City of Brighton

500 S. 4th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601

Brighton

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

MAYOR - GREGORY MILLS
MAYOR PRO TEM - PETER PADILLA
COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MELINDA CARBAJAL, RHIANON COLLINS,
CHRIS FIEDLER, TOM GREEN, JIM SNYDER,
ANN TADDEO, LLOYD WORTH

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Councilmember Snyder led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

B. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Carbajal, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Taddeo

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the January 13, 2026, City Council Minutes

B. Approval of the January 20, 2026, City Council Minutes

C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AWARDING A MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT TO TIMBER WOLF EXCAVATING LLC FOR UTILITY REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE INITIAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS ($2,000,000), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Resolution No. 2026-10

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AWARDING A MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT TO C&L WATER SOLUTIONS FOR UTILITY REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE INITIAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS ($2,000,000), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Resolution No. 2026-11

E. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AWARDING A MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT TO AMERICAN WEST CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR UTILITY REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE INITIAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS ($2,000,000), AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

Resolution No. 2026-12

F. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, REAPPOINTING ANDREW SWORD AS A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT PLAN COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO JANUARY 2029

Resolution No. 2026-13

G. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, REAPPOINTING STEPHANIE OHM AS THE WARD 2 MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO JANUARY 2030**

Resolution No. 2026-14

H. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPOINTING GRACE SULLIVAN AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO JANUARY 2029**

Resolution No. 2026-15

I. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPOINTING ARIELLE GERSTEIN AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO JANUARY 2029**

Resolution No. 2026-16

J. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPOINTING DENNIS GIBBONS AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO JANUARY 2029**

Resolution No. 2026-17

K. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPOINTING WASIM JABED AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO JANUARY 2028**

Resolution No. 2026-18

L. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPOINTING ROMA RODRIGUEZ-ROCK AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO JANUARY 2028**

Resolution No. 2026-19

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Carbajal, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Taddeo

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Carbajal, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Taddeo

4. CEREMONIES

A. Swearing In of New Board and Commission Members

City Clerk Natalie Hoel swore in the new Board & Commission Members.

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE ON THE BRIGHTON LEGACY PATHWAY RECOGNIZING GILBERT PADILLA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE BRIGHTON COMMUNITY

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

Mayor Pro Tem Padilla recused himself from this item.

Parks & Recreation Director Travis Haines presented the petition to approve a plaque on the Brighton Legacy Pathway for Gilbert Padilla.

Motion by Councilmember Green, seconded by Councilmember Snyder, to approve Resolution 2026-20. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Mills, Councilmember Carbajal, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Taddeo

Recuse: 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Padilla

C. National Engineers Week Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tem Padilla read the Proclamation into the record.

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

Tom Lampo spoke during public comment.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. ORDINANCES FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE 2025 COLORADO WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE; AND SETTING FORTH AMENDMENTS THERETO

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

Chief Building Official Andy Ulmer explained that SB 25-142 mandated governing bodies to adopt the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code by April 1, 2026, because Brighton has spaces that overlap the state identified wildland urban interface areas. Chief Building Official Ulmer presented the specifics of the new code.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Carbajal, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

No: 1 - Councilmember Green

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Taddeo

B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, ADOPTING ARTICLE 2-28 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE BRIGHTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO AND 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 presented an overview of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the DDA boundaries, the board membership, the board bylaws and the budget.

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Carbajal, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Taddeo

8. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO AND THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO FOR THE US HIGHWAY 85 AND 120TH AVENUE PROJECT

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

Public Works Director Greg Labrie presented the details of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Commerce City regarding the 120th Avenue and Highway 85 project that will improve transportation along the corridor. Commerce City is receiving funds from a CRISI grant and the City of Brighton has agreed to contribute $2,117,000 toward the project as part of the total local match. This will be made as one payment on February 28, 2027.

Motion by Councilmember Fiedler, seconded by Councilmember Carbajal, to approve Resolution 2026-21. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Carbajal, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Taddeo

10. UTILITIES BUSINESS ITEMS

Ordinances

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AMENDING ARTICLE 15-16 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT GRAYWATER TREATMENT WORKS AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO NOTIFY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT OF SUCH PROHIBITION (FIRST READING)

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

Utilities Director Scott Olsen presented the Code amendment to prohibit Graywater treatment works in the city. The state has passed legislation that allows for graywater treatment and use. A local government must opt out of allowing graywater treatment and must notify the state of such official action. Permitting this treatment and use would require the city to develop, implement and maintain a local control program, which would require significant resources from the city. Staff has evaluated graywater treatment works as a potential water conservation tool and determined that its resources are better allocated to other water conservation measures. Staff recommends prohibiting graywater treatment works in the city.

Motion by Councilmember Fiedler, seconded by Councilmember Worth, to approve the Ordinance. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Carbajal, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Taddeo

Resolutions

B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST TO METRO WATER RECOVERY TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT SUCH REQUEST

Mayor Mills read the title of the Resolution into the record.

Utilities Director Scott Olsen explained that this Resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign and submit a request to Metro Water Recovery to determine if they can serve the remainder of the city that they do not currently serve for wastewater treatment. Brighton currently contracts with Metro Water Recovery and the Town of Lochbuie for wastewater services. The treatment plant for Lochbuie has met its maximum capacity and their sewer board has considered options for expansion. The City of Brighton has been considering some alternatives, which includes using the services of Metro Water Recovery for the entire city.

Councilmember Carbajal stepped away from the dais.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, seconded by Councilmember Green, to approve Resolution 2026-22. Motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Padilla, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fiedler, Councilmember Green, Councilmember Snyder, and Councilmember Worth

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Carbajal, and Councilmember Taddeo

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL POLICY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND AUTHORITIES

City Attorney Alicia Calderón and members of City Council discussed possible amendments to the policy.

Michelle Miller spoke during this item.

12. REPORTS

A. By the Mayor

Mayor Mills announced that the State of the City is next Wednesday, the Strategic Planning Session is next Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., and the Sister Cities Annual Dinner and Auction is February 28th.

B. By Department Directors

C. By the City Attorney

City Attorney Alicia Calderón explained that City Council will be adjourning the meeting tonight and a study session will then be opened to present study session items. This process is in line with the City Council Rules of Procedure Governing Meetings.

D. By the City Manager

City Manager Michael Martinez reported that there will be overnight closures on Sable Boulevard next week.

E. By City Council

Councilmember Carbajal attended the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Councilmember Worth attended the Youth Commission meeting, the Highway 7 Coalition meeting and the Garza Tax Service ribbon cutting. The SPEAK walk will take place on May 2nd.

Councilmember Green attended the Airport Coordinating Committee meeting and the E-470 meeting. The Almost Home Pickleball Tournament is February 22nd. The Swearing in Ceremony for Police Officers is February 18th, the Chamber Luncheon is February 19th, and the Chamber Gala is February 27th.

Mayor Pro Tem Padilla attended the Airport Coordinating Committee meeting and the Brighton Housing Authority annual meeting. The State Wrestling Tournament is this weekend.

Councilmember Fiedler announced that that Adams County Employment Fair is Friday and the Chamber Gala is February 27th at Bela Sera.

Councilmember Snyder attended the Youth Commission meeting.

Councilmember Collins attended the Capital Facility Fee Foundation meeting.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mills adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

Greg Mills

Gregory Mills, Mayor

ATTEST:

Natalie Hoel

Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

March 17, 2026

Approval Date