



City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

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**FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, September 12, 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 6:30PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following members were present:

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

Absent: Baranski

Motion by Sutherland supported by Schornak to excuse Councilmember Baranski from the meeting.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Schornak supported by Stein to approve the agenda as presented/amended.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

5. CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

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No residents commented at this time:

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Consent Agenda

- a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes August 8, 2024
- b. City Council Special Meeting Minutes August 20, 2024
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes May 2, 2024
- d. Historical Commission Meeting Minutes July 8, 2024
- e. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes July 15, 2024
- f. Historical Commission September Newsletter
- g. Check Disbursements
- h. Revenue and Expenditure Report

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Credit Union Grant for Gas Sensor

A check was presented to the DPS

B. Historical Commission Appointments

Motion by Schornak supported by Stein to reappoint Marilyn Wright and Marti VanEenennaam-Iwaniki to the Historical Commission with terms ending June 30, 2028.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

Motion by Schornak supported by Stein to appoint Mackenzie Lenk to the Historical Commission with a term ending Jun 30, 2026.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

C. Macomb FAC TIP Application Resolution

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Motion by O'Dell supported by Lesich to pass a Resolution of Commitment and Support for the Macomb County Federal Aid Committee Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

D. Linden Pump Station Abandonment Study

The City of Fraser operates and maintains a stormwater pump station off of Utica between Fraser Drive and Linden Street that has been historically referred to as the Linden Pump Station. The station is housed in the wooden shed adjacent to the Dairy Maid. In 2018, after a pump failed and localized street flooding occurred, the City utilized SAW Grant funds to begin investigating the sewers upstream of the Linden Station as historical records were nonexistent and/or inconclusive, and the routing was unknown to city personnel at the time. City administration feels it is important to begin the planning efforts to correct this situation and have

a proposed course of action, which requires confirming the contributing areas and potential individual connections to the sewers in the pump station district; evaluating feasibility of routing options to handle the flow, including downstream effects of possibly taking storm flow from one district to another; and developing up to three alternatives with budgetary cost estimates.

Motion by Lesich supported by O'Dell to approve the engineering services for the Linden Pump Station Abandonment Feasibility Study with AEW in the amount of \$30,500 and authorize the City Manager discretion to approve up to \$7,500 in additional field services as discussed in AEW's proposal.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

E. 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation Engineering Proposal

After completing a 4-year citywide sanitary sewer cleaning and CCTV inspection program in 2022, the City has proactively and systematically addressed the identified structural deficiencies by means of full length and sectional Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP). Request that City Council approve the AEW proposal to prepare bidding documents for this year's sanitary sewer rehabilitation program.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Sutherland to approve the engineering services for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Program with AEW in the amount of \$7,500.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

F. Fire Gear Purchase

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Motion by Sutherland supported by O'Dell to approve the purchase of 30 sets of Fire Dex firefighter structural turnout gear, seven pair of Globe Supreme 14"boots and 50 Globe Guard firefighter hoods in the amount of \$104,328.00 from account 101-301-972.000 (Public Safety Capital Outlay)

Ayes: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Nays: None
Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

G. Backhoe Purchase

Motion by O'Dell supported by Schornak to approve the purchase 2024 John Deere 320P Backhoe for \$146,087.45. It is further recommended that the City Council authorize the Public Works Department to participate in the MIDeal cooperative pre-bid contract for the backhoe.

Ayes: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Nays: None
Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

H. Brush Chipper Purchase

Motion by O'Dell supported by Stein to authorize the purchase of a Vermeer AX17 brush chipper for \$103,000 and authorizing the Public Works Department to participate in the Sourcewell cooperative pre-bid contract for the chipper

At this time a resident expressed his concern over an ash tree on Fraser Ave south of 14 Mile that he feels needs City attention.

Ayes: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Nays: None
Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

Industrial Park Roads Discussion

A robust discussion with the City administration, Engineers, and Mr. Jeff Cicliano about the options for covering the cost of repaving of the Fraser industrial park road infrastructure.

Motion by Lesich, supported by O'Dell to direct administration to move forward on creating a plan for the industrial park road paving and engineering costs with \$3.5 million dollar City of Fraser fund contribution in mind.

Ayes: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Nays: None
Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

9. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

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City Manager Leven informed council of the \$17,000 grant for election expenses the Clerk's Office received from the Institute for Responsive Government

City Manager Leven informed Council of a need for a Special Meeting on September 26th.

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Lesich: Thanked Council for their road funding consensus. Went to Eastpointe/Roseville Chamber meeting, Macomb Partners quarterly meeting. November 7th is the Deck the Halls event by the Eastpointe/Roseville Chamber.

Councilmember O'Dell: Asked if the city has had any issues with Priority Waste like what has been reported on TV.

Councilmember Perry: Asked administration about the cost of obtaining emails through FOIA

Councilmember Schornak: Asked where to send Historical Commission minutes and where should they put leave bags due to the construction on Kelly Rd. Historical Museum flea market will be October 6th, Knights of Columbus of on Kelly will have a fish fry on September 27th and a farmers Market on September 19th. St Vincent DePaul will have a Rams Horn fundraiser on September 26th and 4th Wednesday is the spaghetti dinner at the VFW.

Councilmember Stein: Nothing at this time

Councilmember Sutherland: Thanked DPS for their help with her stolen car.

11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mark Richter on Gordon Ave spoke about his interaction with Public Services regarding the dust and dirt from the nearby water main break and repair project, and reminded us Dairy Maid is closing for the season soon.

12. CLOSED SESSION

a. Closed session to consider an attorney-client privileged communication exempt from disclosure

Motion by Lesich supported by Sutherland to Enter into Closed Session at 8:09

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Motion Carried

Council returned to open session at 8:33PM

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13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schornak supported by Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 8:34

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

Nays: None

Absent: Baranski

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, Clerk
City of Fraser