



# City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

**CITY MANAGER**  
Elaine Leven  
**CITY CLERK**  
August Gitschlag

**Fraser City Council Minutes**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2026 - 6:30 PM**

**MAYOR**  
Michael Lesich  
**MAYOR PRO-TEM**  
Patrick O'Dell  
**COUNCIL**  
Amy Baranski  
Crystal Fletcher  
George-Michael Higgins  
Kenny Perry Jr.  
Patrice M. Schornak

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM in City Council Chambers, 33000 Garfield, Graser, 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: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher Absent:

## 4. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by George-Michael Higgins, supported by Patrick O'Dell to Approve.**

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher Nays: None Absent: None

**Motion Passed**

## 5. Citizen Participation on Agenda Items

None

## 6. Consent Agenda

**Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Amy Baranski to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented**

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Passed**

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- a. Approve January 8, 2026 Regular City Council
- b. Approve January 14, 2026 City Council Work Session Minutes
- c. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- d. Receive Check Disbursements
- e. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report
- f. Approve Resolution Adopting Macomb County Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan
- g. Record and File Annual Report from Planning and Zoning for 2025

**7. Closed Session**

- a. Strategy discussion with legal counsel regarding negotiations related to a collective bargaining agreement

**Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Patrick O'Dell** to enter into closed session for the purpose of strategy discussion with legal counsel regarding negotiations related to a collective bargaining unit - Captains

Ayes: None  
Nays: None  
Absent:

**Motion Passed**

Council entered Closed Session at 6:32PM Council exited Closed Session at 6:46PM. Mayor Lesich called the meeting back to order at 6:47PM

**8. New Business**

- a. Residential Corner Lot Fences – Fence Ordinance Text Amendment *City Planner Lauren Sayre presented*

**Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by Patrice Schornak** to direct administration to draft an ordinance amendment consistent with Option 1: Allowed for privacy screens, so long as they did not extend beyond the front building line of the parcel in which it was situated.

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**Motion Passed**

- b. OPEB Actuarial Services Proposal

*City Manager Leven presented to the Council*

**Motion by Patrice Schornak, supported by Amy Baranski** to approve a proposal from GRS to perform actuarial valuation; and prepare GASB Statement Nos. 74 & 75 Reports

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for the periods ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027 at a total cost of \$31,800 to be paid in fiscal year 2026–27, with the remaining \$10,200 to be paid in fiscal year 2027–28.

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher  
Nays: None  
Absent: None **Motion Passed**

c. Water Meter Replacement Program

*Ashley Carpenter from AEW Presented*

**Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Crystal Fletcher** to approve the engineering services for the Water Meter Replacement Program with AEW in the amount of \$6,800.

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher  
Nays: None  
Absent: **Motion Passed**

d. 2025-2026 Watermain Replacement

*Ashley Carpenter from AEW presented*

**Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Crystal Fletcher** to approve the design engineering services for the 2025-2026 Water Main Replacement Project with AEW in accordance with the standing agreement between AEW and the City of Fraser.

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher  
Nays: None  
Absent: None **Motion Passed**

e. Clarification Regarding Council Rule 7.12 Electronic and Telephone Communication During Session

Spirited discussion about the evolution of Council rule 7.12

**Motion by Crystal Fletcher, seconded by Patrick O'Dell** to rescind Council Rule 7.12, but that motion was rescinded by Council Members Fletcher and O'Dell after discussion.

**Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by Patrice Schornak** to rescind Council Rule 7.12.

Ayes: Amy Baranski, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, Crystal Fletcher  
Nays: Michael Lesich, Patrick O'Dell, George-Michael Higgins  
Absent: **Motion Passed**

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f. Adoption of 2024 International Property Maintenance Code

Building Department Manager Bob Logan and City Manager Leven presented the item to Council, and explained the process and challenges of updating the Code.

**Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by Patrice Schornak** to direct administration to prepare an ordinance to adopt a more modern version of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Passed**

g. City Representative For Planning & Zoning Meetings

Bob Logan explained the reason that ZBA and Planning requested someone from Administration at the meeting. Mr. Logan presented the costs of a McKenna rep vs his own hourly rate for attending ZBA or Planning Commission meetings.

**Motion by Patrice Schornak, supported by Patrick O'Dell** to authorize the City Manager to work with Planning and ZBA Board Chairs for Bob Logan to be present when requested.

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Passed**

h. FY 2026-2027 Budget Schedule

City Manager Leven presented the following budget schedule:

- April 9, 2026: Budget Presentation followed by Public Hearing
- April 16, 2026: Budget Workshop
- May 14, 2026: Consideration of FY 2026-2027 Budget
- May 18, 2026: Budget Approval Deadline per City Charter

**Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by George-Michael Higgins** to approve the FY 2026-2027 Budget Schedule as recommended.

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Passed**

**9. Returning Business**

a. Library Subcommittee Report

The Library Board would like to present to Council their plan for the Library at the March 12th City Council Meeting.

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**10. Report of City Administration**

City Manager attended an MML Workshop, a virtual budget meeting hosted by MSUE and met with VC3 to discuss open IT tickets.

**11. Report of Mayor and City Council**

**Fletcher** - Thanked those who attended the Mulvey Path workshop and encouraged residents to continue to express their opinions to Council members.

**Baranski** - Thanks the Mulvey path meeting participants and that she is a hard no on a path, but yes on a sidewalk. Mentioned the CEO of Priority Waste is gone, and hopefully this means better service.

**Schornak** - Happy Valentine's Day and nominated George Higgins as the Council Liaison to the Historical Commission. The Council (in an unofficial vote) unanimously appointed him. Historical Commission Open House is coming up and the Commission is looking forward to America's 250th anniversary.

**Perry** - Happy Valentines Day

**O'Dell** - Blue Jean Ball went very well. Marshmallow Drop is March 28th and requires reservations.

**Higgins** - Mulvey Pathway meeting was good; it was new to him. There were lots of different opinions on what to do. Happy Valentines Day and Happy Black History Month. Councilmember Higgins thinks we are a welcoming community.

**Lesich** - Mulvey Path meeting was very interesting and safety is a major concern there. He drove the area on Mulvey and appreciates all the opinions even more now. He is also a hard no on a path. Blue Jean ball was a success. In conclusion, the mayor wished his wife Happy Valentine's Day in Florida.

**12. Citizen Participation**

Luxio Onyx discussed with the Council their concern about the former Lifetouch CEO appearing in Epstein Files, and Lifetouch is the largest school photography company in the US, and it is important to protect children. Council should look to see that Fraser doesn't use this company.

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**13. Adjournment**

**Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Crystal Fletcher** to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm.

Ayes: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak, George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher

Nays: None

Absent: None

**Motion Passed**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Michael T. Lesich, Mayor  
City of Fraser

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August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk  
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