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FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

BUDGET WORKSHOP

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Immediately following the February 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

APPROVED March 13, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lesich gaveled the workshop to order at 8:50pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the room in 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

Others Present: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, City Clerk Gitschlag, DPS Captain Gillis, DPS Supervisor Kretzschmar, Finance Director Bansal, Public Services Superintendent Barrett

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sutherland, Stein seconds to approve the agenda as presented

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation at this time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Leven began with a consolidated analysis of the fund balance and millage rates, as well as an overview of the City's various budget obligations and remaining capital improvement projects.

Budget Preplanning Discussions:

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Finance – Finance Director Bansal was present as City Manager Leven presented the proposed FY 25/26 budget for the City of Fraser.

DPS – DPS Supervisor Kretzschmar was present to discuss capital projects for the upcoming budget, as well as the overall direction of the department including plans for staffing, training and accreditation.

DPW – Supervisor Barrett was present and discussed the conditions and priorities for our roads and sewer systems, as well as Steffens Park, plow trucks, pickle ball courts and sidewalks.

General – City Manager Leven discussed computer upgrades, updating the scrolling sign, add a quarterly newsletter, updating the Master Plan, adding an additional pension contribution, and possible Civic Plus upgrade to a Recreation Module. Some possible staffing shifts and changes were broadly discussed as well.

In conclusion City Manager Leven presented projected overall costs and revenue, and suggested options for Council to consider.

The entire presentation is available upon request and visible on the City of Fraser YouTube page.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schornak, supported by O'Dell to adjourn the Budget Workshop

Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
City of Fraser

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