

Minutes
Fraser City Council – Special Meeting – (Virtual)
May 21st, 2020 @ 6:00pm

A Special Virtual meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on the above date at the City Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Road, Fraser, and County of Macomb, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Carnagie, Council Members; Baranski, Blanke, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak and Winowiecki
Absent: Member Blanke arrived 6:11pm
Also Present: D. Wayne O’Neal, City Manager
Kelly Dolland, City Clerk
Donald DeNault, City Attorney

1. Call Meeting to Order—Mayor Carnagie called the Special Virtual meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

3. Roll Call of Council Members

Members: Baranski, Carnagie, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak and Winowiecki present.

4. Approval of Agenda

Member SCHORNAK moved, second by Member KALKA, TO MOVE ITEM 5C TO 5A.

Roll Call Vote

Baranski	yes
Carnagie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 6-0

Member SCHORNAK moved, second by Member KALKA, TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Roll Call Vote

Baranski	yes
Carnagie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 6-0

Member Blanke arrived 6:11pm

5. Citizen Participation on Agenda Items - None

6. Requests for Council Action

a. Tabled Item – Approval of 2020-2021 Fee Schedule

Member CARNAGIE moved, second by Member KALKA, TO REMOVE TABLED ITEM – APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 FEE SCHEDULE.

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnagie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. O’Neal referenced changes to the 2020-2021 fee schedule.

Member LESICH moved, second by Member SCHORNAK, TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 FEE SCHEDULE AS AMENDED.

Roll Call Vote

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnagie	yes

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Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

b. Tabled Item - Approval of 2020-2021 Police & Fire Special Assessment

Member CARNAGIE moved, second by Member SCHORNAK, TO REMOVE TABLED ITEM – APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 POLICE AND FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Roll Call Vote

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

Member Kalka questioned Interim Finance Director John Walters regarding fund balance, PA-33, Fruehauf Road repair, revenue, and expenditures.

Member Baranski questioned Interim Finance Director John Walters regarding, Dept. 441 Street Budget, Dept. 258 I.T. Budget, Dept. 371 Bldg. Inspection Fees, Dept. 310 Drug Forfeiture, Senior Housing, Dept. 661. Motor Pool.

Member Schornak referenced Recreation Department motor pool fund and DPW five-vehicle purchase slated for 2020-2021.

Member Baranski suggested, because it is in the budget does not mean that it gets done.

Member Winowiecki referenced the cut in state revenue share, and would consider 5-mils.

Member Kalka would consider other places where we can cut.

Member Carnegie complimented Council.

Member Blanke spoke of the Library's one-mil.

Member Lesich spoke of expenditures, a possible \$75K H.R. firm, District Court expenditures; budget is not the same as last year.

Member Baranski spoke of the Parks & Recreation plan, questioned what Director Woods implemented while the Center was closed during COVID-19.

Mr. DeNault spoke of the roles of City Council and City Manager regarding Parks and Recreation budget.

Member Baranski suggested members of the Recreation Board volunteer for programs.

Member Winowiecki questioned Recreation cash in lieu of benefits, programming and over time cost.

Member Kalka questioned what Director Woods did during the closing of the Recreation Department during Covid-19, no reason to open until Fall 2020. Spoke of April 2020 meeting, park package would like addressed.

Member Blanke spoke of Senior Center C.D.B.G. funding concerns.

Member Baranski proposed a \$250,000 motor pool reduction into general fund, remove full time position in Clerk's office and cut \$100,000 in Senior Center budget, with a 3-mil increase.

Member Lesich spoke of \$250,000 motor pool; we have vetted motor pool from general fund.

Member Carnegie state 4.7mil increase on the low end.

Member Blanke suggested 4.75 mil.

Member Schornak suggested 4.0 mil.

Member CARNAGIE moved, second by Member BLANKE, TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 POLICE AND FIRE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WITH A 4.50-MIL INCREASE.

Roll Call Vote

Baranski	no
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	no
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 5-2

c. Tabled Item - Approval of 2020-2021 Budget and Millage Rates

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Member CARNAGIE moved, second by Member KALKA, TO REMOVE TABLED ITEM – APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATES.

Roll Call Vote

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. O’Neal spoke of budget approval and millage rate approval.

Member Carnegie requested to see enterprise and vehicles on list.

Member Baranski requested Clerk’s budget reflect part time staff only.

Member Baranski made a motion to reduce City Clerk full time position to part time and reduce Park & Rec / Senior Center budget by \$100,000.

Member Schornak spoke of Activity Center \$19,000 budget for a vehicle.

Member Lesich spoke of vehicle expenses, full time wages cost included in motor pool. The City Clerk’s Department position requested for almost a year, elections have gotten more complicated, we need to be careful if we are going to go with a part time person, the risk of a failed election is on Council not on City Clerks Department. The Clerk has requested this for over a year, something we should give careful consideration to. Also, reducing expenses in Park & Recreation by \$100,00, are we eliminating head count, eliminating programming?

Member Baranski stated she disagreed with Director Woods request to maintain salaries, suggested a \$100,000 reduction across three departments.

Member Carnegie commented on clerk’s position, still a part time position and Clerk’s office still have to come to Council to request to become a full time in the future.

Member Baranski suggested to implement an H.R. department, will re-define position in a different way, not trying to take away manpower, stated have surplus in budget.

Member Baranski moved, second by Member KALKA, TO REDUCE FULL TIME POSITION IN CLERK’S OFFICE TO A PART TIME POSITION AND A REDUCTION OF \$100,000 TOTAL IN PARK & RECREATION, SENIOR CENTER AND ACTIVITY CENTER.

Mr. DeNault asked Mr. Walters is this was sufficient direction to work with this digression for a final budget.

Mr. Walters was not comfortable working with Recreation Department to cut \$100,000.

Director Woods stated she would like to be involved in budget cuts, the Recreation Department is bare bones now.

Conversation ensued regarding opening of center and begin programing.

Member Kalka suggested Director Woods return to Council with a plan and funding will likely be there.

Director Woods stated was hoping to have a budget that included programing. Would like clarity of what Council’s expectations are.

Member Kalka suggested Director Woods focus on money makers.

Director Woods she comes under budget every year, very frugal with budget, a plan was provided to council, if Council wants something different, please advise.

Member Kalka stated she didn’t understand the Director’s challenge. Things may change, suggested Ms. Woods come back to Council.

Member Blanke questioned Director Woods if she was given direction from Council? Suggested to make a second motion regarding Recreation, provide clear direction and be more specific.

Member Baranski stated her motion was to salvage some part of the Recreation program, and hoped to be proactive.

Mr. Walters suggested to cut \$25,000 from Senior Center, \$22,000 from Recreation and \$16,000 from Building, cut \$35,000 Clerk.

Member Baranski stated she took out the second full time salary from full time position, doesn’t anticipate a need for two full time positions. Suggested to come next month.

Mr. Walters stated Director Woods can come back and request a budget amendment is needed.

Mr. O’Neal stated Council is not approving a line item budget.

Member Winowiecki suggested City cancel programming and suggested when restrictions are lifted go back to council with a plan with what I need. Stated this Council has never been unreasonable. Based on the mills approved and general funds available, not unreasonable to come forward, believes would not get shot down by council.

Mr. Walters stated *Draft 5* \$99,000 cut to Clerk Department and Recreation.

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Member BARANSKI moved, second by Member KALKA, TO MODIFY THE PROPOSED BUDGET TO REDUCE THE FULL TIME POSITION IN THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE TO A PART TIME POSITION AND TO REDUCE THE PARKS & RECREATION, SENIOR CENTER, AND ACTIVITY CENTER APPROPRIATIONS BY A TOTAL OF \$100,000.

Roll Call Vote

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	no
Kalka	yes
Lesich	no
Schornak	no
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 4-3

Discussion ensued.

Member WINOWIECKI moved, second by Member KALKA, TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATES AS MODIFIED BY THE PREVIOUS MOTION.

Roll Call Vote

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	no
Schornak	no
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 5-2

Mr. O’Neal thanked Interim John Walters for his assistance.

7. Citizen Participation - None

8. Adjournment

Member WINOWIECKI moved, second by Member BLANKE, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 21ST, 2020 @ 9:32PM

The motion carried unanimously,
Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dolland, City Clerk

Michael Carnegie, Mayor