



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
Crystal Fletcher
George-Michael Higgins
Kenny Perry Jr.
Patrice Schornak

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was 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: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Absent: Baranski

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

Motion by Schornak, supported by O'Dell to excuse Councilmember Baranski
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Higgins, supported by O'Dell to add the AEW park design services for Steffens Park to the agenda as item 7e
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell,
Nays: Perry, Schornak
Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

Motion by Perry, supported by Schornak to add Library Subcommittee report to the agenda as item 7M
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Nays:
Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

Motion by Higgins, supported by Lesich to approve the agenda as amended
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Nays:
Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

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5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes November 13, 2025
- b. Approve City Council Special Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025
- c. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- d. Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- e. Approve Street Maintenance Agreement with Macomb County for Easement Mowing
- f. Approve Annual City Council Meeting Schedule
- g. Receive Check Disbursements
- h. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report
Councilmember Schornak requested the Historical Commission Minutes be removed if included

Motion by Fletcher, supported by O'Dell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Nayes:
Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **FY 2024-2025 Audit Presentation**
Alan Panter from Yeo & Yeo presented

- b. **FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments**
Finance Director Bansal & City Manager Leven presented

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Fletcher to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Nayes:
Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

- c. **BOR Appointments: Brian Krause and Zoe LaPlante**
Motion by O'Dell, supported by Higgins to appoint Brian Krause to the Fraser Board of Review for a 2-year term ending 12/31/27
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Nayes:
Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

Motion by Higgins, supported by O'Dell to appoint Zoe LaPlante to the Fraser Board of Review for a 2-year term ending 12/31/27
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Nayes:
Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

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d. Linden Pump Station Abandonment Proposal from AEW

Mike Vigneron from AEW Presented

Motion by Lesich, Supported by O'Dell to approve the engineering services for the Linden Pump Station Abandonment design with AEW in the amount of \$39,000 from account 101-441-972-000

Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak

Nays:

Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

e. Approval of Steffens Park Design Services Contract

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Higgins to approve the contract with AEW for the redesign of Steffens Park with funds from account 101-701-801-000

Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell

Nays: Perry, Schornak

Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

f. Gas Station Canopy Lighting Ordinance Amendment

Resident Greg Gruenberg inquired about enforcement and monitoring of the lighting standards

Motion by Lesich, supported by O'Dell to approve the Zoning Ordinance text amendments as presented.

Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak

Nays:

Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

g. Purchase and Installation of New Senior Housing Carport Lighting

DPW Superintendent Barrett presented

Motion by Schornak, supported by Higgins, to approve the quote from Spectron Electric Inc. for \$24,450 to purchase and install lighting and outdoor outlets at the Senior Housing Carport.

Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak

Nays:

Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

h. 39th District Court Security Upgrades – Taser Purchase

City Manager Leven presented

Motion by Lesich, supported by Fletcher to approve the one-time aid to the City of Roseville for purchase of District Court security personnel tasers in the amount of \$3,324.02.

Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak

Nays:

Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

i. Set Meeting Date for Council Rules and Laws Work Session

Council agreed on **January 21, 2026, at 6:30pm** for the work session

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- j. Set Meeting Date for Strategic Planning Work Session
Council agreed on **January 14, 2026, at 6:30pm** for the planning session

- k. Council Schedule for 2026
Motion by Lesich, Supported by Fletcher to approve the Council Schedule with the exception of moving the July 9, 2026, Regular Council Meeting to July 16, 2026
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Nays:
Absent: Baranski **Motion Passes**

- l. **Library Subcommittee Update**
Jim Sutherland from the Fraser Library Board gave Council an update

Motion by Lesich, supported by O'Dell to give the Library Board a 30-day timeframe in which to obtain a permit to fix the drain collapse in the library building parking lot.
Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak
Nays:
Absent: Baranski **Motion Passes**

8. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

Tentative agreements have been made with the City's Clerical and Court Administrator unions.
CM has taken meetings with the attorneys on outstanding legal issues
Scheduled wellness meeting with VC3 for IT work
DPW and the County met regarding the drain smell at 15 mile & Garfield

9. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Baranski – Absent

Fletcher – attended MML Elected Officials Academy

Higgins – Wished everyone happy holidays

Lesich – Christmas in Fraser went great, Polar Plunge was successful, wished Capt. Bisbee well in his retirement, CVS Space is being used for a Veteran's Chairty during the holidays.

O'Dell – Blue Jean Ball coming on February 7th, 2026, thanked all the Christmas in Fraser volunteers and attendees.

Perry – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Schornak – Thanked all Christmas in Fraser people, inquired about another bay door for moving people in and out of fire bay, thanks City Hall staff for all they do, and asked to keep our elderly neighbors in mind through the holidays.

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10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Luxion Onyx 16891 General Ave spoke about the Decembre 7th traffic stop that resulted in 2 non-US citizens going into Border Patrol Custody.

Vania Apps 31641 York – Thanks everyone for the success of the Polar Plunge and asked to place the sponsorship thank you in the City Hall lobby.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm

Ayes: Fletcher, Higgins, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak

Nayes:

Absent: Baranski

Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
City of Fraser

This day _____ January, 2026