



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026

### 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, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Human Resources Manager Michelle Whitney, City Clerk Tara Brown, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis.

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.**

### 5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk 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 February 10, 2026**
- b. **Acceptance of the quarterly financial report for the period ending December 31, 2025**
- c. **Acceptance of the quarterly investment report for the period ending December 31, 2025**
- d. **Approval of the proposal from The Carpet Guys to replace the carpet in the CoBACH Building at a cost of \$8,719.14 including the necessary budget amendments**
- e. **Recognize Work Skills Foundation as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license, Resolution #2026-01**
- f. **Approval to move the second reading and public hearing for proposed ordinance 616, amendments to allow an increased number of land divisions under Public Act 58 of 2025 from March 10, 2026, to March 24, 2026**

#### Correspondence

### 6. Councilmember updates

Mayor Pro Tem Bohn stated that the Planning Commission will meet on March 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pettengill thanked the Boy Scouts for their continued dedication to the community and for helping many residents in need with snow removal and cleanup.

### 7. Staff updates

Nothing new to report.

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

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:35 p.m.

Paul Smith spoke on behalf of a relative who lives on Becker Street regarding the need for road rehabilitation on both Becker Street and Carney Drive, noting that both streets are in need of repair.

Dennis Nauss voiced concern regarding the Leith Street alley located near his home and requested a response from City Council.

## **9. Retirement acknowledgment of Deputy Chief Craig Flood**

Chief Pirochta and City officials recognized Deputy Chief Craig Flood for his years of dedicated service to the Brighton Police Department and the community. Remarks were offered in appreciation of his career and contributions as he enters retirement.

## **10. 2025 Officer of the Year**

Chief Pirochta announced the Brighton Police Department's 2025 Officer of the Year, Officer Evan Siemen, and recognized Officer Siemen's service, professionalism, and contributions to the department and community.

## **11. Promotion of Officer Branden Bauer to Sergeant**

Chief Pirochta announced the promotion of Officer Branden Bauer to the rank of Sergeant and spoke warmly about his service and leadership within the department.

## **12. Promotion of Sergeant Chris Parks to Deputy Chief**

Chief Pirochta announced the promotion of Sergeant Chris Parks to the position of Deputy Chief and provided remarks regarding his experience and continued service with the Brighton Police Department.

## **New Business**

### **13. Consider approval of an engagement letter from Schultz and Young PC for attorneys Gregg Schultz and Beth Young to continue representing the city in labor matters**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Pettengill to approve of the engagement letter from Schultz and Young PC for attorneys Gregg Schultz and Beth Young to continue representing the city in labor matters. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### **14. Consider approval for the design and construction engineering services from Hubbel, Roth & Clark, Inc for Kissane Drive and Devonshire boulevard for a cost not to exceed \$79,410 and to add the Kissane and Devonshire Street rehabilitation project to the existing Allied Construction contract utilizing the same unit prices for a cost not to exceed \$1,010,620 along with all necessary budget amendments**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the design and construction engineering services from Hubbel, Roth & Clark, Inc for Kissane Drive and Devonshire boulevard for a cost not to exceed \$79,410 and to add the Kissane and Devonshire Street rehabilitation project to the existing Allied Construction contract utilizing the same unit prices for a cost not to exceed \$1,010,620 along with all necessary budget amendments. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

### **15. Consider approval of the Highway Maintenance Company proposal for bituminous chip and fog seal road treatment in an amount not to exceed \$235,188 along with related budget amendment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve the Highway Maintenance Company proposal for bituminous chip and fog seal road treatment in an amount not to exceed \$235,188 with related budget amendment. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**16. 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 Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to enter into closed session at 7:21 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, 7-0.**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to come out of closed session at 8:53 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

**Other Business**

**17. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:53 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

**18. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Gipson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk