



**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, May 14, 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

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A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, May 14, 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 6:34pm

## 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 Clerk Gitschlag, City Attorney DeNault, DPW Superintendent Barrett, DPW Supervisor Gregory, DPS Director Kretzschmer, Finance Director Bansal, Building Department Manager Logan, Recreation Coordinator Delmage, HR Administrator Gigliotti

## 4. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Crystal Fletcher** to approve the agenda for the May 14th meeting

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 George-Michael Higgins, supported by Patrick O'Dell** 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: None

**Motion Passed**

- a. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes April 9, 2026
- b. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes April 16, 2026
- c. Approve City Council Workshop Minutes May 4, 2026
- d. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- e. Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- f. Approve Transfer of Delinquent Payments to Summer Taxes
- g. Approve Garfield Road Closure Permit Request for Fraser Parade
- h. Receive Check Disbursements
- i. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

**7. Closed Session**

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

**Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Crystal Fletcher** to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of a discussion with legal counsel regarding negotiations related to a collective bargaining agreement

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

**Council enters into Closed Session at 6:36pm**

**Council exits Closed Session at 6:50pm**

**Mayor Lesich gaveled the meeting to order at 6:54pm**

**Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by Patrice Schornak** to ratify the collective bargaining agreement with the Fraser Lieutenants Association.

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 George-Michael Higgins** to promote Rob Nagle to the position of Captain upon the union's ratification of the collective bargaining agreement.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

## **8. New Business**

### a. National Public Works Week Proclamation

Mayor Lesich joined DPW Superintendent Barret in honoring the work and importance of our DPW Department. Various members of our Fraser DPW were present to accept the proclamation read by Mayor Lesich.

### b. Appointment of Wendy Radke to the Recreation Commission

**Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Patrice Schornak** to Motion to approve the recommendation of the Recreation Commission to appoint Wendy Radke for a seat on the Recreation Commission with a term ending December 31, 2029.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

### c. County Storm Drain Cost Share Agreement

Macomb County Deputy Public Works Director Don Brown presented to Council

regarding the County Storm Drain Cost Share Agreement

**Motion by Patrice Schornak, supported by Amy Baranski** to approve agreement with Macomb County for the Drain Maintenance Match Program in the amount of \$10,000.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

- d. Approval of Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for Motor City Youth Development

Vaughn Clouston and Nate Morrow from Motor City Aces presented to the Council regarding Motor City Youth Development's programs at Big Boy Arena.

**Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by Crystal Fletcher** to approve a Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for Motor City Youth Development.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

- e. Water Model Update Presentation from Municipal Analytics

John Kaczor of Municipal Analytics presented an updated water and sewer rate study to the Council.

- f. FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments

Finance Director Anjlee Bansal presented the budget amendments to the Council.

**Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Amy Baranski** to approve the budget amendments as requested.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

- g. Resolution 2026-005 FY 2026-2027 Budget and Millage General Appropriations Act

City Manager Leven presented the budget and fielded Council's questions. Council discussed the pros and cons of PA 33.

**Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Michael Lesich** to approve Resolution 2026-005 FY 2026-2027 Budget and Millage General Appropriations Act.

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

Nays: Amy Baranski, Kenny Perry

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

- h. Resolution 2026-006 FY 2026-2027 Determination of Police and Fire Special Assessment District

**Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Michael Lesich** to approve Resolution 2026-006 FY 2026-2027 Determination of Police and Fire Special Assessment District.

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

Nays: Amy Baranski, Kenny Perry

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

- i. FY 2026-2027 Fee Schedule

**Motion by Patrice Schornak, supported by Amy Baranski** to approve the FY 2026-2027 Fee Schedule with the removal of amusement device fees and request of a full review of the ambulance fees within 60 days.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

- j. Audit Engagement Agreement with Yeo & Yeo

**Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Amy Baranski** to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Yeo & Yeo as presented..

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

k. Priority Waste Contract Amendment for Change of Control

City Attorney Don DeNault presented the item to the Council. Every member of Council expressed their displeasure with the Priority Waste services in Fraser.

**Motion by Patrice Schornak, supported by Patrick O'Dell** to approve the Change of Control amendment to the Priority Waste contract.

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

Nays: None

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

l. Resolution 2026-007 Shipping Container Moratorium One Year Extension

**Motion by Patrice Schornak, supported by Michael Lesich** to approve Resolution 2026-007 Shipping Container Moratorium as submitted.

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

Nays: Kenny Perry

Absent:

**Motion Passed**

**9. Returning Business**

**10. Report of City Administration**

City Manager Leven gave an update on the HydroCorp letter and Fraser's plans for America's 250th anniversary this 4th of July. Mayor Lesich asked for HydroCorp to provide clearer language and extend their compliance deadline.

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

Everyone acknowledged the FAME Award winners and wished the residents a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend

Fletcher: Nothing further

Perry: Nothing further

Baranski: apologized for her absences and thanked staff and colleagues for keeping her informed.

Higgins: Would like to see an RFP for planning services. The Historical Commission has an open house event on June 7, and currently has 3 openings on the board.

O'Dell : Lion's carnival is July 23-26

Schornak: would like a list of all the City's current contracts with expiration dates.

Lesich: Addressed the HydroCorp situation, thanked the Building Department for their work with Sheetz,

## 12. Citizen Participation

Laura Lesich - Thanked the Council for passing the Budget, but still concerned about paying retirement debt. Thank you Trample the Trail participants who came out in the rain, and Winkler for the recycling bins. Fraser first put in troll doors at McKinley Park, and thanks to Dave Brown for that. The next Fraser 1st meeting is Wednesday, May 20th at Hanover Grove. Fraser Beautification Club, started in 2023 and is growing. Thanks to DPW for partnering. The vendor market was successful. Thanks to Theresa for the rain garden at Baumgartner house, planting starts May 21st at 10am. Thanks for donations. Thanks, Chris Cook for the grant for the garden at SAC. 40 trees to plant on Saturday, June 6th and we need volunteers for tree planting.

## 13. Closed Session

**Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Patrice Schornak** to enter into closed session to consult with 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**

**Entered Into Closed Session at 9:33pm**

**Exit Closed Session at 9:54pm**

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

**Motion by Amy Baranski, supported by Michael Lesich** to direct City Attorney to proceed as discussed in Closed Session.

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

Nays: None  
Absent:

**Motion Passed**

**14. Adjournment**

**Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Patrice Schornak** to adjourn the meeting at 9:56pm

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 9:54pm**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Michael T. Lesich, Mayor  
City of Fraser

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August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk  
City of Fraser