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**CITY OF FRASER CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
As Approved May 9, 2024**

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, DPW Superintendent Mark Ragsdale, DPW Supervisor Rob Barrett, Engineer Mike Vigneron, Building Department Director Robert Logan, Recreation Coordinator Chris Delmage, Captain David Bisby, Captain John Gillies, Finance Director Anjlee Bansal, and City Clerk Cindi Greenia

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Stein supported by Baranski to approve the agenda of the April 16, 2024, Special City Council meeting as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no citizen participation at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Proposed FY 24/25 Budget

City Manager Leven reviewed the proposed FY 24/25 Budget for the City of Fraser with the City Council. Department Heads were available to field questions from Council Members on different items in their department's budget.

City Council reviewed the budgets including the appropriations, City Council, City Manager, Finance, Retiree Health Care, Self-Insurance Fund, City Clerk, IT, Assessing, Senior Activity Center, Recreation, Building, Planning and Zoning. Council had questions for all Department Heads during discussion regarding some items in their Department budget regarding staffing, training, equipment, and costs for contracted services.

The City Council took a short break at 7:45 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

At this time City Council reviewed the budgets for Buildings and Grounds, Department of Public Works, Park Maintenance, Major Street, Local Street, Water, Sewer, Rubbish Collection, and Motor Pool.

A somewhat lengthy discussion was had on plans for Steffans Park moving forward. City Manager Leven recommended that we could have a study carried out strictly on Steffans Park to see what the residents felt should be included in Steffans Park and how it should be laid out.

At this time Mayor Pro-Tem Sutherland proposed having another Special City Council Meeting to finish up review of the proposed budget. They had the DPS to address yet as well as any questions/decisions about certain expenses in the proposed budget and she felt it would be better to take care of that at another meeting.

City Council agreed to meet on April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to continue the budget workshop.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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There was no citizen participation at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lesich supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser

Michael Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser