



City Manager
Elaine Leven
City Clerk
August Gitschlag

City of Fraser Centennial Community

Fraser City Council Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
Thursday, June 11, 2026 - 6:30 PM
Draft

Mayor
Michael Lesich
Mayor Pro-Tem
Patrick O'Dell
Council
Amy Baranski
Crystal Fletcher
George-Michael Higgins
Kenny Perry Jr.
Patrice Schornak

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM 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: Michael Lesich, Amy Baranski, Patrick O'Dell, Kenny Perry, Patrice Schornak,
George-Michael Higgins, Crystal Fletcher
Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, Finance Director Bansal, DPW
Superintendent Barrett, DPW Deputy Superintendent Gregory, City Engineer Carpenter,
Planning Commission Chairman Randy Warunek

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by George-Michael Higgins to remove item E.
Water Meter Replacement Recommendation of Award and replace it with Purchase of
Polaris Ranger XP for the Public Safety Department.

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

Motion Passed

Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by Patrick O'Dell to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

5. Citizen Participation on Agenda Items

None

6. Consent Agenda

Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Patrice Schornak To approve the consent agenda.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

- a. Approve Minutes of the May 14, 2026 City Council Meeting
- b. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- d. Approve SERESA Contract Extension
- e. Approve Resolution #2026-008 GLWA PFAS Settlement
- f. Receive Check Disbursements
- g. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

7. New Business

- a. Appointment of Darlene Davies-Warner to the Fraser Historical Commission

Motion by George-Michael Higgins, supported by Crystal Fletcher to appoint Darlene Davies-Warner to the Fraser Historical Commission for a 4 year term ending June 30th, 2030.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

b. FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

Finance Director Bansal Presented

Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by George-Michael Higgins to approve the FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

c. Presentation from ESO Billing Company Regarding Medical Billing

Jodie Abraham from EMS MC presented

d. Storm Water Asset Management Plan Presentation

City Engineer Ashley Carpenter and Jacob Fenech from AEW presented the City's Storm Water Asset Management Plan

Doug Haggerty and Ms. Pollard both spoke about specific flooding concerns

e. Purchase of Polaris Ranger XP Crew 1000 for the Department of Public Safety

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Patrick O'Dell to approve the purchase of the Polaris Ranger XP Crew 1000 for the Department of Public Safety with the funds to come from the Ambulance Fund, and if not then from the Gambling Forfeiture fund.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

f. Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Motion by George-Michael Higgins, supported by Amy Baranski on item #4 to revert Warfield Golf Course to the original split zoning of Recreational in the back and Commercial in front.

Joseph Paluzzi spoke on this issue on behalf of the Bennetts.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by George-Michael Higgins to leave the Industrial Park zoning as General Industrial.

Doug Haggerty, Ken Imler, Semaj Richardson, Ms. Pollard, Joe Joblinski spoke about the zoning

Randy Warnuk spoke about the lack of public hearing publications in The Chronicle.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

Mayor Lesich calls for a 10 minute break at 9:34

Council reconvenes at 9:43

- g. Purchase a Utility Line Locator

Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by Crystal Fletcher to approve the quote from C&S SOLUTIONS INC. and authorize the purchase of the RD 8200SG 5-watt kit (locator) in the amount of \$15,870.99.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

- h. Replace the Senior Housing Glass Vestibule Doors

Motion by Patrice Schornak, supported by Crystal Fletcher to approve the proposal from Anderson Overhead Door to replace the exterior vestibule glass doors at Senior Housing in the amount of \$9,770.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

- i. BS&A Cloud Computing Migration

Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Amy Baranski to approve contract (customer order form) with BS&A in the amount of \$266,070.00 with additional travel expenses billed per BS&A's standard rates.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

- j. Resolution #2026-009 to Set Water and Sewer Rates

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Crystal Fletcher to approve Resolution #2026-009 to set water and sewer rates for FY 2026-2027.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

- k. Resolution #2026-010 Participation in CLEMIS Authority Interlocal Agreement

Motion by Crystal Fletcher, supported by Amy Baranski to Approve Resolution 2026-010 CLEMIS Authority Interlocal Agreement as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

- l. Council Chamber AV Upgrades and Additions

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Patrice Schornak to approve the quote for the purchase of AV equipment for the City Council Chambers from Advanced Lighting and Sound at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

8. Report of City Administration

No Report

9. Report of Mayor and City Council

Fletcher - Happy Pride Month to all, condolences to the family of Ayden Gould, shared mental health crisis information

Baranski - Thanks Lauren Sayre for her hard work on the Zoning Ordinance, or meetings are public and published online.

Perry - Happy 250th 4th of July

Shornak - Happy Fathers Day to all, condolences to everyone involved in the Ayden Gould shooting. Are home security cameras allowed to record neighbor yards? asked questions about the legality of residential security cameras and sound recordings.

Higgins - Happy 250th. Historical Commission is doing a reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 12th. Family members should seek help for those in mental health crisis.

O'Dell - condolences to the family of Ayden Gould. Lions carnival and parade are coming up, contact Parks & Rec to participate. Happy 4th

Lesich - planted 40 trees with other Council members and several other organizations and volunteers. Civic Plus has alerts for meetings and hearings you can use. Happy Birthday to his daughter. Zoning and Master Plan discussions have been ongoing and we are working on it.

10. Citizen Participation

Ms. Pollard - goes to lots of meetings around Michigan and Lansing: mental health is important with child suicide and unexpected deaths, help is needed. She has been a victim of racism. Had a privacy invasion neighbor camera situation she once took to court. Has neighbor issues regarding Comcast access.

Laura Lesich - Fraser 1st, June 17th at Hanover Grove. Beautification Council of Michigan is meeting at Hanover Grove. Fairy door hunt will start soon at Fraser businesses, Curb

Appeal contest is live for pictures of your house with voting at the Carnival. Beautification July 22nd at Ram's Horn. Thanks to Chris Koch for SAC Garden work. Thanks to everyone at McKinley park who worked the landscaping. August 6th Garden Tour at Baumgartner House.

Joseph Jablinski - spoke about storm water in Industrial Park and landscapers making it difficult. Also, cameras are sometimes necessary for security.

11. Closed Session

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Amy Baranski to enter into closed session with the City Attorney to consider written legal opinions exempt from discussion or disclosure

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

Council enters closed session at 10:28pm

Council exits closed session at 10:38pm

- a. Consult with City Attorney to consider written legal opinions exempt from discussion or disclosure

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Crystal Fletcher directing the City Manager and Legal to proceed as discussed in the Closed Session

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

12. Adjournment

Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Michael Lesich to adjourn the meeting at 10:38pm

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

Nays: None

Absent:

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:38pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
City of Fraser

Darlene M Davies-Warner

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Summary

I currently work part-time at Kohl's in Sterling Heights, MI as a Cash Office/Customer Service Representative. I currently work throughout the community as an Advanced Master Gardener Volunteer. I look forward to giving back to my community as a member of the Fraser Historical Commission.

Education

Roseville High School

1970

Macomb County Community College – Associate General Studies/Behavioral Sciences

Glen Oaks Community College – Social Work Technician

Michigan State University – Foundations of Gardening

Volunteer Experience

Girl Scouts of America - Girl Scout leader, all levels of girl scouting, including Erin Neighborhood leader supervisor

Turning Point – Shelter for abused women/children

Kohl's Cares Volunteer – Contribute time and talent at various local community events

Macomb County Master Gardener Association – Treasurer 2024-Current

Certified Smart Gardening Outreach Volunteer – 2024-Current

Mental Health First Aid Certified-MSU – 2024-Current

MSU Master Gardener – MSU certified 2023-Current

Friends of the St. Clair River Stewardship Program, Port Huron 2024-Current

Macomb County Master Gardener Seed Library – Ray Township 2025-Current

Baumgartner House Museum – Samantha's Garden 2024-Current

Affiliations/Memberships/Certifications

Notary Public - State of Michigan, commissioned in Macomb County, Expires 2029

Psi Beta – National Honor Society in Psychology

Ordained Minister – Universal Life Church 2022-Current

Monarch Waystation of North America #46930 - www.MonarchWatch.org

Six Rivers Land Conservancy – Native Garden Certified

Wildflower Association of Michigan -Current member

Certified Master Rain Gardener – Washtenaw County, MI 2025-Current

Advanced Master Gardener, MSU Certified-Current

Certified Smart Gardening Outreach Volunteer 2024-Current

Certified Adult Mental Health First Aider 2024-Current

Awards

MSU EXTENSION - MSU Macomb Forsythia Award 2024

MSU EXTENSION-MSU Macomb Extension Master Gardener of the year 2025

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

APPLICATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC VIEW



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cityclerk@micityoffraser.com

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	
Davies-Warner		Darlene		M	
ADDRESS (number & street)					
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CELL PHONE	HOME PHONE	
Fraser	MI	48026			
NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR					TERM ENDING (IF KNOWN)
Historical Commission ☐ Garden Director					
REASON FOR INTEREST IN THIS BOARD (please list activities & special qualifications)					
I am interested in applying to become a member of the Fraser Historical Commission. I am passionate about giving back to my community and helping preserve and enhance the beauty and history of Fraser. I have been a resident of Fraser since 2022 and I have enjoyed becoming actively involved in community volunteer efforts. As an Advanced MSU Master Gardener Volunteer, I have had the opportunity to contribute to several projects connected to Samantha's Garden and the Historical Commission. My volunteer experience includes maintaining Samantha's Garden, assisting the annual plant sale, volunteering at the 150th Anniversary, and running the scavenger hunt for the Eisenhower 3rd graders for the past 2 years. In 2025, I also designed and installed the Rain Garden at Samantha's Garden, which allowed me to combine my gardening knowledge with environmentally sustainable practices that benefit the community. I would be honored to continue serving Fraser in a greater capacity as Garden Director. I believe my gardening experience, volunteer involvement, and commitment to community engagement would allow me to make a positive contribution to the Fraser Historical Commission.					
EDUCATION (please list schools, diplomas, degrees, professional certificates, etc.)					
Please see attached resume					
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT					
COMPANY NAME			YOUR TITLE/POSITION		
Kohl's			Cash Office/Customer Service R		
COMPANY ADDRESS (number & street)					
44200 Schoenherr Rd					
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	OFFICE PHONE	OFFICE CELL PHONE	
Sterling Hgts.	MI	48313	(586) 247-7220		
PLEASE LIST YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES					
Cash management: Count and reconcile all cash/checks from all registers, process daily bank deposits, accurately document and reconcile all financial transactions, maintain accurate financial records for binders and shortages. Customer Service: Greet customers, help with products/services, operate cash register, respond to customer inquiries, manage returns/exchanges, assist with charge applications. Payment handling: Process various payment methods, including Kohl's Cash, charges, cash, and checks.					

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