



City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

CITY MANAGER

Elaine Leven

CITY CLERK

August Gitschlag

MAYOR

Michael Lesich

MAYOR PRO-TEM

Patrick O'Dell

COUNCIL

Amy Baranski

Kenny Perry Jr.

Patrice Schornak

Sherry Stein

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.
APPROVED SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

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

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

Absent:

Others Present: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, City Clerk Gitschlag,
DPS Director Kretzschmar,

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lesich requests to add Resolution to approve Road Closure for Fraser HS
Homecoming Parade to the agenda as item L7

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes July 10, 2025
- b. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Receive Historical Commission Newsletters
- d. Receive Check Disbursements
- e. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Baranski to approve the consent agenda as presented

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Fraser First Booster Club Donation for Fort Fraser Mural**
Vania Apps and Laura Lesich from Fraser First presented

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornak to authorize administration to move forward with Fraser First to finalize the details of this project with the understanding that it is approved, subject to written memorandum of agreement be presented to council next month for final approval

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

- b. **Baumgartner House Proclamation for 150th Anniversary**

Mayor and Council presented a resolution in recognition of the Baumgartner House anniversary and presented it to members of the Fraser Historical Commission

- c. **Resignation of Mayor Pro-Tem Sutherland**

Motion by Lesich, supported by Baranski to accept the resignation of Mayor Pro-Tem Dana Sutherland and declare her seat on council vacant.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

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d. Certificate of Appreciation for Mayor Pro-Tem Sutherland

Council presented Dana Sutherland with a certificate of appreciation for her service to the City of Fraser and wished her luck.

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski to appoint Patrick O'Dell as Mayor Pro-Tem

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Motion by Schornak, supported by Stein to extend the appointment to fill the City Council vacancy to Michael Carnegie.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

e. Civil Service Commission Appointment of Robert Hirschmann

Motion by Lesich supported by O'Dell to appoint Robert Hirschmann to the Civil Service Commission for the partial term ending in 2026

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

f. Repeal of Coin Operated Amusement Devices Ordinance

Clerk Gitschlag explained the ordinance was outdated and unnecessary in today's technology world, and how it denied Don DeNault from having fun as a teenager.

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Lesich to adopt Ordinance No. 397 to repeal Article IV of Chapter 4 of the City of Fraser Code of Ordinances.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

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g. Squad One Ambulance Purchase

Public Safety Director Kretzschmar presented on the need for a new ambulance based on the condition and usage of current equipment.

Motion by Baranski, supported by O'Dell to approve the purchase of a 2026 Horton Type I Ford F550 4x4 diesel engine ambulance from EV Plus, and, an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for graphics and radio, for a total not to exceed the amount of \$364,103.00, from the ambulance capital account 210.301.972.000.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

h. Consideration of Promotion from PSO to Sergeant Position

Public Safety Director Kretzschmar presented on the promotion process

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Stein to approve the promotion of a PSO to the rank of Sergeant to fill the patrol division vacancy.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

i. Resolution 2025-016 Garfield Road Closure Request for City Parade

Motion by Lesich, supported by O'Dell to approve Resolution 2025-016 Garfield Road Closure Permit Request Fraser Parade on October 26, 2025, from 1:30 - 3:30pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

j. DIA Mural Design Approval for Senior Activity Center Building

Mural is no cost to the City and paid for by the Detroit Institute of Arts

Motion by Stein, supported by Baranski to approve mural design recommendation of the subcommittee for the Senior Activity Center

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

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k. Steffens Park Planning Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee met and will interview 3 potential firms that are being interviewed next week. One will be selected and brought to Council.

l. Resolution to approve Road Closure for Fraser HS Homecoming Parade

Motion by Schornak, supported by Lesich to approve the road closure resolution for the Fraser Homecoming Parade.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. Library Subcommittee Report – August meeting canceled

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornack to appoint Kenny Perry to the Library Subcommittee seat vacated by Dana Sutherland.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

b. Update Regarding Removal of Reindel Park from the list of Fraser Public Parks

Don DeNault gave a brief update

9. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

- Railroad is closing Kelly Oct 6 to 10 for upgrades
- Fireworks are 9pm on August 24th
- Public Safety Open House is October 5th

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- Lesich – Industrial park roads groundbreaking is this week, VFW .1-mile marathon is Sunday, thank you to the Fraser Lions Club for the festival, looking forward to the murals and art coming to Fraser. He attended Mayor's conference in Portage, MI where public safety and trash collection were major topics.
- O'Dell – Come to the festival, will be back on schedule next year
- Branski – Enjoy the festival
- Perry – none

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- Schornak – daughter got engaged!! St Malachi festival starts this weekend as well.
- Stein – regrets her vote for Priority Waste,

11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Laura Lesich thanked the Council for their support of the Fraser First mural project and will continue to support art in the community. Fairy door hunt in July was well received. There will not be an August meeting; it will meet next on Sept 17th.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to adjourn the meeting

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
City of Fraser