



**CITY MANAGER**  
Elaine Leven  
**CITY CLERK**  
August Gitschlag

# City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

**MAYOR**  
Michael Lesich  
**MAYOR PRO-TEM**  
Dana Sutherland  
**COUNCIL**  
Amy Baranski  
Patrick O'Dell  
Kenny Perry Jr.  
Patrice M. Schornak  
Sherry Stein

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 - 6:30 P.M  
APPROVED March 13, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, February 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 6:30 PM

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lesich led the Pledge of Allegiance

## **3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Following members were present:

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

Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, City Clerk Gitschlag, DPS Captain Gillis, DPS Supervisor Kretschmar, Finance Director Bansal, AEW Engineer Carpenter

## **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Sutherland, Stein seconds to approve the agenda as presented

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

NAYS: None

**Motion Carried**

## 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

*There was no Citizen Participation at this time*

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

*Councilmember Perry asked to remove Consent Agenda item d. Approve 2025 Fireworks Proposal and move it to New Business item K.*

### **The following items are on the Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes January 9, 2025
- b. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Approve Date for FY 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing
- d. ~~Approve 2025 Fireworks Proposal~~
- e. Approve Resolution 2025-005 MDOT FY2025 State Earmark for Industrial Park Roads
- f. Receive Historical Commission Baumgartner Events Flyers
- g. Receive Check Disbursements
- h. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

**Motion** by O'Dell supported by Baranski to approve the Consent Agenda as amended

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

NAYS: None

**Motion Carried**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### **A. Board Appointments:**

#### Board of Review – Ashley Taylor

**Motion** by Stein, Baranski seconds to approve Ashley Taylor to the City of Fraser Board of Review for a 2 year term beginning 1-1-2025 and ending 12-31-2026.

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

NAYS: None

**Motion Carried**

#### Zoning Board of Appeals – Scott Wahl

**Motion** by Schornak, Baranski seconds to appoint Scott Wahl to fill the vacancy on the City of Fraser Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2025.

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

NAYS: None

**Motion Carried**

Recreation Commission – Christine Koch

**Motion** by O'Dell, Lesich seconds to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Commission to reappoint Christine Koch for a seat on the Recreation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027.

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

**Motion Carried**

Recreation Commission – Natalyn Pieprzyk

**Motion** by Schornak, O'Dell seconds to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Commission to appoint Natalyn Pieprzyk for a seat on the Recreation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027.

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

**Motion Carried**

**B. 2025 Poverty Exemption Policy and Application**

**Motion** by O'Dell, Schornak seconds to approve the City of Fraser 2025 Poverty Exemption Policy, Guidelines and State of Michigan required applications as submitted by the Assessing Department.

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

**Motion Carried**

**C. Water System CDSMI Grant - Additional Locations**

*AEW Engineer Ashley Carpenter Presented to Council*

**Motion** by Schornak, Lesich seconds to approve Contract Modification #1 for the Water Service Material Investigation Program in the amount of \$89,496.00.

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

**Motion Carried**

**D. Residential Cross Connection Inspection Contract Renewal – HydroCorp**

**Motion** by Lesich, Schornak seconds to extend the contract with HydroCorp for an additional 2 years in an amount of \$3,330 per month or \$79,920.00 total.

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

**Motion Carried**

**E. Miscellaneous Concrete Repair Program Contract Award to Luigi Ferdinandi & Sons**

**Motion** by Sutherland, Baranski seconds to award a contract for the 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Repair Program to Luigi Ferdinandi & Sons Cement Co. Inc. in the amount of \$300,000 and authorize Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. to provide construction engineering services in the estimated amount of \$50,000, with a total authorization not to exceed \$350,000.

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

**Motion Carried**

**F. DPW Parking Lot Construction Change Order**

**Motion** by O'Dell, Schornak seconds to award a contract for the DPW Parking Lot Concrete Replacement Contract to Luigi Ferdinandi & Sons Cement Co. Inc. in the amount of \$268,761.00, establish a construction contingency of \$26,900, and authorize Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. to provide construction engineering services in the estimated amount of \$40,000, with a total authorization not to exceed \$335,461.00.

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion** by O'Dell, Baranski seconds to approve a budget amendment to account number 101-265-972.000 in the amount of \$109,461.

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

**Motion Carried**

**G. DPS Staffing Request for Fire Marshal Sergeant Position**

*DPS Director Kretzschmar and DPS Capt. Gillis presented Council with their plan for having a Fire Marshall position. No formal action was taken.*

**H. DPS Portable Radios Purchase Request**

**Motion** by Baranski, Lesich seconds to approve a budget amendment and the purchase of 10 Motorola APX 6000 700/800 model radios including a five year warranty and the one time programming fee from the Ambulance Account 210.301.742.000 in the amount of \$66,676.40.

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

**Motion Carried**

## **I. DPS Succession Planning and Promotional Testing for Captain**

**Motion** by Lesich, Stein seconds to allow EMPCO testing for the rank of Captain from the contractual services account in the amount of \$9,275.00, promote to the rank of Captain when the vacancy occurs through the retirement of Captain Bisby; promote an officer to the rank of Sergeant to fill the vacancy created through the previous promotion, and hire a PSO to fill the vacancy left by the promotion to Sergeant.

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

**Motion Carried**

## **J. Request to Fill Vacant Staff Positions**

- 1) Part Time Senior Activities Center Clerk
- 2) Full Time Building Clerk

**Motion** by Baranski, Schornak seconds to allow City Manager to proceed with filling previously budgeted non-management frontline or entry level clerk positions should they become vacant.

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

**Motion Carried**

## **k. Approve 2025 Fireworks Proposal**

**Motion** by Baranski, O'Dell seconds to approve the proposal from Zambelli for fireworks presentation in the amount of \$25,000. Fraser Lions Club agreed to a \$10,000 contribution towards the fireworks display in 2025.

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

**Motion Carried**

## **8. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION**

City Manager Leven informed Council of the DIA Mural Survey that was launched, updated them on the demolition of the Reindel Building, and the closing on the library sale.

## **9. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**Stein** – Thanked everyone for attending the Blue Jean Ball.

**Baranski** – Thanks DPW for all their hard work removing snow and plowing streets.

**Sutherland** – Explained her no votes earlier in the meeting and inquired about the rental rates at the Senior Housing plaza.

**O'Dell** – Thanked everyone for attending the Blue Jean Ball.

**Schornak** – Historical Commission sale on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, VFW has started their spaghetti dinners, celebrations are being planned for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Baumgartner House.

**Perry** – requested an update on the driveway expansion requests currently in discussion at ZBA, and shared resident concerns about primary vs secondary streets for snow removal.

**Lesich** – would like to see an updated snow removal map for the city, wants to see \$380k for pickleball courts used, and is officiating his first wedding on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Ray Wojciechowski inquired about drones instead of fireworks

Public Safety Captain John Gillis gave Council an update on Squad 2 and how many runs it has made.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Schornak, O'Dell seconds to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm

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

NAYS: None

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Michael T. Lesich, Mayor  
City of Fraser

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August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk  
City of Fraser