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Dana Sutherland
David Winowiecki

**CITY OF FRASER CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES BUDGET WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
As Approved May 12, 2022**

A Special Budget Workshop meeting of the City of Fraser City Council was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carnagie called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carnagie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Council Member Baranski
Council Member Blanke
Mayor Carnagie
Council Member O'Dell
Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak
Council Member Sutherland
Council Member Winowiecki

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Leven, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Mistretta,
DPW Superintendent Ragsdale, Deputy Clerk Matuz, City Clerk Greenia

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4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sutherland supported by Schornak to approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland, Winowiecki

NAYS:

Motion Carried

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no citizen participation at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Proposed FY 22/23 Budget

City Manager Leven shared that since the initial budget meeting on March 31, 2022 she had received quite a bit of good feedback from Council. She had prepared a summary of the more costly projects that were budgeted for in the proposed FY 22/23 Budget and the summary indicated which fund the projects would be coming out of.

City Council discussed the items on the summary from City Manager Leven at length. There were some concerns on proposed costs for some of them. City Council was clear that this was a wish list and that Department Heads wanting to actually proceed with the projects would have to come to City Council with competitive pricing and if Council was in agreement to move forward with the project then they could do so.

Council also discussed other items in the budget. There was concern with the pension and OPEB liabilities that the City was carrying.

Council Member Baranski indicated that she would like to see the City reduce the Police and Fire SAD millage if possible. Council Member Blanke reviewed the history of how this came to be and indicated that it was a very difficult decision at the time but it was needed to save the City from bankruptcy. City Manager Leven explained that if City Council did not impose any millage for the SAD the amount of lost revenue from this would have to be made up by monies from the General Fund balance. Further discussion was had on the pros and cons of doing this.

City Council agreed to have City Manager Leven address the following issues prior to final review of FY 22/23 budgets:

- 1) Purchase the Public Safety Vehicles with Drug Forfeiture Monies
- 2) Pay down \$414,000 for OPEB liability instead of the \$207,000 proposed
- 3) Reduce the SAD millage from 3 to 2 mills

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7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizen participation at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Winowiecki supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland, Winowiecki

NAYS:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser

Michael Carnagie, Mayor
City of Fraser