



City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

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Dana Sutherland

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 6:30 P.M.
As Approved December 14, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, November 1, 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 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carnegie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Baranski, Blanke, Carnegie, Kalka, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

Absent:

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

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Carnegie supported by Schornak to add item 7g – Discussion of Recreation Coordinator position.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnegie, Kalka, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Schornak supported by Kalka to approve the agenda for the November 9, 2023 City Council Meeting as amended.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnegie, Kalka, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tina Lenz approached the Council to ask if there was an update on the Winsome/Airport issue. Mayor Carnegie stated they would be discussing this under Returning Business.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the November 9, 2023 City Council Meeting:

- a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes October 12, 2023
- b. Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes September 14, 2023
- c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 4, 2023
- d. Historical Commission November Report
- e. Planning Commission Reappointment Frank Farina
- f. Planning Commission Reappointment John Keil
- g. Check Disbursements
- h. Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Sutherland supported by O'Dell to approve the Consent Agenda for the November 9, 2023 City of Fraser City Council meeting as presented.

Planning Commission Chair Czarnecki, 31827 Pam, was present to comment on Frank Farina and John Keil, both of whom are up for reappointment to the Planning Commission. She told the City Council they were both invaluable members of the Commission and she was happy they were willing to continue to serve on that Board.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnegie, Kalka, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamations of Community Service

Mayor Carnegie presented Proclamations of Appreciation to Tom Collins, Jim Ligorotis and Doug Rocho for their many years of community service to the City of Fraser.

b. Radar Speed Signs

DPS Director Kretschmar thanked the Mayor, City Council Members Blanke and Kalka for their service to the City. She also added her appreciation for the three members of the Color Guard that were just awarded Proclamations.

She then reviewed that she was in front of them to request approval to purchase three Evolis Vision solar radar speed signs. Evolis Visions solar radar speed signs were the signs you see on the side of the road that state what the speed limit is and then flashes

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the speed you are traveling at. They are a visual deterrent to drivers that may be driving too fast. These can also help collect traffic data that we would need to get from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick in the past. The total cost is \$9,350 and they would be purchased with COP funds.

Council had questions regarding what other tasks they could do as well as what we would do with the current speed sign we have.

Motion by Baranski supported by Blanke to approve the purchase of three (3) Evolis Vision solar radar speed signs from Elan City in the amount of \$9,350.00 using COP funds – 101-000-214-101.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

c. Communications Service Provider

City Manager Leven reviewed with City Council the multiple providers that we currently use for our communications/phone system throughout the City's buildings. She indicated that we could consolidate all these providers into one provider, Comcast. The cost difference would be \$36 monthly but that would include all new phones for each building. One of the benefits with those phones would be we could make basic adjustments to the system in house. The transition would take up to approximately three months. They would also be doing a build out of the fiber for us that would be an \$83,000 value. The agreement is for five years so if at the end of that time we are unhappy with them we can move on to someone else.

Motion by Baranski supported by O'Dell to proceed with Comcast agreement as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

d. Utilities Rate Study RFP

City Manager Leven stated that she was looking for authorization to post an RFP for a Utility Rate Study. The rate study we were using has expired and we need to get a new study done. This will provide the City with assurances that what we are charging for water and sewer is going to cover all the cost of that plus capital costs. Her timeline would be to have the RFP's due December 29 and then, hopefully, have this item on the January 11, 2024 agenda to select a candidate to provide this study.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Baranski to post Utility Rate Study RFP as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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e. Cost Share Agreement – Kelly/Masonic Intersection

City Manager Leven reviewed she was asking for authorization to proceed with the Cost Share Agreement for the Kelly/Masonic intersection. The agreement was with the City of Roseville and Macomb County. Our cost for the improvements was estimated at \$142,719.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Baranski to proceed with Macomb County and the City of Roseville as presented.

Discussion was had on how far reaching this project was. Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak was frustrated with the amount of work that was going to be done and wondered why it would not extend further than the intersection. Engineer Mike Vigneron reviewed the scope of the project in more detail. He stated they were going North and South on Kelly as well to cover the areas that were deteriorating.

Tina Lenz, 31715 Slumber Lane, addressed City Council. She stated that the City needs to make sure AEW is accountable in all the projects they oversee for the City.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

f. Special Organizational Meeting

Discussion was had on when to hold the Organizational Meeting for City Council. Administration had proposed Monday, November 20, 2023. Further discussion was had.

Motion by Schornak supported by Kalka to set Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. as the date and time of the City of Fraser Swearing In and Organizational Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

g. Recreation Coordinator Discussion

City Manager Leven asked for authorization to re-post the position of Recreation Coordinator. It would be the same rate of pay and hours per week. She noted the job description had been updated.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Schornak to authorize the City Manager to post the Recreation Coordinator Position as submitted.

Council Member Sutherland wanted to share that she thought the City Manager and HR Coordinator had done a great job updating the job description.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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A discussion was had on the possibility of having a sub-committee to help in the hiring process with this position.

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. Airport/Winsome Construction Update

Engineer Mike Vigneron addressed City Council to update them on the status of the restoration for the project at Airport and Winsome Roads. He understood there had been concerns by some residents. The contractor had not been paid in full for the work they had done on the restoration. Additionally, the City holds \$80,000 for retainage for that contract. He reviewed all of the steps the contractor had performed to remedy the restoration issues. He feels they have made significant progress with these efforts. Discussion was had on how the City could make this right for the residents.

Mr. Vigneron indicated that the contractor felt they were completed with this project. Council Member Baranski asked Mr. Vigneron if we have documentation showing which would show our concerns over this project. He stated we had quite a bit of documentation on this matter.

Tina Lenz, 31715 Slumber Lane, addressed City Council. She shared her concerns that the sub-contractor told her the job was completed to their satisfaction. She had invested quite a bit of her own money to get her yard back to where it had been prior to the project. She was very frustrated and stated again that someone should be held accountable for this problem.

b. Shade Options for Fort Fraser

Rob Barrett, DPW, was present to review this item with City Council. It was a returning item as the original proposal for shade options at Fort Fraser seemed very high. He was back with three (3) new options ranging in cost from \$19,736.30 to \$25,935.00.

A lengthy discussion was had on what City Council wished to see at Fort Fraser for shade. They were not interested in spending this much money on shade at the site. Council Member O'Dell reminded City Council that there was \$7,000 in donations to help with the cost of this project. Input was received for what other options they would like to be brought back to them for review.

Mr. Barrett stated he would investigate additional choices.

c. FY 2022-2023 Audit Status

City Manager Leven reviewed the status of the FY 22/23 Audit. She added that the City was still on schedule to get the audit completed on time. The auditors would be in City Hall next Monday to start their field work.

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Presentation to City Council Member Blanke

At this time, Mayor Carnagie presented Council Member Blanke with a plaque that would be put on a bench at Blanke Park in honor of her years of service to the City.
Council Member Blanke thanked everyone and reviewed her 37-year history with the City.

City Council took a break at 8:12 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Presentation to Mayor Carnagie

Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak read a Proclamation in honor and gratitude to Mayor Michael Carnagie for his years of service to the City.

Mayor Carnagie thanked everyone for the opportunity he has been afforded over the years. He added that it has been a great career and he appreciated everyone and their support.

9. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Leven began by stating how wonderful it has been working with all Of the City Council members that would not be coming back.

She updated City Council on the status of the Library project.

The Building Maintenance job had been posted.

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Baranski asked to see a future agenda item regarding where the City and the Library were in regard to the purchase of the Library building.

Residents on Morningside reached out to her about the condition of their street.

She reviewed she was thankful to work with Council Members Blanke and Kalka As well as Mayor Carnagie. She noted he had been a calming influence over the years and he would be missed.

She thanked City Council Member Kalka for coming back. To the newly elected Council Members she looked forward to working together – we are all part of a team.

Council Member Sutherland said she had learned so much in the last two years. She thanked City Council Members Kalka, Blanke and Mayor Carnagie.

Council Member O'Dell thanked the Mayor for his service. He stated that the Mayor was a man of integrity and you have been good for the City. He thanked him for always treating him with respect.

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He thanked City Council Member Kalka and Blanke for always being professional. Everyone up at the dais loves the City.

Thanks to the Honor Guard members that were here tonight.

Christmas in Fraser is December 2, 2023. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

City Council Member Kalka shared that she felt everyone on City Council at this time was great and everyone contributed to the decisions that were made. She was happy she got an opportunity to come back – it has been a great journey. She is hopeful moving forward that everyone can work together.

Council Member Blanke again wanted to thank everyone. She added that Mayor Carnagie had been a peace maker over the years, he was sincere, quiet and genuine. He thanked Mrs. Carnagie for lending the City her husband for all this time. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak wanted to thank all the election poll workers, the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk for their efforts on Election Day.

The Baumgartner Museum Open House is December 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be there. Happy Thanksgiving to all. She thanked Mayor Carnagie, Council Member Blanke and Council Member Kalka. She had known Mayor Carnagie and Council Member Blanke for years. She felt this City Council had gotten better collaboration then in the past and she hoped to see this continue with the new City Council members as well and looked forward to that.

Mayor Carnagie thanked everyone. He reviewed there had been both good and bad years while he was on City Council and said that this particular City Council had been wonderful to work with. He asked to please take care of the Dairy Queen situation.

11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tina Lenz, 31715 Slumber Lane spoke. She stated that she supported everyone on City Council and congratulated everyone that was returning.

Sherry Stein, 18387 E. 13 Mile thanked City Council Member Kalka for her service. She thanked Council Member Blanke for her many years of service to the City and stated she was grateful to Mayor Carnagie for all of his hard work over the years. She looked forward to working with the City Council Members that were staying.

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12. Closed Session

a. Strategy Session Regarding Negotiation of a Bargaining Agreement with COAM

Motion by Carnagie supported by Baranski to enter into closed session for the Purposes of a strategy session regarding negotiations of a bargaining agreement with COAM.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

City Council entered into Closed Session at 8:54 p.m.

City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:44 p.m.

Motion by Schornak supported by Kalka to ratify the mediator's recommendation and to settle the Bargaining Agreement with COAM as proposed.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Baranski supported by Kalka to instruct the City Manager to provide the necessary notice as referenced by COAM Collective Bargaining Agreement and Public Safety Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement to transition to 12 hours shifts and take any necessary steps to execute same.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baranski supported by Blanke to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser

Michael Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser