



City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

CITY MANAGER
Elaine Leven

MAYOR
Michael Carnegie

MAYOR PRO-TEM
David Winowiecki

COUNCIL
Amy Baranski
Kathy Blanke
Suzanne Kalka
Michael Lesich
Patrice M. Schornak

MINUTES FRASER CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING (VIRTUAL) THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021 @ 6:30PM

Special virtual meeting of the Fraser City Council, conducted on April 29, 2021 at the City Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Rd., Fraser, in the County of Macomb, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carnegie called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Amy Baranski, Council Member (remotely from Fraser, MI)
Kathy Blanke, Council Member (remotely from City Hall)
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 City Hall)
David Winowiecki, Council Member (remotely from Fraser, MI)

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Marc Thompson, Interim City Manager
Donald DeNault, City Attorney
David Bisby, Lieutenant
Ed Horn, AV Specialist
Amy Cell, Human Resources Director
Mary Matuz, Office Clerk
Mark Ragsdale, DPW Director

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Lesich, second by Winowiecki, to approve the agenda, as submitted.

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

Motion carried.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

MAYOR CARNAGIE: no participants visible in virtual waiting rooms

VI. REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. City Clerk Discussion

Ms. Cell stated that at the previous meeting she was directed to enter into negotiations with Mr. Brudzyinski. The negotiation now requires additional clarification. She requests that additional clarification from Council.

MOTION by Winowiecki, second by Baranski, to cease contract negotiations with Mason Brudzyinski and proceed with negotiations with Brian Fairbrother, under the direction of Ms. Amy Cell.

Roll Call: Ayes - Baranski, Blanke, Kalka, Schornak, Winowiecki
Nays – Carnagie, Lesich

Motion carried.

2. Proposed Park Renovation Update

Marc Thompson, Interim City Manager stated that on April 8, 2021, he received direction from Council to begin to improve three parks. According to Marc Thompson, Mark Ragsdale, Department of Public Works Superintendent went to work immediately. Marc Ragsdale met with multiple companies who could potentially perform the work.

Marc Thompson stated that the budget of \$370,000 must be increased to \$450,000 if the Council wishes to have all of their demands met.

Midstate Recreation believes they can commence the project at the beginning of June 2021.

Member Carnagie inquired if the same contractor would install the equipment at each of the parks. Mr. Brian Capella, Midstate Recreation Inc., stated that it would be the same crew of installers' at all three parks. Mr. Capella would provide an inspection form upon completion of the project. A two-year labor guarantee is included with the cost.

Mark Ragsdale stated that none of the new play structures would be visible from residential homes. Total for the equipment will be approximately \$448,000

Mr. Capella explained the warranty to Council.

Member Kalka inquired about the Meadows Park sand volleyball course. She recalled this area flooding and sinking. Mr. Capella suggested his company build the area up prior to the install of equipment. She would like to maximize the longevity of the parks.

Discussion occurred among Council over alligator heads and fake coyote statues to help deter geese in the park.

Member Baranski discussed park pavilions, swing set requirements, and color patterns of the playgrounds.

Marc Thompson mentioned that this item is not in the current fiscal year budget. Vince Neyland, Finance Director stated that \$230,000 was set aside for this fiscal year for another purpose. He needs direction as to what budget the funds for this project should be drawn from.

Member Schornak requested Member Blanke to amend her motion to state that the funds for the parks will be taken from the general ledger.

Marc Ragsdale, Department Public Works Superintendent wanted clarification as to the motion.

Member Baranski inquired if this would include the coiled spring toys. She also wanted to verify the motion included changing the color scheme at Boris. Member Blanke stated the color scheme would be changed to purple.

MOTION by Blanke, second by Baranski, to accept the proposal for Harrington, Boris, and Meadows parks not to exceed the amount of \$440,000. This would include removing the pavilion. The funds exceeding the budgeted allotment will come from the General Fund. The color scheme at Boris Park would be bright and vibrant and the color scheme at Meadows Park would be purple and beige.

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

Motion carried.

3. City Manager Application Review

Ms. Cell provided details of nine applications for City Manager. Ms. Cell conducted a straw poll of candidates by candidate number.

The following candidates received the corresponding informal votes from Council

- Candidate 1 (seven votes)
- Candidate 2 (zero votes)
- Candidate 3 (four votes)
- Candidate 4 (four votes)
- Candidate 5 (seven votes)
- Candidate 6 (two votes)
- Candidate 7 (zero votes)
- Candidate 8 (one vote)
- Candidate 9 (one vote)

Council determined that candidate numbers 1, 3, 4, and 5 would move forward in the process. The Council agreed that interviews would be held on Thursday, May 6 at 4 p.m.

MOTION by Lesich, second by Kalka, to direct Ms. Amy Cell to set up interviews with candidate numbers 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Roll Call: Ayes – Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

Nays – None

Motion carried.

VII. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

VIII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

MAYOR CARNAGIE: no participants visible in virtual waiting rooms

IX. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Carnagie, second by Kalka, to recess into closed session to consult with City's legal counsel regarding Trail or Settlement Strategy in connection with Macomb County Circuit Court Case 2019-002843-cd at 8:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes - Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

Nays – None

Motion carried.

Mayor Carnagie called the meeting back to order at 9:05 p.m.

- 1. To consult with City's legal Counsel regarding Trial or Settlement Strategy in connection with Macomb County Circuit Court Case 2019-002843-cd.**

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Winowiecki, second by Lesich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Elaine Leven, Acting City Clerk

Michael Carnagie, Mayor