



CITY MANAGER
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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 MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.
AS APPROVED MAY 8, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, April 10, 2025 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

Also Present: City Manager Leven, City Clerk Gitschlag, Building Department Manager Bob Logan, DPS Director Kretzschmar, Finance Director Bansal, DPW Superintendent Barrett, DPW Supervisor Gregory, Recreation Director Delmege, Building Official Claussen, Confidential Secretary to CM Matuz

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lesich supported by Sutherland to add "Consideration of Municipal Finance Advisor Agreement" as New Business Item B

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

Motion by Baranski supported by Schornak to approve agenda as amended

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

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5. CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no citizen participation at this time

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Consent Agenda

- a. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes March 13, 2025
- b. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- d. Approve Arbor Day Proclamation
- e. Receive Check Disbursements
- f. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Sutherland supported by O'Dell to approve the Consent Agenda

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2025-006 to Authorize Sale of Bonds for Industrial Park Roads Special Assessment District**

Tom Colis Presented

Motion by O'Dell supported by Baranski to adopt the resolution 2025-006 to Authorize the Sale of Bonds for the Industrial Park Roads Special Assessment District.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

- b. Consideration of Municipal Finance Advisor Agreement with Bendzinski & Co Municipal Advisors**

Motion by Schornak Supported by Baranski to approve the Municipal Finance Advisor Agreement with Bendzinski & Co Municipal Advisors

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

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c. Act 51 Map Certifying/Decertifying Roads

Engineer Mike Vigneron explained the need for the additions and deletions of roads

Motion by Lesich supported by O'Dell to adopt Resolution 2025-007 – Fraser Drive Certification

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

Motion by Lesich supported by O'Dell to adopt Resolution 2025-008 – Toulouse Avenue Certification

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

Motion by Lesich supported by Perry to adopt Resolution 2025-009 – Luxembourg Avenue Certification

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

Motion by Lesich supported by Schornak to adopt Resolution 2025-010 – Gladys Street Decertification

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

d. Award of Senior Activities Center Roof Top Unit Replacement

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski to award a contract for the Senior Center RTU Replacement to Eastside Mechanical in the amount of \$115,424.44, authorize Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. to provide contract administration services in accordance with the standing agreement in the estimated amount of \$7,500, and authorize the DPW Superintendent and City Manager discretion to approve additional contract costs from a construction contingency of \$34,575.56, with a total authorization not to exceed \$157,500.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

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e. FY 2025-2026 Budget Presentation

City Manager Leven presented an overview of the FY 2025-2026 Budget

Mayor Lesich requested FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 Actuals

Mayor Lesich requested clarification on the contribution to Retiree Healthcare or OPEB

Mayor Pro-Tem Sutherland asked about Fraser participation in RARE recreation district

f. FY 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing

Mayor Lesich opened the hearing at 7:17 and closed the public hearing at 7:18

There was no citizen participation

g. Steffens Park Tennis and Pickleball Court Reconstruction Proposal

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski in support of Option 3 (New Vinyl Coated Steel Fence): and award a contract for the Steffens Park Tennis Court Improvements Contract to Asphalt Specialists, LLC in the amount of \$349,354.00, establish a construction contingency of \$35,000, 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 \$434,354.00.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

h. Senior Housing Rate Study

Motion by O'Dell, Supported by Stein to approve the increase in Senior Housing rent by \$20 a month and the Maintenance fee by \$20 a month.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

i. Ordinance Amendment to Consolidate Precincts

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski to approve Ordinance No. 395 amending Chapter 8 of the City Code of Ordinances to consolidate the City's election precincts from 7 voting precincts to 5 voting precincts.

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

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j. Consideration of Forming Library Renovation and Expansion Subcommittee

Motion by Sutherland supported by Baranski to establish a City Council Subcommittee for open communication with the library.

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

Motion Passes

Motion by Baranski supported by Stein to appoint Baranski, Schornak and Sutherland to the newly established City Council Subcommittee for open communication with the library.

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

Motion Passes

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. McKenna Building Department Services Contract

Motion by Sutherland supported by Baranski approve the contract with McKenna as presented

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

Motion Passes

b. Amendment to Resolution 2025-001 Industrial Park SAD

Motion by Schornak supported by O'Dell to approved amended Resolution 2025-001 Industrial Park Special Assessment District

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

Motion Passes

9. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

CM Leven reported on:

Congratulated Anjalee and the Finance Department
Police used council chamber for Intoxilizer training
There was an emergency water main break on Garfield
New Communications Specialist Chene has started
There will be an Engineering Pre-Planning meeting on the Industrial Park Roads project

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Marshmallow drop is full
Pavillion rentals are open for booking
Weave Peace is here at Steffens Park
Big Bounce House and Let's Go Fly a Kite events are coming up

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Baranski – None

O'Dell – Happy Easter and Happy Tax Day

Perry - None

Schornak – Shared Baumgartner House/ Museum events. 150th anniversary event
September 7th

Stein - None

Sutherland – Packets are available for those interested in running for City Council

Lesich – April 30th Small Business event & Arbor Day is April 25th

11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Laura Lesich explained the Weave Peace event in Steffens Park and encouraged participation

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sutherland supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at 8:29

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
City of Fraser