

Fraser City Council - Special Meeting
Tuesday – April 16, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building

A Special 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 special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced Attorney Dolan was on his way.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Discussion of Proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget**

Manager Haberman provided an overview of the proposed 2013-2014 budget with alternative options. There is an \$830,000 shortfall and he no longer anticipates any one time revenues.

Council discussed how they would review the proposed budget and Attorney Dolan arrived at 7:10pm.

Member Jennings stated she would like to balance the budget with revenues and no tax increase. Member Carnagie agreed with this position. Mayor Hagerty noted the budget is Council's greatest responsibility and should be considered a policy document. He would like to rate each budget as tier 1 or 2. All budgets are tier 1 unless otherwise noted.

City Council

Member Carnagie stated Publications are high and suggested contacting local newspapers to reduce size of ads to save cost.

Member Accavitti is concerned with Conference and Workshop costs. Discussion ensued with suggestions to prepare a policy regarding attendance at conferences or paying on your own.

Member Blanke suggested eliminating the Focus on Fraser; however, Member Jennings does not agree.

Council voted 4-3 (Cilluffo, Jennings & Morelli) to cut 20-25% of City Council budget.

39th District Court

There was some discussion on rental agreement costs and it was noted decreasing revenues are occurring in many communities. At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

City Manager

Conferences line item was discussed and Council requested a 2-2.5% cut in this budget.

Assessing

At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

Legal

At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

Clerk

At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

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Finance

Tim McCulloch spoke regarding the budget. At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

City Hall

Suggestion was made to check on long distance bills. At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

Activity Center

Brief discussion on usage of outdoor lights and Member Blanke suggested additional/alternative use of facility, such as adding a beauty shop. Manager Haberman noted the facility has an emergency generator and can be used as a warming/cooling center. At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

Baumgartner

At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

Library Building

At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

DPW Building

At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

Public Safety, Ambulance, Drug Forfeiture, Emergency Management

George Rouhib spoke regarding the budget. At the consensus of Council, these budgets were tentatively approved.

At this time, 8:50 p.m., Mayor Hagerty requested a break. The meeting resumed at 8:58 p.m.

Building, Zoning Board of Appeals

At the consensus of Council, these budgets were tentatively approved.

Department of Public Works

Bernard VanFleteren spoke regarding the budget. Member Jennings stated a committee of three council members (Accavitti, Blanke and Jennings) worked to discuss DPW staffing needs. Her recommendation is to immediately hire a part time year round supervisor at a rate of \$35,000. She further suggested a review after six months.

Member Blanke asked Superintendent VanFleteren what he feels is needed at the DPW and he prefers a full time laborer.

Member Accavitti stated that although the number of employees has significantly been reduced and the city did not get any smaller, he does not know where the money will come from to hire a full time laborer.

Council requested \$36,250 be added to this budget.

Street Lighting, Parks Maintenance, Senior Housing

At the consensus of Council, these budgets were tentatively approved.

Recreation, Senior Activity Center

Christina Woods spoke regarding the budget. At the consensus of Council, these budgets were tentatively approved. Budget/Department rated as tier 2.

Library

Jean Slivka spoke regarding the budget. At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved. Budget/Department rated as tier 2.

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Historical Commission

At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

Planning

At the consensus of Council, this budget was tentatively approved.

Other

Streets, Rubbish, Economic Development Authority, General Debt Service, Lease Payments, Senior Housing Debt Service, Downtown Development Authority, Motor Equipment, Retiree Healthcare

Manager Haberman explained an 11% savings is possible on the retiree health care if there are nominal changes for pre-65 retirees.

At the consensus of Council, these budgets were tentatively approved.

Mayor Hagerty requested suggestions from Council on revenues.

Member Jennings suggested a 1 mil increase in taxes. She explained that the average household value will likely be reduced this year by \$50 and with a 1 mil increase being approximately \$50, this should not be a burden to the taxpayers.

Mayor Hagerty requested a 3 year plan and would like to discuss revenues at the next meeting. Council decided to discuss this at the regular council meeting in May.

4. Citizen Participation - none

5. Adjournment

Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, to ADJOURN THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013 AT 11:09 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kacanowski, City Clerk

Doug Hagerty, Mayor

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