



CITY MANAGER
Elaine Leven
CITY CLERK
August Gitschlag

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, OCTOBER 9, 2025 - 6:30 PM
APPROVED NOVEMBER 13, 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, City Engineer Ashley Carpenter

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Stein to approve the October 9, 2025 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 September 11, 2025
- Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- Receive Check Disbursements
- Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Stein, supported by O'Dell to approve the October 9th Consent Agenda

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

Motion Passes

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7. CLOSED SESSION

Strategy discussion with legal counsel regarding negotiations related to a collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion by Stein, supported by O'Dell to enter into closed session for the purpose of a strategy discussion with legal counsel regarding negotiations related to a collective Bargaining Agreement

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Council Enters Closed Session at 6:32pm

Council Exits Closed Session at 6:48pm

Motion by Baranski, supported by Stein to ratify the contract with Teamsters local #214 as presented.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Engineering Services for 2026 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Program

Ashley Carpenter from AEW Presented to Council

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Baranski to approve the engineering services for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining Program with AEW in the amount of \$7,500.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

- b. Mulvey Pathway Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Application Assistance

Ashley Carpenter from AEW Presented to Council

Motion by Baranski, supported by Lesich to approve the engineering services for the Mulvey Pathway TAP Grant Application Assistance with AEW in the amount of \$7,500

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

- c. Engineering Proposal to Update the Stormwater Asset Management Plan

Ashley Carpenter from AEW Presented to Council

Motion by Schornak, supported by Baranski to approve the engineering services for the Stormwater Asset Management Plan update with AEW in the amount of \$20,000.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

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- d. SERESA Contract Extension Agreement
City Manager Leven presented to Council

Motion by Lesich, supported by O'Dell to approve SERESA Contract Extension Agreement in the amount of \$440,374.00

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to approve Budget Amendment to account #101-325-801.000 in the amount of \$374.00

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

9. RETURNING BUSINESS

- a. Library Subcommittee Report
There was no meeting, but Council was informed that Jim Sutherland is the new Library Board President.

10. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

State Budget impacts - we will see more Act 51 road money. There will be a \$73k drop in revenue sharing, but new public safety funds are available.

DPW and Relief Michigan will be planting 20 new trees Oct 25th

Halloween Parade Oct 26th

Michigan Municipal League is still deconstructing the budget.

Clerk Gitschlag gave an update on the November 4th Elections.

11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Baranski – Encouraged residents to Vote on November 4th, asked the Clerk for an update.

O'Dell – Public Safety Open House was a success. Participated in League of Women Voters forum and will be posting it online soon.

Perry – Nothing at this time

Schornak – Baumgartner House is having another Open House on November 2nd. High School Art Fair on October 18th

Stein – Halloween Parade on the 26th, Ram's Horn Trunk Or Treat on the 25th, new Mural in Steffens Park looks amazing and Happy Fraser HS Homecoming.

Lesich – Hayes Rd speed limit is going to be raised to 40 mph, the Steffens Park mural is great, Open House for Public Safety went very well.

12. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Joseph Zutz – Thanked Chris and the Recreation team for the pickleball improvements.

Laura Lesich – Fraser First took an survey at the DPS Open House of what the improvements the community would like to see, the Be the Spark mural ribbon cutting was successful.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
City of Fraser