

City of Brighton

*500 S. 4th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601*



Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 27, 2020

3:00 PM

Special City Council Meeting

Virtual Meeting

City Council

MAYOR - GREGORY MILLS

MAYOR PRO TEM - MATT JOHNSTON

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

*CLINT BLACKHURST, ADAM CUSHING, MARK HUMBERT,
KRIS JORDINELLI, MARY ELLEN POLLACK, TIM WATTS*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

City Attorney Jack Bajorek led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

B. Roll Call

Councilmember Cushing arrived at 3:10 p.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack, and Councilmember Watts

Not Present: 2 - Councilmember Blackhurst, and Councilmember Jordinelli

2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Humbert, to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Blackhurst, Councilmember Cushing, and Councilmember Jordinelli

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. A DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO LOOK INTO RESOLUTIONS TO BETTER AID OUR CURRENT EMERGENCY SITUATION

City Attorney Jack Bajorek explained that voting yes or no on any of the items during this discussion does not bind a Councilmember when the legislative act comes back for consideration. City Attorney Bajorek explained the process for members of the public to comment on this item. There were no members of the public wishing to speak on this item.

Mayor Mills and City Council discussed the emergency and what the City can do to help the citizens of Brighton, ways for the City to enforce the State of Colorado and Tri-County Health orders during this time, what is considered an essential and non-essential business and activity in the City and the need to get back to regular City Council meetings to move forward with City business.

City Attorney Bajorek, Acting City Manager Marv Falconburg, Commander Frank Acosta and Emergency Services Coordinator Stephanie Hackett answered questions from Council regarding:

- The ability for the City to approve an Ordinance to force a non-essential business to close.*
- The City enforcing rules stricter than the state and Tri-County orders.*
- The need for City Council to be part of the decision making of closing City facilities.*
- The ability for the Police Department to enforce a violation of the order.*
- The need to shut down more businesses than the State has done.*
- The ability to send a letter to HOA's asking for help with fees for residents.*

City Attorney Bajorek and Finance Director Maria Ostrom asked for consensus from Council regarding the use of oil and gas funds for the loan program with CEF. A budget amendment would have to be brought to Council in the future for approval through a budget hearing process.

Motion by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Cushing, to direct the Acting City Manager to appropriate funds from the 2020 Budget for the Loan Program with CEF. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Blackhurst, and Councilmember Jordinelli

City Attorney Bajorek and Finance Director Ostrom asked for consensus from Council regarding holding the water bills and having a longer cycle at a lower rate. All bills would be held for April and part of May and no bills would be due until June 1, 2020 at the earliest. Late fees would also be held. This would also allow staff to get information to the water customers regarding this process. Director Ostrom and Acting City Manager Falconburg answered questions from Council regarding:

- Holding the water bills until June.*
- The ability for citizens to apply for the water assistance program if their circumstances change.*
- The ability to send out a statement so customers could pay if they are able.*
- The ability for customers to view their bill online prior to receiving their bill.*
- The funds being withdrawn from accounts for those customers that have auto payment.*
- United Power having a program to help customers.*

Motion by Mayor Councilmember Humbert, seconded by Councilmember Watts, to support the delay of water bills and a lowering of the rate for water customers and support for a letter to HOA’s asking for compassion during this emergency. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Blackhurst, and Councilmember Jordinelli

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, seconded by Councilmember Watts, to adjourn at 4:43 p.m. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Johnston, Councilmember Cushing, Councilmember Humbert, Councilmember Pollack, and Councilmember Watts

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Blackhurst, and Councilmember Jordinelli



CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO



Gregory Mills, Mayor

ATTEST:



Natalie Hoel, City Clerk



Approval Date