



City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

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Michael Carnegie

MAYOR PRO-TEM

Patrice M. Schornak

COUNCIL

Amy Baranski

Kathy Blanke

Suzanne Kalka

Patrick O'Dell

Dana Sutherland

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.
As Approved June 8, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carnegie called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carnegie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Baranski, Blanke, Carnegie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

Absent: O'Dell

Others: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, Director of Public Safety Kretschmar, Director of Public Works Ragsdale, Engineer Mike Vigneron,

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski to excuse Council Member O'Dell.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnegie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Blanke supported by Kalka to approve the agenda for the May 11, 2023 Fraser City Council Meeting as presented/amended.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnegie, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The following citizens addressed City Council:

Karen Reindel, 15461 Sherwood Lane addressed City Council regarding the library.

Rose Kloss, 15546 Kingston addressed City Council regarding the library.

Ellen Bryan, 31052 Record addressed City Council regarding the library.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the April 13, 2023 City Council Meeting:

- a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes April 13, 2023
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes February 2, 2023
- c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023
- d. Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes March 7, 2023
- e. Historical Commission Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023
- f. Historical Commission May Report
- g. Recreation Commission Appointment – Sarah Kelley
- h. Advancing Macomb Contract Extension
- i. Pension Grant Resolution #2023-05
- j. Check Disbursements
- k. Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Baranski supported by Blanke to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 11, 2023 City of Fraser City Council meeting as presented/amended.

Council Member Blanke wanted to state her appreciation for Sarah Kelley who was reappointed to the Recreation Commission.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland.

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lions Fair/ City Picnic

1. Contract Addendum

City Manager Leven reviewed the contract addendum for the Lion's Fair and City Picnic. It was noted that this was the final year of this contract and the City and the Lion's would be working on putting a new contract together. There was no representative from the Lion's Club at tonight's meeting to discuss this.

Discussion was had by City Council

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Motion by Baranski supported by Kalka to postpone action on the addendum to the contract between the City of Fraser and the Fraser Lion's Club for the dates of July 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2023 to use Steffens Park for the 2023 Annual Lion's and City Picnic as proposed to the June 8, 2023 City Council Meeting.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS:

Motion Carried

2. MCDR Parade Road Closure Resolution #2023-06

Motion by Schornak supported by Sutherland to adopt Resolution #2023-06 approving the closure of Garfield Road between Mulvey and Park Roads for the 2023 Annual City Parade on July 23, 2023 between 8:45 a.m. and noon.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS:

Motion Carried

3. Zambelli Fireworks Proposal

Motion by Baranski supported by Kalka to approve the City of Fraser allocating \$15,000 for the fireworks presentation to be held on July 23, 2023 with the expectation that per the contract \$8,000 will be reimbursable.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS:

Motion Carried

b. FY 2023-2024 Police and Fire SAD Millage Rates Resolution #2023-007

Motion by Schornak supported by Sutherland to approve the City of Fraser Resolution #2023-007 adopting the FY 2023/2024 Police and Fire Special Assessment District rates.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS:

Motion Carried

c. FY 2023-2024 Budget Adoption Resolutions #2023-008

City Manager Leven reviewed that after the Budget Workshop last week there were a few questions. She stated she had prepared and presented the budget for them and all requiring public noticing and public hearings had been posted and held.

One question was regarding the rubbish fund and the fund balance. She had researched this and discussed her findings with City Council as well as her recommendations based on those findings.

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Some other questions were regarding parks and what they wanted to dedicate to park maintenance versus what they wanted to dedicate to capital improvement at the parks. A lengthy discussion was had on this item.

Motion by Baranski supported by Kalka to effective immediately increase the rate of pay for the D.P.W. Seasonal and part-timers workers to \$20 per hour.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Baranski supported by Carnagie to increase the rate of pay for the crossing guards to \$15 per hour.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Baranski supported by Blanke to allocate up to \$60,000 from the FY 2022/23 Budget to refresh the woodchips at all of the parks.

Motion withdrawn

Motion by Baranski supported by Blanke to authorize the use of Sourcewell for the purchase of woodchips going outside of competitive bidding

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview addressed City Council regarding the motions being made.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak

NAYS: Sutherland

Motion Fails

Attorney DeNault stated that a motion to use Sourcewell/sole source instead of going out for competitive bidding had to be a unanimous vote of all present. Since Council Member Sutherland did not vote for this motion it is considered a failed motion.

Motion by Baranski supported by Kalka to approve the City of Fraser Resolution #2023-008 as submitted with the following modifications:

Eliminating the subsidization to the Rubbish Fund of the \$100,000; removing the detailed information line item details in Park Maintenance and in the park Capital Projects such that it will reflect allocating \$100,000 in repairs and maintenance and \$277,000 for Capital Projects without specificity and then modifying the wages to reflect the changes to the wages for the D.P.W. Seasonal/Part-time employees to reflect an hourly rate of \$20 per hour and the crossing guards at \$15 per hour.

Mike Lesich, 15201 Fairview reviewed the funding vehicle that allows our rubbish fund have additional monies.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak

NAYS: Sutherland

Motion Carried

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d. FY 2023-2024 Water and Sewer Rates

City Manager Leven indicated she was not recommending any increase in Water and Sewer Rates and would not be doing so until after the Water Rate study was completed.

Motion by Schornak supported by Sutherland to approve the City of Fraser Water and Sewer Rates for the FY 2023-2024 as proposed.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

e. Consolidation of Precincts Resolution #2023-009

Motion by Schornak supported by Kalka to approve the City of Fraser Resolution #2023-009 Consolidation of Precincts for the August 8, 2023 Election.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. Industrial Park Special Assessment District

City Manager Leven stated that there had been quite a bit of work done on preparing the roll for the special assessment by our Assessor's office and other staff members. There would be a public Notice that would have to get published in the next week or so. She was requesting tonight that City Council set a date for that hearing of June 8, 2023.

Motion by Kalka supported by Baranski to set a Public Hearing For the Industrial Park Special Assessment District for June 8, 2023.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

b. Bond Proposal for Street Improvements Resolution #2023-10

City Manager Leven reviewed that City Council had been discussing this issue for quite some time. Bond counsel was present at the meeting for questions. She was requesting approval of the language, as prepared by bond counsel, to be placed on the August 8, 2023 Election Ballot

Motion by Kalka supported by Baranski to approve City of Fraser Resolution #2023-10 which will approve placing a Bond Proposal for Street Improvements in the amount of \$15,000,000 over a 12 year time period on the August 8, 2023 ballot.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

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c. Library Building Future Plan

Attorney DeNault stated he had spoken to the Attorney for the Library Board and he had no objections to it. There had been a few tweaks made to the agreement and their attorney wanted to make sure the Library Board approves them before final action is taken. He then explained the agreement for residents listening in the audience and at home.

Motion by Baranski supported by Schornak to approve extending until next month's meeting negotiations on the contract between the City of Fraser and the Fraser Public Library to sell the building located at 16330 E. 14 Mile Road.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak commented on some of the history of the library building.

Library Board Member Jim Sutherland, 31520 Schoolcraft, commented at this time.

9. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Leven had updates on the following items:

She has been working with the Macomb County Department of Roads regarding Utica and French Creek Roads and the traffic issues in that area.

COVID Health Emergency was officially over today.

She had researched getting bond information on the water and sewer bill and would have a proposed message for City Council at their next meeting.

We have offers of employment out to an HR Coordinator as well as a Public Safety Officer.

Updated concerns about traffic on Grove and Mulvey – they are exploring some possibilities.

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Motion by Baranski, supported by Sutherland to extend authority to the City Manager to use her discretion to make the compensation adjustments for the upcoming budget year consistent with the new budget while following The City's HR protocols for all non-union employees.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

She would love to see DPW to commit to spruce up the volleyball courts at the various

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parks. She noted road concerns from a neighbor of hers and indicated that the Street Repair Bond was being offered on the ballot as a means to help this problem. The City of Fraser has been in the news quite a bit. She is happy to work with the current administration and council on matters and wants full transparency. Happy Mother's Day to all.

Council Member Kalka agreed with everything Council Member Baranski had stated. She asked Mr. DeNault about the Dairy Queen status. Attorney DeNault reviewed the status as it was up to this date. He was hopeful moving forward. The Fraser Fame Awards are Monday night and it is a great event. Her daughter was getting the Youth of The Year Award this year. She is very proud of her daughters.

Council Member Blanke wanted to announce that Mr. VanDamme passed away. He was a former City Manager and was one of the best. She appreciated him. She wanted to thank all the mothers at this time of year. God bless everyone.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak stated the Baumgartner Museum was having a barn sale on June 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be taking donations for sale on the Wednesday's leading up to the sale. The Historical Commission was looking for period appropriate wallpaper to repair the museum. Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day to all.

Mayor Carnegie asked Mr. Vigneron about a road issue. Mr. Vigneron reviewed the status of this issue. He wished all the Mother's a happy Mother's Day! He was going to be a grandfather two more times within four weeks. Wished everyone well and take care.

11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tina Lenz, 31715 Slumber Lane spoke about the water main replacement that was going on over on Winsome. She lives on the corner of Slumber Lane and Winsome. Her corner has been the "dumping ground" for this project. She reviewed some other issues.

Yvette Foster, 33693 Mulvey addressed Council regarding some other concerns she had when she was on City Council. She said that this Council seemed to work like a team and she encouraged them to keep doing so. She encouraged City Council to look at the "green slips" and they would find something fishy.

Mayor Carnegie stated for the records that Ms. Foster was right about pushing for a forensic audit.

DPW Superintendent Ragsdale assured City Council that he would address and take care of Mrs. Lenz' concerns.

Chris Meller, 15762 Execter addressed City Council regarding Cambridge road repairs.

Marlene Hoeft, 18546 Davison spoke to City Council about the Library.

Jimmy Walsh, a proud resident of Fraser, addressed the Council. He was disappointed with the recent news coming out regarding our City at this time. He would like to see the baskets downtown come back. He spoke about the library building. He would liketo see it always

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remain a library. He appreciated City Council right now. He was proud to be a Fraser resident.

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview, addressed City Council. She thanked all the residents for for turning out. The FAME Awards were this coming Monday, disappointed the Recreation Commission Meeting was cancelled and wish it had been rescheduled, it was great to hear from Mr. Walsh, she wishes the DDA would be reestablished. May 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. was the next Fraser First Booster Club meeting at Tim Horton's.

Ms. Kalka, 15504 White Oak Drive addressed City Council. She indicated she was very disappointed that there was not going to be a Farmer's Market this year as she really looked forward to that and enjoyed it. Council Member Sutherland stated she agreed and was sad and that the Farmer's Market was not going to be happening. She was hoping that this would be something that could be resurrected.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baranski supported by Kalka to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser

Michael Carnagie, Mayor
City of Fraser