



City Council Special Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 9, 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, 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 Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gardner, to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

5. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:31 p.m.

Susan Walters-Bakhaus spoke regarding the order of items on the agenda.

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

6. Budget Discussion

City Council and staff discussed the General Fund, specifically revenue vs. expenditures, and financial big picture view; as well as departmental budgets such as City Council, Administrative Services, Finance, Information Technology, Community Development, miscellaneous transfers out and post-employment benefits, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Brighton Arts and Culture Commission, Imagination Station, Downtown Development Authority, and debt roll off.

7. Call to the Public

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 9:09 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Albert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. **The motion carried, 7-0.**

Tara Brown, City Clerk