



CITY MANAGER
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City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

MAYOR
Michael Lesich
MAYOR PRO-TEM
Patrick O'Dell
COUNCIL
Amy Baranski
Kenny Perry Jr.
Patrice Schornak
Sherry Stein

FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 - 6:30 P.M

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lesich at 6:30pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein
Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, City Clerk Gitschlag, DPW Superintendent Barrett

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Schornak, supported by Stein to approve the agenda as presented
Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:
Absent:

Motion Passes

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes October 9, 2025
- Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- Approve Transfer of Delinquent Payments to Winter Tax Bill
- Approve Massage Parlor License Request
- Receive Check Disbursements
- Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

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

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

Motion Passes

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Proclamation of Appreciation – Councilmember Sherry Stein

Mayor Lesich read the proclamation thanking Councilmember Stein for her service

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b. Cross Connection Ordinance Amendment

DPW Superintendent Barrett presented the needs for the amendment

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornak to approve the proposed amendment of Section 31 of the Code of Ordinances, Cross Connections.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

c. Car Wash Moratorium Extension

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to approve the Continuation of the Resolution # 2024-15 Moratorium on the Approval of a New Car Wash For Period of Twelve (12) Months as submitted.

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

Nays: Perry

Absent:

Motion Passes

d. Set City Council Organizational Meeting for Monday, November 17

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornak to approve the proposed amendment of Section 31 of the Code of Ordinances, Cross Connections.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

Library Subcommittee Report

No report

9. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Leven gave Council an update on the ongoing union contract negotiations and thanked everyone who attended the S.A.C. mural reveal. CM reported that she attended an MDOT Traffic meeting and a SEMCOG small business innovation meeting. Mayor Lesich asked about

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

All members wished the community a Happy Thanksgiving

Baranski – Congrats to the election winners and thank you to everyone who ran

O'Dell – Thanks Sherry Stein for her service, Christmas in Fraser is December 6th, Thanks the voters for returning him to Council, Macomb County has tax foreclosure help, get the number from the Macomb County Treasurer's website.

Perry – Nothing additional

Schornak – Now is a time to reach out to people and make sure they are ok

Stein – Thanked sponsors who donated (\$3125.00 so far) to Polar Plunge, spoke about what Fraser has accomplished since she joined Council and what lay ahead. Pledged to be around and thanked the residents of Fraser, all her fellow Councilmembers and welcomed the new members.

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Lesich – Congrats to all the election winners, the Unity Mural unveiling was great, Christmas in Fraser Dec 6th, hoping for progress on the Library.

11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Crystal Fletcher - thanked the voters and is excited to start.

George Higgins - thanked the voters and administrators and Sherry Stein for her service and is excited to start.

Laura Lesich – Thanks everyone who planted trees and promoted the Polar Plunge at the City Christmas event.

Greg Grueneberg – Questioned code enforcement on determination between weeds and wildflowers.

12. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Closed Session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager Pursuant to Section 8 (1) (a) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Baranski, supported by Schornak to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager Pursuant to Section 8 (1) (a) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Council entered Closed Session at 7:26pm

Council exited Closed Session at 8:28pm

Mayor Lesich reconvened Council at 8:28pm

Motion by Baranski, supported by O'Dell to give City Manager Leven a 2.5% raise effective 12 months from the previous raise.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
City of Fraser

This day 22nd December, 2025

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