



# Brighton City Council Meeting

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 12, 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, and Schmenk.

Others Present: City Manager Gretchen Gomolka, Community Development Manager Mike Caruso, Finance Director Liz Gaines, City Clerk Tara Brown, DPS Superintendent Josh Bradley, Chief Brent Pirochta, and Attorney Sarah Gabis.

Councilmember Pettengill was absent.

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson to excuse Councilmember Pettengill for personal reasons. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

### 4. Consider approval of the agenda

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Albert to approve the agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

### 5. Consider approval of consent agenda items

**Motion** by Councilmember Schemenk, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn to approve the consent agenda as presented. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

#### Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of minutes: April 28, 2026
- b. Acceptance of the quarterly financial report
- c. Acceptance of the quarterly investment report
- d. Consider approval of Tetra Tech professional consultant services to perform SCADA programming for the Challis Water Plant chlorine system upgrade project in an amount not to exceed \$6,850
- e. Consider approval of pump installation and pipe coating for the Pine Creek Water Storage House to CSM Mechanical at a cost not to exceed \$25,500

#### Correspondence

### 6. Councilmember updates

Councilmember Gardner noted that next Brighton Area Fire Authority meeting will be held at Station 32 in Brighton Township on May 14, 2026. Also, BAFA hosted Firehouse Friday on May 8, 2026, and welcomed W4 radio to conduct a meet and greet with the fire staff.

### 7. Staff updates

Chief Pirochta noted that National Police Week will be celebrated May 16, 2026, at Target with a Cupcakes and Cops event from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chief Pirochta invites all to come out to ask questions and have conversations with local first responders.

Community Development Manager Caruso noted that the DDA concert series, Live at Millpond Park, will begin on

June 18, 2026, at the AMP with AMP openers Sponge. The concert series will showcase events on Thursdays at the AMP and the fire pit on Saturdays. Details on bands and musicians are on the website, Facebook, and the My Brighton MI application.

Superintendent Bradley provided an update on the I-96 Interchange project and the upcoming lane closures along Grand River. Also the Rickett Road detour for CSXs project will shut down the road for up to ten days. Detours will be posted as will updates on the city's Facebook and My Brighton MI app.

**8. Swear in new Officer Kameron DeWulf**

**9. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 6:45 p.m.

Susan Walters Bakhaus spoke regarding the consent agenda item.

Hearing and seeing no further comment, the call to the public was closed at 6:46 p.m.

**10. Presentation: Ford School of Public Policy Consulting Clinic Popular Annual Financial Report Presentation**

**Public Hearing and Budget Adoption**

**11. Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of Resolution #2026-03, Fiscal Year 2026/2027**

Mayor Tobbe opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to adopt Resolution #2026-03, Fiscal Year 2026/2027. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

**12. Consider approval of Resolution #2026-04, Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Fee Schedule**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gipson, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to adopt Resolution #2026-04, Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Fee Schedule. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

**13. Consider approval of Resolution #2026-05 to Establish the Levy and Authorize the Collection of Taxes, Penalties, and Fees for Fiscal Year 2026/2027**

**Motion** by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to adopt Resolution #2026-05 to Establish the Levy and Authorize the Collection of Taxes, Penalties, and Fees for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

**New Business**

**14. Consider approval of a third amendment to the City of Brighton/Brighton Township Water Service Contract and authorize the City Manager to execute**

**Motion** by Mayor Pro Tem Bohn, seconded by Councilmember Schmenk to approve the third amendment to the City of Brighton/Brighton Township Water Service Contract and authorize the City Manager to execute. **The motion carried by roll call vote, 6-0.**

**15. Consider approval of a license agreement with the Brighton Area Historical Society and the Brighton Art Guild for use of the City of Brighton Arts, Culture, and History Center (COBACH) and authorize the City Manager to execute**

**Motion** by Councilmember Schmenk, seconded by Councilmember Gardner to approve the license agreement with the Brighton Area Historical Society and the Brighton Art Guild for use of the City of Brighton Arts, Culture, and History Center (COBACH) and authorize the City Manager to execute. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

**16. Consider entering into closed session to consider the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976, § 15.268(1)(d), Michigan Compiled Laws**

**Other Business**

**17. Call to the public**

Mayor Tobbe opened the call to the public at 8:51 p.m. Hearing and seeing no comment, the call to the public was closed.

**18. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Councilmember Gardner, seconded by Councilmember Gipson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. **The motion carried, 6-0.**

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Tara Brown, City Clerk