

Minutes
Fraser City Council – Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 10th, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Fraser City Council was conducted on the above date at the City Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Road, Fraser, County of Macomb, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Nichols and Council Members Blanke, Carnagie, Hemelberg, Lesich and Schornak
Absent: Member Foster
Also Present: Richard Haberman, City Manager
Kelly Dolland, City Clerk
Tim Tomlinson, City Attorney

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mayor Nichols called the Special meeting to order at **6:30pm**.

2. Approval of Agenda

Request to postpone item 8a, request Council approve the removal of the extra @2.00/unit on commercial businesses water bills for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
Conversation ensued regarding who requested this action and would like more information from the City Finance Department.

Mayor Nichols moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Carnagie, TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Mayor asked for a roll call vote:

Blanke - no	Lesich - no
Carnagie - no	Nichols -yes
Hemelberg –yes	Schornak – no

Mayor Nichols moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Carnagie, TO APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED.

Mayor Nichols called a roll call vote for the Closed Session Meeting, seconded by Acting Mayor Hemelberg.

Mayor asked for a roll call vote:

Blanke - yes	Lesich - yes
Carnagie - yes	Nichols -yes
Hemelberg –yes	Schornak – yes

3. Request Council Enter into Closed Session in accordance with Section 15.268 (8) (C) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act regarding the strategy for the City for upcoming collective bargaining negotiations.

OPENING PRAYER: Father Greg Rozborski from St. Pio

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Participation on Agenda Item - None

6. Presentations – None

7. Public Hearings:

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a. The City of Fraser will be allocating \$26,308 (tentative amount) in Community Development Block Grant funds FY 2016. The Proposed project is the Fraser Senior Center, Exterior Masonry Improvement project. The project consists of repair, tuck-point and repaint masonry retaining wall and adjacent building wall.

Mr. Haberman stated the actual project will be replacement of damaged, not repair.

Public Hearing opened at 7:32pm. ~ Public Hearing closed at 7:33pm.

Member Blanke spoke of CDBG eligible uses.

Mr. Haberman spoke of the eligible uses in the city.

Member Blanke moved, seconded by Mayor Nichols, TO ALLOW THE CITY OF FRASER TO ALLOCATE \$26,308 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR 2016. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS FOR FRASER SENIOR CENTER, EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF THE REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED SECTION OF EXTERIOR MASONRY RETAINING WALL AND ADJACENT BUILDING WALLS.

The motion carried unanimously

Mayor Nichols noted Councilmember Yvette Foster is absent from the meeting with an excused absence.

Councilmember Lesich moved, seconded by Councilmember Schornak to, EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER FOSTER FROM THE THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The motion carried unanimously

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 11, 2016.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 9, 2016.
- c. Approval of Bills for the month of January 2016 in the amount of \$2,146,333.96.
- d. Receive and file the minutes of November 2, 2015 meeting of the Historic Commission.
- e. Receive and file the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting of the Historic Commission.
- f. Receive and file the minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting of Planning Commission.
- g. Request Council approve the annual MDOT Performance Resolution for Government Agencies regarding permits for work within road right of ways.

Acting Mayor Hemelberg moved, seconded by Councilmember Blanke, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried unanimously

9. REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL ACTION –

a. Request Council approve the removal of the extra \$2.00/unit on commercial businesses water bills for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Mr. Haberman spoke of the \$2.00/unit charge on small business's monthly water bills in the City of Fraser.

Conversation ensued.

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Councilmember Lesich spoke of the 'RS' charge on the water bill. Councilmember Lesich stated he would spearhead a committee to address water rates and report to council.

Councilmember Lesich moved, seconded Mayor Pro-tem Carnagie, INLIEU OF REMOVING THE EXTRA \$2.00 PER UNIT MAKE THE MOTION TO FORM AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF UP TO THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS, A MEMBER OF CITY ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS THE WATER RATE STRUCTURE AND COST STRUCTURE.

Councilmember Schornak spoke of comments on social media regarding the water bill.

Resident Gary Placido shared his concerns.

The motion carried unanimously

Councilmember Lesich moved, seconded Mayor Pro-tem Carnagie, TO AMEND MOTION TO INCLUDE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM EACH COUNCILMEMBER WITH NO MORE THAN THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE AND ONE AT LARGE.

The motion carried unanimously

b) Request Council reappoint the following to the Planning Commission for terms running through December 31, 2018:

- I. Joanne Barr
- II. Nancy Ehrke
- III. Todd Quertermous

Mayor Nichols moved, seconded by Councilmember Schornak, TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Resident Robert Brannon commented on topic.

Resident Gary Placido commented on topic.

The motion carried unanimously

c) Request Council appoint James Chamberlin to the Historical Commission for a vacant position with term to expire June 30, 2018.

Acting Mayor Hemelberg moved, seconded by Councilmember Schornak, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES CHAMBERLIN TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

The motion carried unanimously

d) Request Council Appoint Councilmember Mike Lesich as delegate and Councilmember Yvette Foster as an alternate delegate to SEMCOG.

Councilmember Blanke moved, seconded by Mayor Nichols, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER LESICH AS DELEGATE AND COUNCILMEMBER FOSTER AS ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO SEMCOG.

The motion carried unanimously

e) Request Council authorizes the Administration to act on behalf of the city in joining MACRO and appoints the Mayor and the primary City representative and City Manager Rich Haberman as the alternate representative.

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Acting Mayor Hemelberg moved, seconded by Councilmember Blanke, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN JOINING MACRO AND APPOINT THE MAYOR AS THE PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE AND CITY MANAGER AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CITY.

The motion carried unanimously

f) Request Council adopt Healthmark resolution as amended to include the following:

“WHEREAS, it is here by determined that the property compromising not less than 50% of the state equalized evaluation of the property within the proposed plant rehabilitation district is obsolete.”

Mayor Nichols spoke of his meeting and tour of Healthmark Industries.

Mr. Haberman spoke of his tour of Healthmark Industries.

Acting Mayor Hemelberg moved, seconded by Councilmember Schornak, TO ADOPT HEALTHMARK RESOLUTION AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE: “WHEREAS, IT IS HERE BY DETERMINED THAT THE PROPERTY COMPROMISING NOT LESS THAN 50% OF THE STATE EQUALIZED EVALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE PROPOSED PLANT REHABILITATION DISTRICT IS OBSOLETE.”

The motion carried unanimously

g) Request Council adopt the following resolutions as recommended by the Assessor:

a. Update Compensation for Board of Review Members.

Mr. Haberman stated the commission member’s compensation will remain at \$15hr with a minimum of three (3) hour pay.

Councilmember Blanke moved, seconded by Mayor Nichols, TO UPDATE COMPENSATION OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS.

The motion carried unanimously

b. Allow Local Residents to Protest to the Board of Review in Writing.

Mr. Haberman stated this resolution will allow resident to protest in writing whereas previously must appear in person for the board of review.

Councilmember Schornak moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Carnagie, TO ALLOW LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PROTEST TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW IN WRITING.

The motion carried unanimously

a. Allow Updating of the Poverty Guidelines for Taxpayer Consideration at the Board of Review.

Acting Mayor Hemelberg moved, seconded by Mayor Nichols, TO UPDATE THE POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR TAXPAYER CONSIDERATION AT THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

The motion carried unanimously

h) Request Council approved local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for Good Shepherd Coalition per State Bureau of State Lottery regulations.

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Mr. Haberman stated Good Shepherd Coalition needs a resolution in order to qualify for the gaming licenses.

Resident Robert Brannon spoke of the Good Shepherd Coalition.

Acting Mayor Hemelberg moved, seconded by Councilmember Blanke, TO APPROVE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD COALITION PER STATE BUREAU OF STATE LOTTERY REGULATIONS.

The motion carried unanimously

i) Request Council discuss issues and concerns regarding single and multi-family rental units in the City of Fraser and the City's role in protecting the health and safety of occupants and prevention of blighted properties within our residential neighborhoods.

Councilmember Schornak spoke of the need of a Rental Ordinance, emphasis on protecting the renters in the City of Fraser.

Mr. Tomlinson stated in Roseville, MI program is titled 'Non-Owner Occupied Housing.'

Conversation ensued.

Mayor Pro-tem Carnegie stated he would like a full package.

Resident Gary Placido spoke on the topic.

Councilmember Schornak moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Carnegie, TO DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO PUT TOGETHER A PACKAGE ON NON-OWNER OCCUPIED ORDINANCE OF HOMES AND WITH ALL THE DOCUMENTATIONS NECESSARY TO MOVE IT FORWARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF COUNCIL REVIEW.

The motion carried unanimously

j) Request Council approve the new Letter of Engagement and Professional Services Agreement for Plante Moran as presented.

Mr. Haberman spoke of Plante Moran's Letter of Engagement for Council's approval.

Councilmember Blanke stated the cost will not exceed \$5,000 and questioned Plante Moran's hourly rate and travel expenses.

Resident Gary Laine spoke on the topic.

Mayor Nichols moved, seconded by Councilmember Lesich, TO APPROVE THE NEW LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PLANTE MORAN AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried unanimously

k) Request Council approve a budget amendment for the City Council Budget line item 101-101-862.000 Conferences and Workshops.

Councilmember Schornak spoke at length on the topic.

Mr. Haberman stated of the cost of training three (3) new council members.

Conversation ensued.

Resident Anna Cameron spoke on the topic.

Resident Janet Calabrese spoke on the topic.

Councilmember Lesich moved, seconded by Acting Mayor Hemelberg, TO REQUEST COUNCIL TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET LINE ITEM 101-101-862.000

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CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS, and TO INCLUDE COUNCILMEMBER LESICH AMENDMENT TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM 101-101-900.000 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3000.

Mayor asked for a roll call vote:

Blanke - no	Lesich - yes
Carnegie - no	Nichols -yes
Hemelberg –yes	Schornak – no

Motion fails

10. REPORT OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATION/PENDING ITEMS

Mr. Haberman spoke of the Local Compensation Commission, spoke of the city contracts and security cameras for McKinley Park only.

Mayor Pro-tem Carnegie asked if drug forfeiture money would be available.

Mayor Nichols stated money should come from public safety.

Councilmember Lesich asked administration to move forward with the spending.

11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL/NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Lesich, spoke of the Daddy Daughter Dance, Fraser High School has a Jack & Jill closet of Suits and Prom dresses. AT&T Government channel is on its way, and the Art in the Garden event.

Councilmember Blanke, spoke of E-Commerce in Public Safety parking lot.

Acting Mayor Hemelberg, spoke of Consumer Energy Bills, DARE supplies bill, Vintage House St. Patrick's Day event.

Councilmember Schornak, spoke of Baumgartner sale, and VFW Fish Fry and Chili Cook off.

Mayor Pro-tem Carnegie, stated office Tim Westphal will retire from Public Safety. The Easter Egg Hunt is this weekend. And spoke of Dave Sutton.

Mayor Nichols thanked Father Greg Rozborski from St. Pio, Water Drive, thanked Officer Tim Westphal and the March 8th, 2016 Presidential Primary election workers.

12. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Resident Anna Cameron spoke of Ram's Horn fundraiser.

Resident Laura Lesich commented on the budget.

Resident Gary Placido commented on the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nichols moved, seconded by Councilmember Lesich, to ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10th, 2016 AT 12:19 A.M.

The motion unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dolland, City Clerk

Joe Nichols, Mayor

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