



**CITY MANAGER**

Elaine Leven

**CITY CLERK**

Cynthia Greenia

# City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

**MAYOR**

Michael Lesich

**MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Dana Sutherland

**COUNCIL**

Amy Baranski

Patrick O'Dell

Kenny Perry

Patrice Schornak

Sherry Stein

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.  
AS APPROVED FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lesich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lesich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Present: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, City Engineer Vigneron, DPW Superintendent Robert Barrett, Director of Public Safety Kretzschmar, City Clerk Greenia

**4. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11, 2024**

Mayor Lesich noted the following amendments to the agenda, remove item 7a Eagle Scout Recognition and replace it with Set Public Hearing for Baratta Brothers dba Fairway Packing for IFEC, and also to remove 7c Planning Commission Appointment.

**Motion** by Sutherland supported by Stein to approve the agenda as amended.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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**5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None at this time.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the January 11, 2024 City of Fraser City Council Meeting:

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023
- b. Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes October 5, 2023
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes November 2, 2023
- d. Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023
- e. Check Disbursements
- f. Revenue and Expenditure Report

**Motion** by Baranski supported by Sutherland to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 11, 2024 City of Fraser City Council Meeting.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Set Public Hearing for Baratta Brothers dba Fairway Packing IFEC**

**Motion** by Lesich supported by O'Dell to set a Public Hearing for Thursday February 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for on and IFEC application from Baratta Brothers dba Fairway Packing.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**b. CDBG Public Hearing**

Mayor Lesich opened the public hearing on the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Dorie Vazquez-Nolan, CEO of C.A.R.E. House shared with City Council that their organization was geared toward taking care of both physically and sexually abused children. She went over some of the actions they took and programs they offered. She then shared that .89 cents of every dollar they took in goes toward taking care of the children. They were requesting \$2,400 in CDBG funding for 2024.

Scott Andrews spoke on behalf of Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers. Their purpose was to help elderly and disabled people. They have a program called "Safe at Home" where they assisted low to moderate income citizens with both indoor and outdoor tasks. They have served 28 residents of Fraser and have seven (7) residents of Fraser as part of their volunteer program. Any dollar amount that City Council can give them from the CDBG funds is greatly

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appreciated. He noted that calling was the best way to set something up if help were needed. The phone number is (586) 757-5551.

Tina Huff was present to represent Turning Point. Turning Point was an emergency shelter program that provided a safe place for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. They helped 22 City of Fraser residents between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. She reviewed what services and programs they offered as well as some of the fund raisers they had to help raise money. They were asking for \$2,500 in CDBG funds this year from the City of Fraser.

Mayor Lesich closed the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m.

**c. Fire Boot Purchase**

City Manager Leven reviewed this request with City Council. She stated that it was a request to purchase 25 pairs of Globe Supreme fire boots with Arctic Grip from Macqueen Equipment Group at a cost of \$600 per pair for a total cost of \$15,000.

The boots they have now exceed the ten year recommended service life. They were in poor condition and the DPS would like to replace the boots. A budget item would be required for this.

Director Kretzschmar noted that City Manager Leven summed up this request very well. They were taking inventory of all equipment and she noted they would be back with additional request during the inventory.

**Motion** by Baranski supported by Schornak to approve the purchase of 25 pairs of Globe Supreme fire boots with Arctic Grip from Macqueen Equipment Group at a cost of \$600 per pair for a total of \$15,000 with a budget amount of \$5,000 from the Ambulance Operating Fund (210-301-742).

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland  
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**d. DPS 12 Hour Shift Committee**

City Manager Leven stated that as part of the recently negotiated Public Safety Union contracts one of the items included in the agreements and contracts is to add the option of 12 hour shifts. One of the requirements of the 12 hour shifts is to have a committee work together to implement how this would work. She stated who would be on the committee. For the City it would be DPS Kretzschmar and herself and they needed one more member.

**Motion** by Sutherland supported by Schornak to appoint Council Member Baranski to the 12 Hour Shift Committee.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland  
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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**e. Roseville Sanitary Force Main**

City Manager Leven reviewed this item with City Council. Basically the City of Roseville has initiated a project to replace and aging sanitary pump station and force main currently located on the south side of 13 Mile. The County of Macomb has jurisdiction of 13 Mile Road. Due to numerous conflicts the location of the proposed force main will be in the center turn lane of 13 Mile Road. Due to it's location that is between the city limits of Fraser and Roseville, the Macomb County Department of Roads has asked that the City of Fraser be notified of the project and has requested a Letter of No Objections for this project.

Mr. Vigneron was present to answer questions. Council Member Schornak asked if they would be putting the road back in good shape when they were done. Mr. Vigneron assured her they would be. Further discussion was had.

**Motion** by Baranski supported by Stein to authorize the City Manager to offer a Letter of No Objections to the City of Roseville for their proposed 13 Mile Road Sanitary Force Main project.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**f. Utility Rate Subcommittee**

City Manager Leven reviewed that on December 29, 2023 RFPs for a Utility Rate Study were opened at City Hall as part of the process a committee would be put Together to review these proposals and choose the best company. he Committee still needed two (2) members of City Council.

**Motion** by Sutherland supported by Schornak to appoint Mayor Lesich and Council Member Perry to the Utility Rate Study Committee.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

**g. Labor Attorney Rate**

City Manager Leven shared with City Council the intent of the City's Labor Attorney to raise their rates from \$145 per hour to \$160 per hour. Discussion Was had on the possibility of going out for RFP's for this service.

**Motion** by O'Dell supported by Lesich to approve the rate increase from \$145 To \$160 per hour for the City of Fraser's Labor Attorney, the firm of Kirk, Huth, Lange, and Badalamenti effective January 1, 2024.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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**8. RETURNING BUSINESS**

**a. FY 2022-2023 Audit Status**

City Manager Leven stated that she contacted the auditor today to get the most recent update on the status of the audit. She shared that they were working on a draft audit and should have it to her by the middle of next week.

**9. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION**

City Manager Leven told City Council that she had recently attended a meeting with the Macomb County Department of Roads and Fraser Schools regarding the Garfield Road Project.

She attended a meeting with the Macomb County Department of Roads regarding their long range planning out to 2050.

She went to the Big Boy ribbon cutting ceremony. Many congratulations to them for getting Big Boy open.

**10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Council Member Stein announced that the Fraser First Blue Jean Ball was set for February 10, 2024. Tickets were on sale now and going fast. Sponsorship was available if anyone was interested.

Council Member Schornak wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member O'Dell made mention of the Blue Jean Ball and stated it was a great time and well attended. He wished the Detroit Lions well, and congratulated U of M for winning the College Football National Championship.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sutherland shared she attended the Eastpointe Roseville Fraser Chamber of Commerce meeting. She enjoyed the meetings and meeting with other leaders from those communities. Linda Weishoff is donating to the Blue Jean Ball. There was an upcoming Coffee Hour on January 23 at the Fraser Lions Club. Mayor Lesich and DPS Director Kretzschmar would be there. The F.A.M.E. awards are scheduled for May 13, 2024. Happy New Year to all.

Mayor Lesich shared he was also on the Eastpointe Roseville Fraser Chamber of Commerce. He will be at the Coffee Hour with Mr. Ragsdale on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. He enjoyed the Ribbon Cutting at the Big Boy as well. He visited a Karmanos Cancer Institute new facility on Utica Road just south of 13 Mile Road. It was state of the art and closer for people that did not want to drive to Detroit or Farmington. Go Blue and Go Lions.

**11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

No citizen participation at this time.

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**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Schornak supported by Sutherland to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

AYES: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

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Cindi Greenia, Clerk

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Michael Lesich, Mayor