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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 AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, MAY 08, 2025 - 6:30 P.M
AS APPROVED THURSDAY JUNE 12, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lesich called the meeting to order at 6:34

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Also Present: City Manager Leven, City Clerk Gitschlag, DPS Director Kretzschmar, Finance Director Bansal, DPW Superintendent Barrett, HR Director Gigliotti, Confidential Secretary to CM Matuz, City Planner Lauren Sayre

Motion by O'Dell supported by Schornak to excuse Councilperson Stein

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

Motion Passes

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Baranski supported by Schornak to approve the agenda

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

Motion Passes

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5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Justin Zutz 17925 Rainbow – spoke for the Fraser Pickleball Club’s support of the Steffens Park renovation of the pickleball and tennis courts

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sutherland supported by Baranski to approve the consent agenda as presented

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O’Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: Stein

Motion Passes

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments on Driveway Expansion

Lauren Sayre provided an outline of the specific changes being proposed

Motion by Schornak, supported by Perry to approve the text amendments as submitted to add a definition for driveways in Section 32-3 of the Code of Ordinances, replace the residential parking provision in Section 32-92(10) of the Code of Ordinances, and add impervious surface maximum limitations in RM and RL districts in Section 32-122(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O’Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: Stein

Motion Passes

B. Firefighter SCBA Pack Purchase

DPS Director Kretzschmar presented to Council regarding the SCBA Pack Purchase

Motion by O’Dell, supported by Baranski to purchase 14 SCBA’s and 45 face masks from Scott out of the public safety capital outlay account 101.301.972.000 for \$174,270.00.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O’Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: Stein

Motion Passes

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C. Crossing Guard Wage Increase Request

Motion by Sutherland, supported by Baranski to approve an increase in the Crossing Guard's salary to \$20.00 per hour from the part-time salary line item 101.301.705.000.

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

Nays:

Absent: Stein

Motion Passes

Councilmember Stein arrives at 7:21

D. Sheetz Conditional Rezoning Lighting Variance Request

City Attorney DeNault and City Planner Sayre gave an overview of the request. David Bruckelmeyer from Sheetz and their attorney John Gabor along with their lighting consultant presented Sheetz's rationale for the request.

Motion by Sutherland, supported by Baranski to amend the zoning ordinance to allow a maximum of 20ft candles under a gas station canopy

Daniel Nicholson spoke in opposition to this amendment

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

Nays: Schornak

Absent:

Motion Passes

Motion by Sutherland, O'Dell seconds to amend the first sentence of Section 4 of the Conditional Rezoning Agreement as proposed, and to add an additional variance approval to the Conditional Rezoning Agreement to permit the gas pump canopy lighting to be a maximum of 20 footcandles. The condition being that Sheetz provide a signed executed agreement within 30 days to be held in escrow upon the City approval of a proposed lighting plan.

Frank Farina and Vince Calabrese spoke in opposition to the motion

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

Nays: Lesich, Schornak

Absent:

Motion Passes

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E. FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendments

Finance Director Anjee Bansal presented

Motion by Sutherland supported by Baranski to direct administration to research and implement a data-based time keeping system by the end of the 2026 fiscal year.

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

Nays: Lesich

Absent:

Motion Passes

Motion by Baranski, supported by O'Dell to approve the budget amendment as presented

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to move agenda items F, G & H to a special meeting to be held on May 14th at 6:30pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

~~F. Resolution 2025-011 FY 2025-2026 Budget~~

~~G. Resolution 2025-012 FY 2025-2026 Millage General Appropriate Act~~

~~H. 2025-2026 Fee Schedule~~

I. Report by Library Subcommittee

Committee has no report, but will submit a written report for the agenda when they do meet

J. Resolution of Support for Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Motion by Lesich, supported by Entire Council to support the resolution for Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

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- K.** Request the City Administration research the process to remove Reindel Park from the list of Fraser Public Parks and potentially declare the property as surplus land for potential sale or redevelopment

City Attorney DeNault will initiate the title search and begin the process

- L.** Steffens Park Tennis/Pickleball Court Project Update

Ashley Carpenter from AEW presented the options for the updating of the court

Motion by Baranski, supported by Lesich to approve the Steffens Park tennis and pickleball court project adjustments.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

8. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

Nothing at this time

9. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Everyone wished the public a Happy Mother's Day

Baranski – Would like to see the city pursue USAA Pickleball grants

Lesich – Local Chamber of Commerce is about to be renamed, and Mayor Lesich outlined the Chamber's accomplishments and community outreach, and FAME awards are May 13th

O'Dell – Happy Mother's Day

Perry – Inquired about chickens in the zoning ordinance

Schornak – updated us on Historical Commission events and 150th anniversary events

Stein – Promoted the Fly a Kite event, congratulated the FAME award winners

Sutherland – Congrats to FAME award winners, Happy Mother's Day to pet moms as well, Happy Professional Municipal Clerk's Week

10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Thomas Topski addressed Council about his medical needs

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Laura Lesich mentioned the Let's Fly A Kite event (Fraser 1st will be handing out kites)
Weave Peace is still up

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lesich supported by Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 10:25pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
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