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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 MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 - 6:30 P.M
AS APPROVED THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, June 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 room in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following members were present:

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

Others Present: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, City Clerk Gitschlag, DPS Captain Gillis, DPS Supervisor Kretzschmar, DPS Sgt. Matthews, Finance Director Bansal, Public Services Superintendent Barrett, McKenna Contractors Ashley Jankowski and Lauren Sayre, AEW Contractor Ashley Carpenter.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sutherland, supported by Stein to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Motion Passes

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

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None at this time

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Council Special Meeting Minutes May 1, 2025
- b. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes May 8, 2025
- c. Approve City Council Special Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025
- d. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- e. Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- f. Approve Clinton River Watershed Council Service Agreement
- g. Approve Audit Engagement Proposals
- h. Receive Check Disbursements
- i. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

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

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell, Schornak

Motion Passe

7. CLOSED SESSION

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

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

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell, Schornak

Motion Passes

Council enters closed session at 6:34PM

Councilmember Schornak enters at 6:38PM

Council exits closed session at 7:48PM

Mayor Lesich reconvenes the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:54PM

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request to Rezone Hayes Road Property from Residential Low to Residential Medium *City Planner Lauren Sayre presented to Council, residents Kurt Tischer and Heather Corcoran from 33480 Hayes Rd spoke against the rezoning. Doug Hagerty spoke as well.*

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Motion by Sutherland, supported by Lesich to approve the request for RZ 25-01 to rezone Hayes Road (PIN: 11-31-351-022) from RL, Residential Low - One Family to RM, Residential Medium – One Family.

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

Motion Passes

- b. Industrial Park Special Assessment District Roads Contract Award
Ashley Carpenter of AEW presented

Motion by Sutherland supported by Lesich to award a contract for the Industrial Park Road Reconstruction S.A.D. to Mark Anthony Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$10,284,306.22, authorize Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. to provide contract administration services in accordance with the standing agreement in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000, and authorize the DPW Superintendent and City Manager discretion to approve additional contract costs from a construction contingency of \$1,000,000.

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

Motion Passes

- c. Water Main Replacement Contract Award
Ashley Carpenter from AEW Presented

Motion by Sutherland, supported by Lesich to award a contract for the 2024 Water Main Replacement Project to D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,358,888.00, authorize Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. to provide contract administration services in accordance with the standing agreement in the estimated amount of \$203,000, and authorize the DPW Superintendent and City Manager discretion to approve additional contract costs from a construction contingency of \$135,000, with a total authorization not to exceed \$1,696,888.00.

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

Motion Passes

- d. Resolution 2025-013 Klein Road MDOT Agreement
Ashley Carpenter from AEW Presented

Motion by Lesich, supported by Baranski to pass resolution 2025-013 entering into agreement 25-5205 with Michigan Department of Transportation and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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

Motion Passes

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- e. Resolution 2025-014 Sidewalk and Pathway Gap Master Plan Adoption
Ashley Carpenter from AEW and Ashley Jankowski from McKenna presented

Motion by Lesich, supported by Baranski to pass Resolution 2025-014 adopting the Sidewalk Gap Plan.

Residents Kurt Tischer and Heather Corcoran from 33480 Hayes Rd spoke about tree stock and trash cans

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell

Motion Passes

- f. FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendments

Finance Director Anjlee Bansal presented

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to approve the FY 2024-2025 budget amendments as presented to Council

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell

Motion Passes

- g. FY 2025-2026 Fee Schedule

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to approve the amended fee schedule as submitted

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell

Motion Passes

- h. Public Safety Drone Purchase Request

*Director Kretzchmar and Sgt. Scott Matthew presented to Council
Residents Doug Hagerty and Kurt Tischer and Capt. Gillis spoke in support of the purchase*

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to approve the purchase of two DJI drones with equipment and software as outlined in the quote from NOAR Technologies, at a purchase price of \$18,117.00. 14 House Firefighters Association strongly supports the project and is donating \$5,000 toward the purchase. The City will pay the remaining balance of \$13,117 with funds from Fund 266 - Gambling Forfeiture.

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Nays: Sutherland
Absent: O'Dell

Motion Passes

- i. Leaf Vacuum Purchase Request

*Superintendent Barrett and Deputy Superintendent Gregory Presented
Residents Doug Hagerty and George Higgins spoke in support*

Motion by Sutherland, supported by Perry to approve the purchase of ARM Model 25-24k trailer-mounted leaf collector in the amount of \$120,205.49.

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

Motion Passes

- j. Senior Housing Main Entrance Door Replacement Bid Recommendation
Resident Ray spoke in favor

Motion by Sutherland, Supported by Stein to approve the proposal from Anderson Overhead Door to replace the exterior doors at Senior Housing in the amount of \$16,180.00

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

Motion Passes

- k. Local Officials Compensation Commission Appointment – Joe Chimenti

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to approve the recommendation of the Local Officer's Compensation Commission and reappoint Joe Chimenti to that Commission with a term end date of September 30, 2029.

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

Motion Passes

- l. Local Officials Compensation Commission Recommendation for City Council Pay Rate
Discussion of recommended pay and no action was taken

- m. Local Officials Compensation Commission Recommendation for Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Pay Rate

Motion by Lesich, supported by Sutherland to approve an increase in pay for the

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Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Members to \$100 per meeting attended.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell

Motion Passes

n. Steffens Park Planning Design Services Subcommittee

City Manager Leven proposed the committee be comprised of 2 council members, herself, DPW Superintendent Barrett and Recreation Director Delmege

Motion by Schornak, supported by Stein to add Mayor Lesich and Councilmember O'Dell to the Steffens Park Planning Design Services Subcommittee

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell

Motion Passes

9. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. Zambelli Fireworks Proposal Amendment

Motion by Sutherland, supported by Baranski to approve Zambelli's May 6, 2025, amended proposal for fireworks presentation of August '25 in the amount of \$25,000. Fraser Lions Club agreed to a \$10,000 contribution towards the fireworks display in 2025.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Stein, Sutherland

Nays: Perry, Schornak

Absent: O'Dell

Motion Passes

b. Resolution 2025-015 Shipping Container Moratorium One Year Extension

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornak to approve the Moratorium Extension Resolution Number 2025-015 as submitted.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell

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c. DPS Succession Planning and Promotional Testing for Captain

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No action taken, but Council and Administration agreed to put the Fire Marshall position on the July Agenda.

a. Library Subcommittee Report

Councilmember Baranski reported that the Library is working with an architect and making sure all their financials are lined up, and there is a lot more to come.

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

City Attorney DeNault explained the process of removing the park from the Parks Master Plan, and how he is researching the odd paper trail combining old deeds and parcel descriptions.

10. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Leven reported that contract negotiations with the unions have begun, the Steffens Park court renovations have started, Garfield Road is progressing as expected and traffic is about to shift to the other side.

11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Perry - None

Stein - Congrats to Fraser HS graduates

Schornak – Happy Father’s Day, and condolences to a family that lost their young son

Baranski – None

Sutherland - shared an anecdote and spoke about the importance of Pride and disappointment there was no local Pride Month proclamation.

Lesich - Happy Birthday to his daughter

12. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Doug Hagerty – spoke about the industrial park investments, commercial property occupancy, and housing foreclosures, and a housing downturn is coming

George Higgins – please give credit to State Senator Veronica Kleinfeld for her work on the \$4 million for the industrial park roads and community activism

Laura Lesich – Fraser First meeting June 18th, Fairy Door Hunt is taking place drawing coming up, Fraser Beautification Club has a “tootle tour” July 17, at Mary’s garden on Garfield with a native plant expert (\$12 tickets)

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Clerk Gitschlag – new voter ID cards are going out to those who have new precincts or location.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at 10:48pm

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Nays:

Absent: O'Dell

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
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