

# City of Brighton

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



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

### **City Council**

**MAYOR - GREGORY MILLS  
MAYOR PRO TEM - PETER PADILLA  
COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
CHRIS FIEDLER, TOM GREEN,  
JAN PAWLOWSKI, JIM SNYDER,  
ANN TADDEO, LLOYD WORTH**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.*

### A. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

*Fire Chief Brycen Garrison led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.*

### B. Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Pawlowski, and Councilmember Snyder

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Worth

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Approval of the June 17, 2025, City Council Minutes

### B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPROVING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF BRIGHTON IN A COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE ADAMS COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER AND THE WELD COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-42

### C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPOINTING DANIEL SHERMAN AS A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO JANUARY 2028

Resolution No. 2025-43

**Motion by Councilmember Pawlowski, seconded by Councilmember Green, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Pawlowski, and Councilmember Snyder

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Worth

## 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

**Motion by Councilmember Pawlowski, seconded by Councilmember Fiedler, to approve the Regular Agenda as presented. Motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Pawlowski, and Councilmember Snyder

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Worth

#### **4. CEREMONIES**

##### **A. Swearing In of New Board and Commission Member**

*City Clerk Natalie Hoel swore in the new Board and Commission member.*

##### **B. Disability Pride Month Proclamation**

*Mayor Mills read the Proclamation into the record.*

##### **C. Introduction of the Growing Grads Young Entrepreneurs**

*Youth Services Intern Diane Kim introduced the participants in the Growing Grads Young Entrepreneurs program.*

##### **D. Recognition of the Brighton Youth Commission Graduates**

*Youth Services Manager Tawnya Russell introduced the graduating Youth Commission members.*

##### **E. Performance and Leadership Academy Graduation**

*The Budget and Performance Team introduced the Performance and Leadership Academy graduates.*

#### **5. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (Speakers limited to three minutes)**

*Tom Lampo prayed for the city.*

*Lori Morris expressed concern regarding transparency, ethics and conflicts of interest for City Council. Ms. Morris asked the city to release clarifying documents regarding how items are placed on the agenda and possible conflicts of interest.*

#### **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **7. ORDINANCES FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

##### **A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, CONCERNING THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE BRIGHTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, CONCERNING THE FORMATION OF SUCH AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO COLORADO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 AND STATUTORY REVENUE LIMITATIONS FOR SUCH AUTHORITY, DETERMINING ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE BRIGHTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD, AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS RELATED THERETO**

*Mayor Mills read the title of the Ordinance into the record.*

*Executive Director of the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority Aaron Herrera explained that the Urban Renewal Authority sunsets in 2027 and this Ordinance will place the formation of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on the ballot in November. Executive Director*

*Herrera introduced the PUMA representatives Brad Segal, Amanda Kannard and legal counsel Tom George.*

*Brad Segal with PUMA explained where the formation of the DDA is in the process. It is now moving from a planning process to the legal process that would form the DDA. Amanda Kannard explained that the Plan of Development document was informed by extensive community engagement. Ms. Kannard presented what is included in the Plan of Development, which is a menu of options for the things that the DDA can finance during its thirty-year lifetime. This includes a vision for downtown, guiding principles, and an action plan for the DDA. Mr. Segal explained that at the direction of City Council and to maintain the business focus of the DDA, multi-family properties within the boundary have been excluded. This Ordinance would place two questions on a ballot for electors within the boundaries of the DDA. The questions include asking if the DDA should be formed and should tax increment financing be collected in the future. This is not a tax increase, but it does allow future increases in revenue from both property and sales tax to be reinvested in the area. This is like what Urban Renewal has been able to do for the past twenty-three years. If the Ordinance is approved, there will be a campaign led by proponents of the DDA. There are approximately 600 electors within the boundaries of the DDA made up of residents, business owners with leases, and commercial property owners. If the vote passes in November, the DDA will become operational toward the end of the year and early next year. The DDA will be managed by a Board of Directors made up of five to eleven members appointed by City Council, and they must be stakeholders within the DDA area. One City Councilmember will serve on the DDA as required by Statute. When the Plan of Development is approved, that action will activate tax increment financing. The Plan of Development would be approved but not begin collecting new tax increment until the expiration of the Urban Renewal Authority. Sales tax increment may be able to be collected before that. Mr. Segal presented the qualifications of those who can vote and the next steps for the DDA process.*

*Zach Silver with Lizzies Axe Throwing expressed his support for the DDA.*

*Gary Dickinson with Main Street Creatives expressed his support for the DDA.*

*Nathaniel Miller with Big Choice Brewing expressed his support for the DDA.*

*Theresa Bowen with the Brighton Housing Authority asked that the Housing Authority clients be included in the boundaries of the DDA.*

*Nichole Moots with Dancer's Edge expressed her support for the DDA.*

*Wayne Scott expressed his support for the DDA.*

*Dave Rose with the Housing Authority expressed his support for the DDA but asked that the Housing Authority properties be included in the boundaries.*

*Fire Chief Brycen Garrison expressed concern regarding the impact on emergency services in the downtown area. Chief Garrison explained that the Fire District had a revenue sharing agreement with BURA and asked if this could also be done with the DDA.*

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, seconded by Councilmember Green, to approve the Ordinance. Motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Pawlowski, and Councilmember Snyder

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Worth

**8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**9. RESOLUTIONS**

**10. UTILITIES BUSINESS ITEMS**

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**12. REPORTS**

**A. By the Mayor**

*Mayor Mills attended the Full Moon Bike Ride, the Police Department Swearing In Ceremony, the Lutz Reservoir tour, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The City BBQ is Thursday.*

**B. By Department Directors**

**C. By the City Attorney**

**D. By the City Manager**

*City Manager Michael Martinez reported that the City BBQ is Thursday at 5:30 at Carmichael Park.*

**E. By City Council**

*Mayor Pro Tem Padilla attended the Brighton Housing Authority meeting.*

*Councilmember Fiedler attended the Lochbuie Sewer Board meeting.*

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, seconded by Councilmember Green, to go into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and Charter Section 5.4(C)(3) for matters of attorney-client privilege involving possible litigation. Motion passed by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Pawlowski, and Councilmember Snyder

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Taddeo, and Councilmember Worth

*Mayor Mills reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mayor Mills adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.*

**CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO**

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Gregory Mills, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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Approval Date