome advancement, more information to come as staff work with MSU to find a suitable application.

## **7. Staff updates**

Clerk Brown noted that all City of Brighton voters who wish to vote by absentee ballot for the November 4, 2025, election reach out to her at City Hall during normal business hours or visit the Michigan Voter Information Center on the state website to request a ballot. Otherwise, election day polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chief Pirochta noted that the Home Coming parade will be held on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Chief Pirochta also noted that drivers should be aware of two new left turn arrows at Church Street and Grand River Avenue.

Community Development Manager Caruso stated the new code enforcement officer is working out well as he is getting caught up on enforcement around the city.

DPS Director Goch stated leaf pick information has been updated on the city website as well as posted on city social media outlets.

City Manager Gomolka highlighted the City's app, My Brighton MI, which provides useful information such as leaf pickup schedules, community events, and more. The app is available for download in your app store. She also reminded residents that the Streets Millage Open House will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This is an opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from City Council and staff. For those unable to attend, or anyone seeking additional details, visit [brightoncitymi.gov](http://brightoncitymi.gov) and explore the Project Hub for the latest updates on current and upcoming projects.

## **8. Mayoral Proclamation: Brighton Garden Club**

## **9. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to public at 7:05 p.m.

Dennis Nauss spoke regarding the alley way behind adjacent homes near his house.

Guy Knight, James Beeman, Bob Roberts, Scott Tousignant, Laura Tousignant, and Susan Walters-Bakhaus spoke regarding speed concerns on Brighton Lake Road.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 7:22 p.m.

## **Discussion**

## **10. Discussion of Administrative Service Agreement and Land Banking Agreement with the State Land Bank**

City Manager Gomolka introduced the agenda item and discussed how the State Landbank operates and benefits that would be made utilizing this service for future development as it pertains to potential brownfield opportunities.

## **New Business**

**11. Consider appointments to the Officers Compensation Commission**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the appointments of Christina Quinn, Timothy Moore, Steve Monet, and Ramiro Galvan to the Officers Compensation Commission. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

**12. Consider approving the purchase of six electric motors for the oxidation ditch rotors from Marshall E.**

**Campbell Company for a cost not to exceed \$22,023.12 and installation assistance by Cyr Electric for \$6,000.**

**Motion** by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the purchase of six electric motors for the oxidation ditch rotors from Marshall E. Campbell Company for a cost not to exceed \$22, 023.12 and installation assistance by Cyr Electric for \$6,000. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

**13. Consider approval of the purchase of a Ford Police Interceptor Explorer and a Ford F150 from Lunghamer Ford in the amount of \$114,360 and up-fitting in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 by Cruisers and W-4 Signs with materials purchased from various vendors.**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve the purchase of a Ford Police Interceptor Explorer and a Ford F150 from Lunghamer Ford for a total amount for \$114,360 and up-fitting in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 by Cruisers and W-4 Signs with materials purchase from various vendors. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

**14. 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 Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to enter into closed session at 7:40 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, 6-0.**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to come out of closed session at 9:02 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

**Other Business**

**15. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to public at 9:02 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

**16. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk