



CITY MANAGER
Elaine Leven
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City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

MAYOR
Michael T. 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, JULY 10, 2025 - 6:30 P.M
AS APPROVED THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lesich called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Others Present: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, City Clerk Gitschlag, DPS
Captain Gillis, DPS Supervisor Kretzschmar, DPW Superintendent Barrett

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Schornak, supported by Stein to approve the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passes

Baranski enters at 6:33pm

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes June 12, 2025
- b. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Approve Captain Gillies MERS Service Credit
- d. Receive Check Disbursements
- e. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Baranski, supported by Lesich to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

7. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to enter closed session for the purpose of a strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Council enters closed session at 6:35pm

Council exits closed session at 8:50pm

Mayor Lesich reconvenes the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:55pm

Motion by Lesich, supported by Stein to authorize the Director of Public Safety to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Gillis.

Ayes: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Stein

Nays: Baranski, Schornak, Sutherland

Absent:

Motion Passes

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8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Priority Waste Contract Extension

Department of Public Works Superintendent Barrett and Department of Public Works Supervisor Gregory presented to Council on the contract renewal. Dan Venet from Priority Waste also answered Council questions.

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to extend the three-year service contract with Priority Waste contingent upon the review and approval of the City Attorney.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

b. Salt Dome Kit Purchase

Department of Public Works Superintendent Barrett and Department of Public Works Supervisor Gregory presented to the Council with the details of this budgeted purchase.

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to approve the purchase of a salt dome kit from Clear Span in the amount of \$14,591.73.

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

Nays: Sutherland

Absent:

Motion Passes

c. Agenda and Meeting Management Software Agreement

City Manager Leven presented to the Council the justification for the upgrade in council minutes and video hosting.

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to approve quote from CivicPlus for Agenda and Meeting Management Select Pro with Premium Implementation in the amount of \$16,450.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

9. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. Library Subcommittee Report

Council member Baranski said the dialogue was productive and they are meeting again in August, and more information will be available after that meeting.

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10. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

- The recent tornado weather incident required some shingle repairs to the Steffens Park shed.
- Captain Gillis's retirement ceremony will be in City Council Chambers at 4:30pm on Thursday July 17th
- Parade cannot go on as scheduled due to road issues on Garfield, staff is exploring other options.
- "Toy Story" is scheduled for the upcoming movie in the park event
- Fraser Vendor Market will be August 2nd
- City Hall Blood Drive is scheduled for July 24th in City Council Chambers

11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Baranski – apologized for being late, praised Capt. Gillis, explained her reason for voting against the promotion motion after closed session.

O'Dell – nothing at this time

Perry – had questions about water main breaks around the city

Schornak – New courts look outstanding. Can GLWA reimburse for some water main repairs if their pressure level was above normal? Historical Commission Open House on August 3rd. Asked that before residents send frustrated emails, they should research all the work and discussions the Council has already provided regarding tax & assessing questions and water & sewer rates.

Stein – Historical Commission bar sale August 3rd

Sutherland – acknowledged her kids watching at home

Lesich – asked City Attorney DeNault for an update on Sheetz

12. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Greg Grueneberg on Wilhelmine asked about the yellow assessor tag he found on his house, and what it means going forward.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at **10:13pm**

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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