

Minutes
Fraser City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 20th, 2017 @ 6pm

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 Nichols and Council Members Blanke, Carnagie, Foster, Hemelberg, Lesich and Schornak

Absent:

Also Present: D. Wayne O'Neal, City Manager
Kelly Dolland, City Clerk
Jack Dolan, City Attorney

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mayor Nichols called the special meeting to order at 6:02pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Member CARNAGIE moved, second by MAYOR NICHOLS, TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried 6-0

4. Citizen Participation:

Resident Gil Harris spoke

Resident Bob Fannon spoke

Member Foster arrive meeting: 6:15pm

Resident Veronica Van Derford spoke

Resident Madeline Van Derford spoke

Resident Marie Cilluffo spoke

Resident Gary Niedojadlo spoke

Resident Linda Stonebreaker spoke

Resident Carl Hofman spoke

Resident Mark Osborne spoke

Business owner of 34195 Riviera spoke

Resident Michelle Casey spoke

Resident Harry Hodgson spoke

Resident Roy Malone spoke

Resident Vince Calabrese spoke

Resident Sue Wheeland spoke

Clinton Twp. resident spoke

Business owner Ken Immler spoke

Resident Arger Cecil spoke

Resident Mary Vodak spoke

Resident Linda Winkleman Buckman spoke

Resident Todd Fenner spoke

Resident Al Ackerman spoke

Business owner of 33946 Doreka spoke

Fraser Volunteer Fire Fighters spoke

Resident Dave Winowiecki spoke

Resident Lisa Gattler spoke

Resident Tony Shereda spoke

Resident Sherry Stein spoke

Business owner of 31031 Kelly Rd spoke

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Michigan Tax Payer Alliance representative Leon Drolet spoke

Michigan Tax Payer Alliance representative Simon Hadid spoke

Resident Kevin Rice spoke

Resident Diane Backers spoke

Resident William Pretto spoke

Resident Mike Zrepskey spoke

Senior Housing resident spoke

Resident Amy Baranski spoke

Resident Sarah Kelly spoke

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Resident Richard Waters spoke
Resident Gary Placido spoke
Resident Arnold Olson spoke
Resident Donna Reiner spoke
Resident Frank Martin spoke
Resident Michelle Bissell spoke
Resident Joann Barr spoke
Resident Tom McCoy spoke
Resident Dana Freers spoke

Mayor Nichols called for recess: 8:28pm
Meeting resumed 8:48pm

Resident Nancy Berube spoke
Resident Brendan Fraser spoke
Resident Vania Apps spoke
Public Safety Director George Rouhib spoke

5. REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL ACTION –

1. Review Amended 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget without PA 33 of 1951 Revenues.

City Manager Wayne O'Neal spoke of the 1.6mil that was spoke for in the 2017-2018 budget. The 1.6 mil is allocated to the library and trash. Mr. O'Neal also spoke of the unfunded pension cost. Director Woods spoke of the Recreation/Senior Center; grant, revenue, rental and revenue loss, simply stated it costs \$131,000 annually to run the center. Mr. O'Neal stated we are here to present a balanced budget to the state. Conversation ensued regarding PA33. Member Blanke asked if a public hearing would be held every year for the passing of PA33, ~ yes. Mr. O'Neal spoke of the \$54 million of unfunded accrued liability, the city of Fraser is 56% funded in our pension fund. He also commented the city can save \$700,000 if they were to eliminate all department heads. Member Carnagie asked about the city fund balance. Mr. O'Neal suggested 10% is the bottom end, 15% is good, the city of Fraser wants to maintain a 15% fund balance. Member Foster suggested to begin ballot language for November, restructure Public Safety and outsource city departments to meet budget cuts. Member Schornak suggested to pass PA33 today and put on ballot in November. Mayor Nichols spoke of the failed proposal in November 2016. Member Carnagie shared the property tax bill today and ten years ago, today the bill is less. Mayor Nichols stated he will vote no on PA 33.

Public to be Heard:

Resident Carl Haus spoke
Resident Henry Ball spoke
Resident Julia Williams spoke
Resident on Woody spoke
Resident Renee Paoletti spoke
Resident Kent Stonebreaker spoke

Member SCHORNAK moved, second by Mayor NICHOLS, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE AMENDED 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WITHOUT PA33 OF 1951 REVENUES.

The motion carried 7-0

2. Approve Resolution to Establish a Police Special Assessment District and to Levy an Assessment to Defray the Costs Necessary to Continue Police and Fire Protection, PA 33 of 1951.

Conversation ensued.

Member CARNAGIE moved, second by Member LESICH, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A POLICE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT TO DEFRAY THE COSTS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, PA 33 OF 1951.

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Roll call vote:
Blanke yes
Carnegie yes
Foster no
Hemelberg no
Lesich yes
Nichols no
Schornak yes

Motion fails 4-3

3. Request Council Approve Amendments to the 2017-2018 Approved Budget to Comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act 2 of 1968.

Conversation ensued with Attorney Dolan.

Member Foster stated she will vote no because she believes the Senior / Activity Center can be saved, there is room in the budget, we can outsource a department for \$73,000.

Attorney Dolan spoke of millage vote last November 2016.

Mayor NICHOLS moved, second by Member HEMELBERG, TO APPROVE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017-2018 APPROVED BUDGET TO INCLUDE \$456,000 FROM FUND BALANCE TO COMPLY WITH THE UNIFORM BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING ACT OF ACT 2 OF 1968.

Roll call vote:
Blanke no
Carnegie no
Foster no
Hemelberg yes
Lesich no
Nichols yes
Schornak no

Motion fails 5-2

6. APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FROM MR. THOMAS.

Member LESICH moved, second by Member CARNAGIE, TO TABLE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FROM MR. THOMAS FLEURY.

The motion carried 6-0

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Resident Paul Cilluffo spoke
Resident Gil Harris spoke

Member Blanke excused from meeting 11:28pm

Resident Amy Baranski spoke
Resident Amelia Shereda spoke
Recreation Director Christina Woods spoke
Resident Sue Wheeland spoke.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Member LESICH moved, seconded by Mayor NICHOLS, TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 20th, 2017 @ 11:41PM.

The motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dolland, City Clerk

Joe Nichols, Mayor