

Fraser City Council - Regular Meeting
Thursday – May 10, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building

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 Hagerty and Council Members Accavitti, Blanke, Carnagie,
Cilluffo, Jennings and Morelli
Absent: None
Also Present: Richard E. Haberman, City Manager
Kathy Kacanowski, City Clerk
Jack Dolan, City Attorney

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Mayor Hagerty called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**

Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Mayor Hagerty, to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

A roll call vote was taken:

Accavitti - yes	Hagerty - yes
Blanke - no	Jennings - no
Carnagie - yes	Morelli - no
Cilluffo - no	

The motion failed.

Member Blanke moved, seconded by Member Jennings, to AMEND THE AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER ALL MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF TITLE(S) WOULD BE ALLOWED FIVE MINUTES TO SPEAK AND EXPLAIN THEIR CONCERNS AND OPINION WITHIN THE PUBLIC HEARING SECTION OF THE AGENDA RELATIVE TO THE BUDGET OF 2012-2013. ALL OF THE COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN FIRST, PRIOR TO ANY INFORMATION THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PREPARED. IN ADDITION, REMOVE ITEM 7g REGARDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND TABLE IT.

Suggestion was made to separate request into two motions. Member Blanke and Member Jennings agreed to the amendment.

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The motion carried 6-1
with one no vote by Mayor Hagerty.

Member Blanke moved, seconded by Member Jennings, to REMOVE ITEM 7g REGARDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND TABLE IT.

The motion carried with two (2) no votes
by Mayor Hagerty and Member Accavitti

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4. Citizen Participation on Agenda Items

5. Presentations

a) Fraser First Booster Club President, Vania Apps, acknowledged Sandy Caloia and the Dairy Maid as business supporter of the Month and students that will be doing the art for “Art in the Garden”.

b) Mayor Hagerty and Member Blanke presented a City Council Proclamation recognizing and celebrating the 50th Anniversary for Rick Foster and Family as a business owner in Fraser since May 12, 1962.

6. Public Hearings

Public Hearing and adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget. Mayor Hagerty requested Officer Jason Poole attend the meeting as timekeeper for the opening statements by Council.

Mayor Hagerty opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Member Accavitti inquired whether City Manager is more confident in the budget now and it was affirmative. Member Accavitti is in favor of hiring a replacement DPW employee and full time Recreation Director. He is opposed to a 3.75 millage increase but a 1 or 2% increase may be acceptable.

Member Blanke opposes a 3.75 increase and feels the slight increase approximately six years ago was not spent wisely.

Member Carnagie suggested we begin planning for the future. His opinion is to put together a business plan and educate residents at a town hall meeting of what they will receive in services if a 3.75 increase is suggested next year.

Member Cilluffo agrees with Member Carnagie’s statements.

Mayor Hagerty explained his suggestion for a 3.75 mil increase is a five year plan. He is looking for sustainability and wants to move forward immediately with the boundless park.

Member Jennings noted that the Administration has more confidence in the presented budget due to some one time revenues and that Fraser has always worked on one year budget. She stated she was not downgrading the past manager on his long range plan but that they were simply estimates. She is confident Administration will find more solutions in the future and that a tax increase is not needed this year; perhaps ½ mil next year.

Member Morelli stated he has not spoken to any resident that is in favor of an increase. He is concerned that businesses may be losing their personal property exemptions and is not in favor of an increase at this time.

Manager Haberman referred to handouts presented at the meeting, which provide a 5 year budget forecast comparing no tax increase, 1 mil, 2 mil and 3.75 mil tax increase, as well as the adjustments to the proposed budget.

Officer Poole was dismissed from the meeting at 8:11pm.

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The following residents spoke regarding this topic:

Joe DiStefano, 32102 DiStefano Ct.
Angela Bennett, 34275 Utica Rd.
Juanita Parker, 16442 Clarkson
Terry Pacholski, 34058 Klein
Gil Harris, 15863 Kingston
Jodi Horan, Plaza East
Kristyn Jones, 31266 Cyril

Council further discussed the proposed budget.

At this time, 9:00pm, Mayor Hagerty requested a break while the video tape was being changed. The meeting resumed at 9:07pm.

Mayor Hagerty moved to approve the budget with a 3.75 millage increase. He included stipulations to this motion but with no support the motion failed.

Member Jennings noted the boundless park is being built with no tax money so the taxes should not be raised for this purpose. In addition, she does not agree with changing the Recreation Director to a full time status to assist with promoting the boundless park. She agreed with the resident's suggestion for a forensic audit and would like to discuss the Bond at the next meeting as she has several questions and it does not pertain to the budget.

Mayor Hagerty closed the public hearing at 9:28p.m.

Member Jennings moved, seconded by Member Morelli, to APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

The motion carried with two (2) no votes
by Mayor Hagerty and Member Accavitti

7. Consent Agenda

Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS AMENDED.

- a. Approval of Minutes of the April 12, 2012 Regular Council meeting.
- b. Approval of Bills for the Month of April 2012 in the amount of \$809,403.41.
- c. Receive and file the Minutes of the March 12, 2012 Library Board meeting.
- d. Receive and file the Minutes of the February 15, 2012 Planning Commission meeting.
- e. Receive and file the Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- f. Receive and file the Minutes of the February 2, 2012 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.
- g. Removed and tabled.
- h. Reappointment of Lynn Evans-Rottman to the Parks and Recreation Commission with term to expire December 31, 2013.
- i. Appointment of Linda Stonebreaker and Chris Meller to the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms to expire December 31, 2014.
- j. Reappointment of Shannon McCalley as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Commission with term to expire at Council's choosing.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Meller, 18025 Breezeway, thanked Council for his appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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8. Requests For Council Action

- a. Request Council approves the amended Fee Schedule for the City of Fraser effective July 1, 2012.**

Gloria Buffa, 31186 Elodie, spoke briefly.

Member Jennings moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, TO APPROVE THE AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF FRASER EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Request Council authorizes the Administration to sign the contract with Wolverine Fireworks for the annual City Picnic fireworks display.**

Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Member Morelli, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH WOLVERINE FIREWORKS FOR THE ANNUAL CITY PICNIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Report of City Administration/Pending Items

Manager Haberman advised Council of some condo issues. Finance Director, Tim McCulloch provided an update on the bank reconciliation and audit for accounts.

10. Report of Mayor and City Council/New Business

Mayor and Council discussed various topics. Mayor Hagerty invited his wife, Karen, to speak briefly regarding the music program at the schools.

11. Citizen Participation

The following residents spoke on various topics:

Michael Lesich, 15201 Fairview

Joe DiStefano, 32102 DiStefano Ct.

Jodi Horan, Plaza East

12. Request Council Enter Into Closed Session Pursuant to 15.268 (c) of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976 as Amended, to Discuss and Provide Direction to the Administration Regarding Ongoing Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

Member Morelli moved, seconded by Member Jennings, to ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING ONGOING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS.

A roll call vote was taken to enter into closed session at 10:28 p.m.:

Accavitti - yes

Hagerty - yes

Blanke - yes

Jennings - yes

Carnagie - yes

Morelli - yes

Cilluffo - yes

The motion carried unanimously.

At this time, 11:38 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

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Mayor Hagerty moved, seconded by Member Morelli, TO RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF THREE TEAMSTER CONTRACTS FOR ONE YEAR, FROM JULY 1, 2011 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012, AND APPROVE A SIGNING BONUS OF \$500 FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND \$250 FOR PART TIME EMPLOYEES.

The motion carried with one no vote
by Member Jennings.

13. Adjournment

Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, to ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012 AT 11:39 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kacanowski, City Clerk

Doug Hagerty, Mayor

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