



City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

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CITY CLERK

August Gitschlag

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Michael Lesich

MAYOR PRO-TEM

Dana Sutherland

COUNCIL

Amy Baranski

Patrick O'Dell

Kenny Perry

Patrice Schornak

Sherry Stein

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Tuesday, June 13, 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 6:33 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following members were present:

Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Baranski entered at 6:36

4. SWEARING IN OF NEW CITY CLERK AUGUST GITSCHLAG

Clerk Gitschlag was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Greenia

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lesich, supported by Perry to add a Priority Waste presentation as item 8a on the agenda.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Baranski, supported by Sutherland to approve the agenda of the June 13, 2024 City Council Meeting as amended.

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

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NAYS: None

Motion Carried

6. CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Nothing at this time.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes May 9, 2024
- b. City Council Special Meeting Minutes April 29, 2024
- c. City Council Special Meeting Minutes May 14, 2024
- d. Historical Commission Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024
- e. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes April 3, 2024
- f. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes April 4, 2024
- g. Historical Commission June Newsletter
- h. Check Disbursements
- i. Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Stein supported by Schornak to approve Consent Agenda as presented

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Presentation by Dan Venet introducing Priority Waste as the new rubbish collection company replacing GFL in the City of Fraser**

- b. **Recreation Commission Appointment – John Hunter**

Motion by Schornak supported by O'Dell to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Commission to appoint John Hunter to the Fraser Recreation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

- c. **Lions Carnival Festival Fireworks**

Motion by Baranski supported by Stein to approve the City of Fraser contribution to the Zambelli fireworks presentation of \$15,000

Council discussed the past contributions, quality of the presentation and value for the money.

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

NAYS: Perry, Schornak

Motion Carried

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d. Auditor Engagement Letter

Motion by Schornak supported by O'Dell to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Yeo & Yeo as presented

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

Motion Carried

e. FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendments

Motion by Baranski supported by Lesich to approve the FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendments as presented

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

Motion Carried

f. FY 2024-25 Millage Rate Form L-4029

Motion by O'Dell supported by Baranski to authorize the Mayor to sign the L-4029 Form for the 2024-2025 Millage Rates.

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

Motion Carried

g. FY 2024-2025 Fee Schedule

Motion by Lesich supported by Stein to approve the amended fee schedule

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

Motion Carried

h. DPW Superintendent appointment

Motion by Schornak supported by Sutherland to appoint Robert Barrett as the DPW superintendent effective June 17, 2024 at the annual rate of \$110,000.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by O'Dell supported by Stein to fill any vacancies created by the promotion to maintain current approved staffing levels in the Department of Public Works

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

Motion Carried

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i. Carpet/Flooring for Senior Housing

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski to approve the bid to Ultra Floor in the amount of \$52,750.00 to replace the carpet and vinyl flooring in Senior Housing in the areas provided in the summary request.

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

Motion Carried

j. Paid on call Wages

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski to approve increases to Paid On-Call wage scale, effective July 1, 2024 as outlined above and presented to City Council.

Considerable discussion regarding the comparative wages for other employees in the Public Safety Department occurred.

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Schornak supported by Sutherland to increase the budget amount from account 210-301-705.00 (wages part-time employees ambulance fund) FY 2024-2025 from \$0 to \$24,000.

k. Zoning Ordinance Update Proposal

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Sutherland to approve McKenna's enclosed proposal to update the Fraser Zoning Ordinance and waive competitive bidding, at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.

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

Motion Carried

l. Moratorium on Shipping Containers in Residential Zoning

Motion by Sutherland supported by Baranski to adopt City of Fraser Resolution #2024-008 placing a Moratorium on Shipping Containers in Residential Zoning to expire June 13, 2025.

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

Motion Carried

m. Street Subcommittee Discussion

No action taken, but it was agreed that there was interest by Council members across the board, and that any decisions will be taken up by the Council as a whole. Council tasked administration to produce a plan and present it to Council in August.

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9. RETURNING BUSINESS

None at this time

10. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Levin reported on the road closing of Malyn at Kelly on Saturday the 15th

City Attorney DeNault gave an update on solicitor permits, informing Council that a City permit is required for door to door solicitation.

11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Perry: Nothing at this time

Schornak: Happy Father's Day. Informed the public that the Fraser Museum would not be open in July but is still accepting donations on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30, and that the Museum is always looking for young volunteers. Veteran suicide is a problem and would like the Vet Suicide hotline on our website. Would like to see a comprehensive list of public service and fraternal organizations operating in the city listed on our website for residents to see available opportunities to get involved. Thanked Mark Ragsdale for his service to the City of Fraser.

Stein: Museum needs gardening volunteers on Wednesdays from 5 to 8, Happy Father's Day to all, Good luck to Fraser Skills USA on their way to Nationals in Atlanta.

Baranski: Thanked Mark Ragsdale for his service and efforts to invest in the employees and their training. Welcome the new Clerk. Requested City Assessor data on percentage of tax revenue the City brings in from businesses vs residents. There is graffiti on the equipment at Somerset Park that needs to be addressed.

O'Dell: Happy Father's Day, Congrats to graduation seniors

Sutherland: Attended the Fraser Fame awards, thanked the Chamber for the event. Have a happy and safe 4th of July. Thanked all the teachers for their service this past school year. Happy Father's Day to everyone.

Lesich: Happy Father's Day. An inconvenient but necessary water main project will begin on Klein 3rd week of June (next week). Contact DPW with any concerns. Thanked the Beautification Club & DPW for the landscaping on the "wedge" corner. He will not be at the July meeting.

12. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Luxio Onyx (16891 General) – Wished all a happy Pride Month and spoke on the Palestinian conflict and their support for the Palestinian people. Encouraged the City to pass a cease fire resolution.

Jim Sutherland (Library) – Listed programs and activities that are all available on the FraserPublicLibrary.org website.

Laura Lesich (15201 Fairview) – Listed dates for Fraser 1st Club meeting at the Library,

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VFW Spaghetti dinner, and Beautification club is activities. Parade theme is forthcoming.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schornak, supported by Stein to adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting at 9:08pm

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

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

August R. Gitschlag, Clerk
City of Fraser

Michael Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser