



CITY MANAGER
Elaine Leven

City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

MAYOR
Michael Carnagie
MAYOR PRO-TEM
David Winowiecki

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

FRASER REGULAR CITY COUNCIL – VIRTUAL MEETING THURSDAY, May 13, 2021 @ 6:30PM

Regular virtual meeting of the Fraser City Council, conducted on May 13, 2021 at the City Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Rd, Fraser, in the County of Macomb, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carnagie called the Regular 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)
Kathy Blanke, Council Member (City Hall, Fraser, MI)
Michael Carnagie, Mayor (City Hall, Fraser, MI))
Suzanne Kalka, Council Member (remotely from Fraser, MI)
Michael Lesich, Council Member (remotely from Plainfield Township, MI)
Patrice Schornak, Council Member (City Hall, Fraser, MI))
David Winowiecki, Council Member (remotely from Fraser, MI)

ABSENT:

NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Marc Thompson, Interim City Manager
Donald DeNault, City Attorney
Vincent Neyland, Finance Director
John Watters
Michael Pettyes, Lieutenant
David Bisby, Lieutenant
Mary Matuz, Admin. City Manager Office
Ed Horn, AV Specialist

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Motion carried.

V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Carnegie stated that no participants are visible in the virtual waiting room.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

a. April 2021 Disbursements

MOTION by Winowiecki, second by Kalka, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public Act 33 – Public Safety Special Assessments

Mayor Carnegie opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 pm on item a: Public Act 33 – Public Safety Special Assessments

With no participants visible in the virtual waiting room the Public Hearing was closed at 6:42 pm.

b. Property Tax Millage Rate

Mayor Carnegie opened the Public Hearing at 6:43 pm on item b. Property Tax Millage Rate

With no participants visible in the virtual waiting room the Public Hearing was closed at 6:44 pm.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF FY 2021-2022 BUDGET

Mayor Carnegie provided the floor to Finance Director, Vincent Neyland to review previously requested budget revisions, respond to questions and to request council approval of the final 2021 – 2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

Council discussed the possibility of Census final results having any effect on Public Act 33 action, considering allocation of funds to very specific issues needed within the city and the various impact of the different mill rate options. If adoption of the budget is done it will be a road map for improvements to the city.

IX. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERTATION AND ACTION BY COUNCIL

a. **Public Act 33 – Public Safety Special Assessments – Resolution No. 2021-005**

MOTION by Baranski, second by Kalka, that PA 33 be enacted at 3 mills for the 2021–2022 Fiscal Year.

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

Motion carried.

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b. Property Tax Millage Rate – Adoption of Appropriations – Resolution No. 2021-004

MOTION by Baranski, second by Lesich, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-004 regarding the property tax millage.

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

Nays – None

Motion carried.

MOTION by Baranski, second by Lesich, to adopt the budget as outlined with addition of a line-item additional payment to MERS for pensions of \$200,000.

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

Nays – None

Motion carried.

MOTION TO AMEND by Baranski, second by Kalka, the budget as adopted to include to a payment to MERS for pensions of \$200,000.

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

Nays – Lesich

Motion carried.

Mayor Carnagie called 10-minute break; called meeting back to order 8:38 pm

c. Lieutenants Association Wage Agreement

Marc Thompson advised this is result of the closed session of a prior council meeting and will result in resolving the wage re-openers in the Lieutenants contract for the prior years and the coming. Looking for a motion to proceed.

MOTION by Baranski, second by Lesich, to authorize the city to ratify the agreement as referenced.

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

Nays – None

Motion carried.

d. State of Emergency Update

Mayor provided update from CDC regarding masks. Council discussed the State of Emergency; cancelling it will mean all boards, commissions and residents will have to come to meetings in person. Discussion results in no changes to the State of Emergency status.

MOTION by Winowiecki, second by Kalka, to extend the City of Fraser State of Emergency until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

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

Nays – None

Motion carried

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MOTION by Lesich, second by Carnagie, to communicate to the administration that pavilions in our parks can be reserved and or rented depending on their discretion, the local State of Emergency notwithstanding.

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

Motion carried

e. City Manager Position Direction

MOTION by Winowiecki, second by Baranski, to proceed with contract negotiations for the City Manager position with Elaine Leven.

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

Motion carried

X. PENDING ITEMS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS / REPORT OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATION

No pending items at this time.

XI. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Member Baranski

- Thanked all for the budget work.
- Would like to know when council will get a copy of the audit.
- Wants an update from the road committee added to the agenda.
- Resident proposed any interest in installing a Frisbee disc golf park on a piece of city property off Hayes.
- Communication from Mulvey Farms HOA regarding the City of Fraser owned gazebo on Farm View Court needs repair.
- The bedroom windows at the senior center, not a part of the current renovations, ice over in the winter. She would like this item looked into and added to the future work list.
- Mayor Carnagie, added to the window issue that those facing 15-mile road should be looked into regarding sound from traffic and environment.

Member Winowiecki

- Thanks to the team for the budget John, Vince, and Marc.
- Thanks to Amy Cell for the City Manager interviewing process.

Member Schornak

- Thanked Vince for efforts at the Farmers Market
- Thanked John Walters for the budget process
- Addressed the rumor that the council isn't going outside for police department nor abolishing the police department.
- Asked that people look for the positive items of the city to discuss.

Member Kalka

- Asks patience of the residents; the projects will and are getting attention.
- Advised of the Fraser Meadows North Subdivision is having a sub sale June 17-19 with entertainment, food truck, please come enjoy and support the neighbors.
- Congrats to the Farmers Market opening last weekend.

Member Blanke

- Thank you to all continuing to bring the best to our city.

Member Lesich

- Glad to have the budget executed; appreciate efforts of Marc Thompson, Vincent Neyland and John Walters.
- Happy Mother's Day.
- Looking forward to park rentals.
- Looking forward to the park renovation updates.

Mayor Carnegie

- Thank you to the council for the very hard work they do.
- Looking forward to executing the new budget.
- Memorial Day ceremony at City Hall coming up.

XII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Thomas LaDuke – spoke regarding the council is willing to listen. Addressed the rumor of removing the police and can't believe anyone on council would do so. Advised any resident to contact the council members if they have any questions or concerns.

Clifton Chambers – a 20-year resident; today is his first chance to hear a meeting which he found very informative.

MOTION by Carnegie, second by Kalka, to proceed to Closed Session.

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

Motion carried

Mayor Carnegie called Closed Session at 9:43 pm

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

- To consult with City's legal Counsel regarding Trial or Settlement Strategy in connection with Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 20-3248-CD
- Consideration of a written opinion from the City Attorney

Mayor Carnegie called meeting back to order from Closed Session at 10:16 pm

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Winowiecki , second by Kalka, to adjourn.

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

Motion carried

Elaine Leven, Acting City Clerk

Michael Carnagie, Mayor