

**MINUTES
FRASER CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING - (VIRTUAL)
APRIL 15, 2021**

Special Virtual meeting of the Fraser City Council was conducted on April 15, 2021, at the City Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Rd., Fraser, in the County of Macomb, Michigan.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Carnegie called the Special Virtual Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Amy Baranski, Council Member (remotely from Fraser, MI)
Michael Carnegie, Mayor (remotely from City Hall)
Suzanne Kalka, Council Member (remotely from Fraser, MI)
Michael Lesich, Council Member (remotely from Fraser, MI)
Patrice Schornak, Council Member (remotely from Fraser, MI)
David Winowiecki, Mayor Pro Tem (remotely from Fraser, MI)

ABSENT:

Kathy Blanke, Council Member

ALSO, PRESENT:

Marc Thompson, Interim City Manager
Donald DeNault, City Attorney
Vincent Neyland, Finance Director
Michael Pettyes, Interim Public Safety Director
Mary Matuz, Office Clerk
Ed Horn, AV Specialist

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Kalka, second by Carnegie, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes – Kalka, Carnegie, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki, Baranski
Nays – None

Motion carried.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Carnegie stated that no participants are visible in the virtual waiting room. He stated the agenda will be amended to move the Public Hearing on the budget to be held on May 13.

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VI. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION by Carnagie, second by Kalka, to set date for item # 1 - Property Taxes and 2021-2022 Budget and item # 2 - 2021-2022 Police & Fire Special Assessments for May 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes – Carnagie, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki, Baranski
Nays – None

Motion carried.

VII. DISCUSSION OF FY 2021-2022 BUDGET

1. Increasing Property Taxes and 2021-2022 Budget
2. 2021-2022 Police & Fire Special Assessments

Mr. Neyland introduced himself as the new Finance Director and Assistant City Manager City of Fraser. He began employment approximately one month ago.

Mr. John Walters, Acting Interim Finance Director City of Fraser, advised that the budget was created with input from Mr. Neyland and Mr. Thompson. He spoke with several department heads, incorporating their needs in this budget. His presentation was high level and focused on the General Fund.

Mr. Walters believes the City should receive between \$1 million and \$2 million in grant funding the next two fiscal years. Additionally, Mr. Walters created a new fund, Capital Projects Fund.

Ms. Schornak asked if the Fire Department equipment could come from non-general fund accounts. Mr. Walters thought that it probably could. Ms. Schornak believes that is the way it should occur.

Ms. Kalka inquired about the Kelly Rd. project. It is important to address now because Kelly Rd. is not on the Capital Projects Fund. Ms. Baranski inquired if it would come from roads as opposed to capital. Mr. Walters stated that none of the road projects are included on the schedule because they would be Capital items in fund 202 or 203.

Ms. Kalka discussed Public Act 33 and its ramifications. Ms. Baranski echoed Ms. Kalka's opinions related to Public Act 33.

Mr. Lesich discussed administrative fees. He believes administrative fees are higher than they have historically been.

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Mr. Thompson discussed the budget and its purposes. He believes it is a planning document. In one year, the budget will be much better. Mr. Thompson advised that Council look carefully about the long-term implications of reducing revenue sources.

VIII. REVIEW ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ADOPT FY 221-2022 BUDGET

Mr. Lesich asked Mr. Walters questions related to commodity and fixed rates. Discussion related to a Plante Moran study from several years ago occurred.

IX. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Carnegie opened the meeting to public comments. No members of the public spoke.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Winowiecki, second by Kalka, to adjourn the Special City Council Virtual Meeting of April 15, 2021, at 8:27 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes – Winowiecki, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki, Baranski, Carnegie
Nays – None

Motion carried.

Elaine Leven, City Clerk

Michael Carnegie, Mayor