

**MINUTES
FRASER CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING - (VIRTUAL)
MARCH 4, 2021**

Special Virtual meeting of the Fraser City Council was conducted on March 4, 2021 at the City Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Rd., Fraser, in the County of Macomb, Michigan.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Carnagie called the Special Virtual Meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBER AMY BARANSKI	FRASER, MI
COUNCIL MEMBER KATHY BLANKE	FRASER, MI
MAYOR MICHAEL CARNAGIE	FRASER, MI
COUNCIL MEMBER SUZANNE KALKA	FRASER, MI
COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL LESICH	FRASER, MI
COUNCIL MEMBER PATRICE SCHORNAK	FRASER, MI
COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID WINOWIECKI	FRASER, MI

ABSENT:

NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

MARC THOMPSON, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
MICHAEL PETTYES, INTERIM PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR
CHELSEA ZELMANSKI, ACTING CITY CLERK
DONALD DENAULT, CITY ATTORNEY
DAVID BISBY, LIEUTENANT
ERIC MYERS, SERGEANT
ED HORN, AV SPECIALIST
CHERIE BARTRAM, SERESA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MIKE VIGNERON, AEW SENIOR PROJECT ENGINEER
TONY LEESE, SERESA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER WINOWIECKI**; to amend the agenda by adding items VII; Discussion Regarding Appointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission and VIII; Allowing council to go into a closed door session regarding labor negotiations.

MEMBER ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	NO
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion failed 6-1

MEMBER LESICH

Asked for clarification on the purpose of the addition of agenda item VIII. Closed Door Labor Negotiations and which union contract was to be discussed. Stated that he was unaware of the addition before the council meeting. Asked if there was a negotiation taking place or if this was a result of the arbitration. Also asked which collective bargaining agreement was going to be discussed.

AMY BARANSKI

Stated that the closed session was to be continued from the previous council meeting. Also that the purpose of the motion was to allow for an update on the negotiations.

DON DENAULT

Stated that if not all members present voted yes the motion would fail. It was also stated that the motion could be adjusted to separate the two items to be added.

MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER WINOWIECKI**; to amend the agenda by adding item VII. Discussion regarding appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

MEMBER ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

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MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER WINOWIECKI**; to approve the agenda as amended.

MEMBER ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion passed 7-0

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

NONE

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. South East Regional Emergency Services Authority (SERESA)
 - Presented by Cherie Bartram, SERESA Executive Director

The presentation introduced information regarding the City staying a contract entity or becoming a member of SERESA. Conversation between Public Safety Director Pettyes, SERESA Executive Director Cherie Bartram, and Members of Council ensued. A decision will potentially be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 11, 2021.

2. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - Presented by Mike Vigneron, AEW Senior Project Engineering

The Draft Capital Improvement Plan Presentation outlined important details for projects that are anticipated to take place throughout the City over the next 5 years. These projects involve sewers, roads, and water distribution systems.

VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEMBER BARANSKI

Attended the March Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. During the meeting it was discussed that Parks and Recreation document rules state a member of the Council shall serve as an ex-officio member on the Parks and Recreation Commission. This has not been done and this position should be reinstated by appointment of a council member by council. The Charter also calls for the Superintendent of the Schools, as well as a member of the Planning Commission to be involved in the meetings. A member from the Planning Commission would be determined after individuals are contacted and interest is expressed.

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MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER BLANKE**; to appoint Council Member Winowiecki as an ex-officio member to the Parks and Recreation Commission pursuant to the City's Charter.

MEMBER ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion passed 7-0

MEMBER LESICH

Also attended the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Clarified that over the years there have been members of council appointed to the Commission. Commented that the absence of liaisons could be due to the advancements in technology since the 1950's allowing individuals to communicate more effectively.

MEMBER SCHORNAK

Stated that the Council should revisit the portion of the Charter that mentions the involvement of the Superintendent of the schools and possibly reach out to the schools to see if they are interested in becoming an ex-officio member of the commission.

MEMBER KALKA

Stated that by appointing a council member, the council and commission could communicate more efficiently.

MAYOR CARNAGIE

Stated that he and Marc Thompson had a meeting with some members from the Recreation Commission and Farmer's Market. Commented that there is a lot of miscommunication between the groups and to resolve that matter, has invited those members to come speak at council meetings to give updates.

MEMBER BLANKE

Addressed the City Manager and Mayor Carnagie stating that about twenty years ago, the school board would meet with members of council to communicate. Recommended that council could potentially revive this type of gathering.

DON DENAULT

Pointed out that the Parks and Recreation has a document titled, "Bylaws", that does not mention ex-officio members. The Parks and Recreation ordinance from 1968 establishes the ex-officio positions. The bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Commission indicates that the agenda for their meetings shall be sent to the City Manager, City Attorney, City Council, Recording Secretary, and all appropriate department heads.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER WINOWIECKI**; to adjourn the meeting at 9:28PM.

The motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Leven, Acting City Clerk

Michael Carnagie, Mayor