



City Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 7, 2026

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tobbe called the budget work session to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Tobbe, Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, Councilmembers: Albert, Gardner, Gipson, Pettengill, and Schmenk.

Staff Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, Finance Director Liz Gaines, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPS Director Marcel Goch, Deputy DPS Director Corey Brooks, DPS Superintendents Brad Shrader and Josh Bradley, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Deputy Chief Chris Parks.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tobbe led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Consider approval of the agenda

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

5. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:31 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

6. Budget Discussion

The City Council conducted a budget discussion covering Public Services, Utilities, and Police operations. Public Services included review of the Department of Public Services within the General Fund, along with Major and Local Streets, Street Millage, Imagination Station, Street Debt Service, and various capital and bond funds. The Utilities portion included an overview of the Utility Fund, as well as detailed discussions on the Water and Wastewater Departments and the related bond construction fund. The Police budget was also reviewed, including the General Fund operations, Public Safety Capital Fund, and both State and Federal Drug Law Enforcement Funds.

7. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:28 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Pettengill, seconded by Councilmember Albert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk