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City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

MAYOR
Michael Carnegie

MAYOR PRO-TEM
David Winowiecki

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

MINUTES CITY OF FRASER CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem David Winowiecki called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Winowiecki led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

Absent: Blanke, Carnegie

Motion by Schornak, supported by Kalka to excuse Council Member Blanke and Mayor Carnegie from the meeting tonight.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

ALSO, PRESENT:

Elaine Leven, City Manager
Donald DeNault, City Attorney
Cindi Greenia, City Clerk
Mary Matuz, Confidential Secretary
Lt. Dave Bisby

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornak, to approve the Agenda as amended, moving Item 8A up to Item 7A and renumbering the following items under New Business.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Carrie Wozniak of the Fraser Public School District spoke regarding her support of reconstruction and widening of Garfield Road.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the consent agenda:

- City Council Minutes 9/9/2021
- City Council Special Meeting Minutes 9/9/2021
- Historical Commission Meeting Minutes 8/2/2021
- Historical Commission Meeting Minutes 9/7/2021
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes 5/6/2021
- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes 6/3/2021
- Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes 12/3/2020
- Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes 5/19/2021
- Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes 9/13/2021
- Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes 8/3/2021
- Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes 9/7/2021
- September Check Disbursements

Motion by Kalka, supported by Baranski, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Road Projects Update

Mike Vigneron from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick review the status of the current road projects in the City of Fraser including Fruehauf, Regal, Sewel, Kendall, and the Pine Ridge Joint Repair Project. Discussion was had on future projects and available funding opportunities.

At this time, a very lengthy discussion ensued on the status of the Garfield Road project. Mr. Vigneron reviewed what the proposal originally was and what they would like to propose at this time. Garfield was in bad shape. The school has been in contact with Mr. Vigneron and also met with City Manager Leven and expressed their desire to have Garfield Road, from 14 Mile to 15 Mile have three (3) lanes – a left turn lane the entire way. They were hoping it would also have curb and gutter. Mr. Vigneron indicated this was the “Cadillac fix” and that the proposal submitted in 2017 was not nearly this intense.

City Council had numerous questions about the costs of the projects, what type of funding could be used to pay these, and how much the City of Fraser would need to invest. They all agreed that Garfield Road was a number one (1) priority. Mr. Vigneron indicated that originally the Garfield Road project came in at about \$1,700,000, the most recent cost estimate on that project, a pared down version from what they would be proposing this time if City went with the more extensive version of the project, was \$2,700,000. The current cost estimate was \$5,500,000.

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The resulting cost for the city on this estimate, inclusive of the grant match required as well as all soft costs, would be about \$1,300,000. This project would be slated to begin in 2024. The application for funding needs submission no later than November 1, 2021. City Council agreed that Garfield Road should be their number one priority for submission for Federal funding when applications were submitted to the County.

Further discussion was had on whether or not any of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) monies could be used to pay for the match on the project. Other roads were discussed and Council Member Baranski wondered whether or not it would be to our detriment to submit numerous applications for funding on different projects. Mr. Vigneron stated that we would just really be adding additional competition for the one pot of money available. She noted she would really like the City to get something out of this round of funding.

At this point Mr. Vigneron indicated that he felt strongly the Garfield Road project had a good chance of being approved for funding. It had already been approved once but for various reasons it did not happen.

Mr. Vigneron also reviewed the PASER Study completed by AEW and indicated that the City will need to be mindful of the condition of their roads in general.

b. McKENNA ADDITIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

City Manager Leven reviewed that the City of Fraser currently contracts with McKenna to perform their building department inspections. They have been providing an inspector to do our mechanical inspections and this additional services contract would memorialize this activity. She is recommending that the City Council approve the contract.

Council Member Schornak commented that she was concerned that perhaps inspections might be taking too long from the time the residents call and request them until the time they are done.

John Jackson from McKenna addressed her concerns and said he would check on this to make sure that was not going to be an issue.

Motion by Lesich, supported by Baranski to approve entering into an agreement with McKenna to provide Mechanical Inspection Services at a cost equal to 70% of the revenue generated for Mechanical Permits.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

c. SERVER REPLACEMENT

City Manager Leven reviewed the proposal for the new server. She indicated that this had been a budgeted item and that there was sufficient amount of funds in the line item to purchase this server. The City was in need of this as our current server was out dated.

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Council Member Lesich asked why City Manager Leven was recommending the single server instead dual server option. She indicated that she felt the dual server would seem redundant and having a single server would keep everything together. It would also provide more room in the storage area for the servers. Tom Conway from I.T. Right discussed the differences. He indicated that he suggested the dual server option. He noted the dual was just as effective as the single server and would be a bit less expensive.

Council Member Lesich asked regarding warranty and installation and set up costs. Mr. Conway noted that each option had a three (3) year warranty and that the cost quoted did include the delivery, set up and installation charges.

Motion by Kalka, supported by Baranski, to approve purchasing the dual server option as presented by IT Right in a quote dated October 4, 2021 in the amount of \$2,806.80 LESS than what is in the packet or \$49,708.43, noting that this is a budgeted item from Capital Outlay Account 401-258-972-000.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

d. PNC BANK NIGHT DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

City Manager Leven reviewed with City Council that PNC Bank had recently made some changes and they are no longer picking up our deposits at night. We are going to have to drop off the deposits and night and enter into a formal agreement with PNC Bank for this purpose.

Motion by Schornak, supported by Kalka to approve the Night Deposit Agreement with PNC Bank and authorize City Manager Leven to sign same on behalf of the City of Fraser.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

e. APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF SERESA CONTRACT

City Manager Leven reviewed that she was seeking approval of an extension to the SERESA Contract. The actual contract expired some months ago and we have not formally approved an extension to the contract.

City Council had budgeted \$303,672 for this service and the actual contract for this year is at \$297,000, slightly less than was budgeted for. We have not yet made a payment to them for this dispatch services.

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak, to approve an extension to the SERESA Contract for FY 2021/2022 with an end date of June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$297,000 to be paid for from account 101-325-801-000.

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NAYS: None

Motion Carried

f. Police Interceptor Lease Agreement

City Manager Leven reviewed the request by Lt. David Bisby for two (2) Ford Interceptor at a cost of \$730.40 each per month, which was budgeted in the Motor Pool budget.

A lengthy discussion was had on this item. Council asked if the additional equipment could be moved from the current vehicles that will be sold at auction to the new cars. Discussion was had on the matter that now all of the marked patrol cars were under the Enterprise Lease Program and that the two cars being sold at auction were the last two that we owned outright. Lt. Bisby stated that was true, except for the COPD Vehicle and the two motorcycles that we own outright.

This cost was further discussed. As noted, the monthly charge was \$730.40 monthly for 48 months, plus the monthly service charge for the fleet management to Enterprise plus approximately \$17,000 for each vehicle to outfit for a patrol car. Mark Ragsdale then reviewed how the fleet management program worked. The monthly cost covered oil changes and one set of tires. There were also some items that would be covered as well as some that would not. However, any maintenance over and above the oil changes and the one set of tires would cost the City whatever the actual cost was. The cost to purchase the vehicles outright is \$34,370.

Mr. DeNault then indicated that he remembered when the lease was over, Enterprise sold the cars and whatever they got for the cars the City of Fraser would get that back in some way. Mr. Ragsdale shared that if this was managed properly it would be a very good deal for the City. The City bought it at MiDeal cost and Enterprise sells it at the end of the lease for regular price. Council Member Baranski asked about buying them outright instead of leasing them. Lt. Bisby indicated that he would prefer to purchase them rather than lease them. However, they had a very small window to order these vehicles and if he did not place his order now he may not get the vehicles until 2024. Lt. Bisby indicated that he was not sure they could buy them right now, but they could investigate whether or not this was a possibility – were they available to buy.

Council Member Kalka noted that police vehicles were different from other vehicles. They are driven a lot – and very hard miles. Their resale would not be as good as other City vehicles. She agreed she would like to see them bought outright instead of leasing. Council Member Lesich reviewed the costs and what it costs to lease it based on all the figures. He would be in favor of purchasing these outright as well.

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski, to authorize purchasing two patrol vehicles as described in Lt. Bisby's memo dated October 6, 2021 as long as that is something that is an option at this time, but if it isn't we move forward with the replacement of two (2) patrol vehicles that we would lease from Enterprise Fleet Management as reviewed by Lt. Bisby in that same memo.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: Kalka

Motion Carried

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g. Residential Leaf Pick Up

Department of Public Works Director Mark Ragsdale presented his request to eliminate Residential Leaf Pick Up. He reviewed that he understood this could not be eliminated this year. He also explained the reasons that led him to ask City Council for this decision.

Council Member Baranski stated she would like to have Mr. Ragsdale come up with some other alternatives for this rather than total elimination. Perhaps alternative staffing, cutting down the days this is done, she would like him to look at any and all ideas to be able to continue to do this as a service we offer our residents. Discussion was had on what it took to do bring this service to the residents; understanding that the Council could not do anything that would go against the Union Contracts.

Council Member Kalka agreed – she would like to see the road map to get us to where Mr. Ragsdale was at – she wanted to be able to explain to our residents why this service is either being done differently or not offered at all. She suggested that maybe we could shorten the season that we offer leaf pick-up.

Council Members Lesich and Schornak agreed – they would like to see some alternatives brought back to them by Mr. Ragsdale before they make any final decision on this question. They felt if this could be discussed in January or February it would leave plenty of time to address whatever budget changes may come from their decision.

h. Residential Chipping Program

Department of Public Works Director Mark Ragsdale reviewed the issues that brought him to ask that City Council consider eliminating the Residential Chipping Program. Mr. Ragsdale reviewed that currently the City Charges \$35.00 per ½ hour of this service and the actual cost of this service to the City is \$138.47. Providing the service to our residents not only was a money losing issue, but also, again, it took staffing away from the DPW and they were not able to get to their other duties in as timely a manner as he had hoped.

Council had the same concern with this service as they did with the Residential Leaf Pick Up service. They would like to see some alternatives to this other than total elimination. Perhaps they could provide this once or twice a month instead of when calls were made for appointments. They could advertise that if residents would bundle their wood in 4 foot bundles and tie them then GFL picks them up at no cost to the resident. How could this be made more cost effective to the City while still maintaining this service – even if it looked a bit different.

Council Member Kalka felt that Mr. Ragsdale had some direction to come back to City Council with additional information regarding ways to make the residential chipping program more affordable and less intrusive to his staff. Council Member Lesich noted that if they kept doing it as they are now, it was actually costing all of the residents that did not use it for the others that do.

Discussion was then had about what would happen with the limbs after bad storms. Mr. Ragsdale noted that these were generally the City's trees and they would take care of those anyway. Council

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Member Kalka did add that she was concerned that lot of the residents that use this particular service were senior citizens and they would have a more difficult time if we went strictly to GFL picking up the limbs.

Council Member Baranski suggested that perhaps we raise the cost from \$35.00 per half hour to \$75.00 and then it may decrease the number of residents that want to use it, but still not be charging them the entire amount it costs the City. This would, hopefully, gradually lessen the load both in expenses and manpower.

Mr. Ragsdale noted that he understood he was to bring back additional information and thoughts on how to continue this service and perhaps save the City money and keep his staff free from this task

I. UTV Purchase

DPW Director Ragsdale noted that City Council had in front of them a quote from Weingartz Supply Company for a Kubota Side by Side UTV with a cab. This piece of equipment was well equipped and had everything he was looking for in this type of equipment except and edger. It would be primarily utilized to maintain the parks. The cost would be \$43,588.47. Weingartz has the Sourcewell Contract. Sourcewell is a government cooperative purchasing program that is used by the City of Fraser for purchasing larger items.

Council Member Schornak stated she felt this was a good idea to purchase this as many people will be using the trails in the winter and this piece of equipment would be able to keep the trails clear of snow. Council Member Baranski asked Mr. Ragsdale if he was committing his employees to keep the trails clean and edged. He noted that yes, he was committing to that if this was purchased. Mr. Ragsdale added that the UTV was small enough to get onto the trails without being over a weight limit. This could fit this in various places that trucks and larger pieces of equipment could not go. Council Member Kalka asked Mr. Ragsdale to review what all this vehicle could do. She then asked if purchasing this would save on manpower. He said that it would.

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to approve the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and authorize the purchase of the Kubota UTV as presented and inclusive of an edger in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 which will be taken from account 401-690-972.000

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

J. DPW Staffing Requests

DPW Director Ragsdale reviewed his memo with City Council in regards to asking for additional staffing. His requests were as follows:

Hire Part-Time Clerk in D.P.W.

Hire Full-Time Building Maintenance person that is certified in HVAC

Promote Part-Time Senior Apartment Manager to Full-Time

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Fill both vacant seasonal/part-time positions for mowing parks

We lost the two (2) part-time seasonal employees – one to full-time and one left for another job, he would like to see the Part-Time Senior Apartment Manager promoted to full-time; a part-time DPW Clerk to help Rose and there is additional work; also a building maintenance person. He would like to see this filled with someone that has HVAC Certification if possible. At the very least, he would like to see a part-time maintenance person to be able to help at the Senior Building.

Mayor Pro-Tem Winowiecki had asked for the number of calls for maintenance we received and a job description of the proposed HVAC Certified Full-Time employee. The building is an enterprise fund and should be funding these expenses.

At this time, further discussion was had on the most efficient way to handle this matter. Hiring a property maintenance company for this situation seemed to be a good idea and Council noted that they had looked at this before. Mayor Pro-Tem Winowiecki understood that there was concern that hiring a property maintenance company could jeopardize the job of the current Part-Time Apartment Manager but added that often times the property management companies would hire people already at the site.

Motion by Schornak, supported by Kalka, to approve that the City Administration would go out for an RFP to contract with a property management company to manage the Senior Citizens Apartments.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Mayor Pro-Tem Winowiecki then referred to the request to replace two (2) part-time seasonal laborers. Mr. Ragsdale explained another issue he had with staffing was regarding the fact that when the Police Vehicles required servicing, his staff would have to send two people to drop off the cars and pick them up. Generally, the service location was not too far away, but occasionally they had to do this and it would be a couple of hours each way. That took a fair amount of time away from their other duties. Mayor Pro-Tem Winowiecki indicated he would like data on how often this happened and how many hours it took the DPW staff to perform this. Council Member Lesich added that perhaps the DPW could use UBER so that only one staff member was required to go on these trips.

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornak, to approve the replacement of two (2) part-time DPW staff members at this time as requested.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Council Member Baranski then asked about working 40 hours and being considered part-time. She was concerned that working 40 hours a week was not legal to be considered part-time. Amy Cell then interjected that the Affordable Care Act did require anyone working over 29 hours a week must be afforded the opportunity to get full-time benefits. She added that they could waive their right to benefits.

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She then asked if our HR had reviewed the staffing needs that were presented by Mr. Ragsdale to Council. Amy Cell stated that she had not yet done so but would look forward to working with Mr. Ragsdale on these matters. A discussion ensued about the proposed part-time DPW Clerk that would be hired to assist Rose and if there were any union conflicts about who would be hired to take Rose's place when she retired. Council Member Baranski wanted more clarity on what these employees would be doing – what are the duties and what is expected of them. She would request this for the proposed full-time Senior Apartment Manager and Part-Time DPW Clerk. Mr. Ragsdale stated that he would get this information to City Council. Council Member Baranski stated that she was looking toward keeping with what City Council started in staying transparent in their hiring process.

Motion by Baranski, supported by Kalka to hire a part-time maintenance person as we had previously to work business hours to provide the maintenance work at a significant cost savings to the DPW and the hourly rate would be worked out by Director Ragsdale and HR at a significant cost savings to the City.

The current rate is \$15 per hour and approximately 29 hours a week.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

k. Employee Handbook

Amy Cell reviewed the proposed changes in the updated Employee Handbook. She thanked City Attorney DeNault for his efforts in making sure the legal review was done properly. The Handbook had not been updated since 2008, many laws have changed, and policies updated.

There was a "Chain of Command" question regarding this. To that end, City Attorney DeNault drafted some language regarding same and Amy Cell proposed that the language referenced should be included in the front of the Handbook.

Motion by Kalka, supported by Lesich, to approve the Employee Handbook as presented.

Questions arose regarding whom the language regarding Chain of Command applied to. Mr. DeNault noted that this language was basically regarding City Council, the City Manager and the city staff. The other Boards and Commissions had other direct points of contact.

Additional questions arose regarding the use of City Vehicles. Attorney DeNault and City Manager Leven responded to these questions. City Attorney DeNault, read page 14 to 15, Section 4.9 in reference to the question of vehicles and other City assets and how they could be used.

Finally, a discussion on vesting in the 457 Plan was had by City Council and City Administration. Amy Cell indicated she would look at these questions and get back with City Council on this matter. Council Member Lesich noted that there is no match for the retirement contribution and it started immediately. He also noted the issue of the health insurance starting on day one of the employment. Further explanation of the sick time and short-term disability for non-union employees.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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Break

City Council adjourned at 9:28 for a brief recess. City Council reconvened at 9:38 to move forward with the agenda.

I. Finance Director and Assistant City Manager Position

Council Member Schornak reviewed there was a Committee of three to do the interviewing for the Assistant City Manager/Finance position that consisted of Council Member Baranski, Council Member Lesich and herself. They had two very qualified candidates in their leadership skills. They were very well versed in City affairs. Sometimes changes in what you are looking for needs to be made. Sometimes you need to find a way to make everything work for the City.

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski, to authorize City Manager Leven and HR Director Amy Cell to offer Sarah Mistretta a letter of employment with the City of Fraser to fill the position of Finance Director/Assistant City Manager.

Council Member Lesich indicated that his concern was with the Finance Department. He felt this recommendation for Assistant City Manager/Finance Director was to be supported.

Council Member Baranski indicated that she was in full support of this recommendation. She added that she wanted to commend the process as well.

Council Member Kalka asked that going forward, if City Council was to use a Committee to interview and hire candidates for open positions, the Committee should inform the other members of City Council of their findings prior to them having to make a decision.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. Public Safety Director Vacancy

Council Member Baranski reviewed that our City is partly controlled by Act 78. Over a year ago, the City made a motion to hire a permanent (not temporary or interim) Public Safety Director. We had two candidates take the testing. The certification came after the last meeting.

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornak to appoint Lt. David Bisby as Fraser Director of Public Service; this appointment as established by the Ordinance would entitle him to the same employee benefit package currently in place for all of the Department Heads. It would be effective immediately. The pay rate is already determined by the Lieutenants contract, which indicates its 10% above that of a Public Safety Lieutenant.

Discussion was had on whether or not this was a Union or Non-Union position. Council Member Baranski indicated it was a Non-Union position. Council Member Kalka wanted to make sure that whoever is hired as the Public Safety Director is aware of the budget concerns for the City of Fraser and they will explore ways to help reduce costs.

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Council Member Lesich asked regarding the motion and what exactly the motion to approve meant. Council Member Baranski stated that her intent in the motion was to appoint Lt. David Bisby as the Permanent Fraser Public Safety Director, it was a non-union position and his benefit package would be the same as the other Department Head benefit packages and his salary was based on the Union Contract. A decision would still need to be made on the part of Lt. Bisby. Mr. DeNault reviewed how we got here in accordance with Act 78 and what happens going forward based on Lt. Bisby's response.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Baranski supported by Lesich to provide retroactive pay to Lt. David Bisby from the date that former Interim Director Pettis retired through today at the rate calculated in the contract

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

b. Library Property Transfer Update

City Attorney DeNault noted that there was really no update other than what was in the memo on this matter he provided them last week. All seems to be moving ahead well and they are only waiting on their attorney to wrap up a few last items.

c. Smoking at Senior Housing Update

City Attorney DeNault updated City Council on this item as well. He indicated that he had presented them with some ideas about the best way to handle this. City Council could adopt a policy, a resolution or an Ordinance. City Manager Leven and Attorney DeNault feel that an Ordinance would make the most sense in dealing with this matter.

Discussion was had on what the Ordinance would look like and who would enforce it if it was adopted and how difficult it could be. Discussion of the distance from the common area or the entry way was had and Council Member Kalka felt that 100' was an appropriate distance; Council Member Lesich felt that 50' was a more reasonable distance. Further discussion was had on why both distances had merit.

Attorney DeNault indicated that he understood the direction City Council wished to move and he would bring a proposed Ordinance to them regarding this matter.

9. REPORT OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Leven reported on the following:

She had met with the benefits coordinator to finalize some items and would be bringing them to City Council soon, IT Right was working on the server as well as completing the computer upgrades. She visited SERESA building as well as attended a meeting with them. She attended a meeting with the Superintendent of Fraser Public Schools regarding the Garfield Road project; she was going to put together a Road Committee meeting next week to finalize an application to be sent to

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Macomb County for funding. There are two (2) write-in candidates for City Council – Mike Lesich and Kenneth Perry, Jr. She has been tending to financials and payroll in the absence of a finance person; there will be hydrant-flushing beginning this week; the engineer for the HVAC system came and did a complete walk through of the buildings

Council Member Baranski asked regarding the write-in candidates and the election – and how that would affect the Clerk's office. Clerk Greenia explained that it was not really much more work in the Clerk's office prior to the Election, but the night of the Election it would require some additional time on the part of the Election Inspectors. Discussion was had on how many absentee ballots have been issued as well as concerns with Election Inspectors being related to anyone on the ballot.

Council Member Schornak asked City Manager Leven regarding 14 Mile and 13 Mile and the two areas that were very badly in need of being addressed by the County Department of Roads.

Council Member Lesich asked regarding upgrades to Harrington Trail Park he discovered that even though we have been cutting the grass on those for years they were now for sale from the owner. He wondered if we charged them for this.

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Lesich indicated that Sensory Garden at McKinley Park has been completed and he wanted to thank everyone that helped with this. He was hoping the City would have a proclamation of appreciation for all in the future. Last weekend he attend a ceremony in Lansing to accept an award for McKinley Park from the Keep Michigan Beautiful. He is very proud of the parks in the City. Happy to see we are moving forward with the servers. He is running for a write-in candidate – if not successful, he thanked all for the opportunity to serve the residents.

Council Member Baranski reviewed upcoming events – Fraser High School Craft Show, Goodfellows Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, the Goodfellows were offering the ads for “donation” to be placed in their paper that they sell. She then reminded Mr. DeNault that he was going to give City Council an update on the Recreation Commission, the status, and the Ordinance. She added that she would like to see further discussion regarding what City Council wants to do as it pertains to marijuana. She asked if there were rules as to what can and cannot go on the television advertisement in terms of community events outside of those put on by the City. Council Member Schornak indicated that any non-profit/charities could put items on there, subject to the City's approval. Council Member Baranski then thanked Council Member Lesich and Council Member Schornak for their help in finding a candidate for Council to approve for Assistant City Manager/Finance position. She then thanked everyone that she served on Council with and reminded everyone to vote on Election Day.

Council Member Kalka asked when swearing in was. She indicated that she was running again for City Council, she feels blessed to be of service and noted that she did work with wonderful Council Members and they got quite a bit done. She had no regrets about any decisions that were made and was looking forward to moving forward.

Council Member Schornak asked what the status was of getting the Senior Coordinator and Parks and Rec Coordinator positions filled. Amy Cell responded that they were still working on getting the Parks and Rec Coordinator position filled. As to the Communications position there was an offer letter extended. Council Member Schornak then welcomed Sarah Mistretta the newly hired Assistant City Manager/Finance Director to the City of Fraser. She reviewed some activities that

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were happening in the City – the Historical Society was having an open house on November 7, 2021 and a pre-Christmas sale. She stated that she had been approached by some residents as to what exactly the Fraser Public Schools millage proposal was about. She has not received anything in regards to this subject and was hoping the School District would address this better if possible. She reviewed what the Goodfellows did with the money they make from the sale of the papers and other donations. Have a safe Halloween.

Council Member Kalka reminded everyone that the VFW is having their Corn Roast on Friday, October 15, 2021 starting at 4:00 p.m. Reminded everyone to vote!

Mayor Pro-Tem Winowiecki shared that thoughts and prayers were going out to Mayor Carnegie for a quick recovery.

11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Laura Lesich spoke regarding the signs at the parks, Meadows Park pavilion, Recreation Commission meeting not yet on the website, she would like to see some activities in the City of Fraser for Christmas, there were lots of Halloween Activities, the Blue Jean Ball was 2/12/22, she reminded everyone that there was still time to file to be a write-in candidate for City Council and the Library Board, she added that if someone who had voted by absentee ballot had turned their ballot in already and wanted to change their vote they could go into the City Clerk's office and spoil the original ballot and get a new one.

Ray Wojciechowski suggested that the City of Fraser might want to do something like "The Holly Fest" in Holly, and the Christmas celebration in the City of Rochester. He would like to see something like this in the future.

Dana Sutherland spoke about the Farmer's Market and wanted to thank the vendors and volunteers that contributed to this. She also wanted to thank Hunter Pullis from the City of Fraser – she was great and a very big help!

12. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Kalka, supported by Lesich to enter into closed session for the purposes of discussing strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement – Police Officers Association of Michigan at 10:54 p.m.

City Council reconvened into open session at 11:15 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kalka, supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

AYES: Baranski, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak, Winowiecki

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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Respectfully Submitted:

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David Winowiecki, Mayor Pro-Tem