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City of Fraser

Centennial Community

Fraser City Council Minutes
City Council Chambers
33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026
Thursday, July 16, 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, July 16, 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 6:32pm

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

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by George-Michael Higgins to excuse Councilmember Amy Baranski.

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

Motion Passed

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Crystal Fletcher, supported by Patrick O'Dell to approve the agenda as presented

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

Motion Passed

5. Citizen Participation on Agenda Items

None at this time

6. Consent Agenda

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

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

Motion Passed

- a. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes June 11, 2026
- b. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- d. Approve AEW Request for Contract Waiver
- e. Authorize CDBG Urban County Participation Renewal Letter
- f. Receive Check Disbursements
- g. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

7. New Business

- a. Proclamation Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Scouting America Fraser Troop 1402

Mayor Lesich read the proclamation.
- b. Reappointment of Tom Iwanicki to the Fraser Historical Commission

Motion by Patrice Schornak, supported by Patrick O'Dell to Motion to reappoint Tom Iwanicki to the Fraser Historical Commission for a term ending June 30, 2030.

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

Absent:

Motion Passed

c. Water Meter Replacement Program Recommendation of Award

City Engineers Ashley Carpenter and Jacob Fenech from AEW presented and introduced the selected vendor.

Jim Thompson and Ryan Eichbrecht from Blue Water Solutions addressed Council

Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Crystal Fletcher to authorize City Administration to begin negotiations to enter a contract with Blue Water Solutions for the procurement & installation of water meters for a multi-year installation program.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Amy Baranski

Motion Passed

d. Commercial Cross Connection Contract Extension

DPS Superintendent Rob Barrett and Jim Simon from HydroCorp presented to Council.

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by Patrick O'Dell to Motion to approve a three-year service contract with HydroCorp for Commercial Cross Connection Control Program Services in the amount of \$90,687.80.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Amy Baranski

Motion Passed

e. GLWA Contract Renewal/Amendment

DPS Superintendent Rob Barrett presented to Council

Motion by Michael Lesich, supported by George-Michael Higgins to approve Amendment No. 5 to the Water Service Contract between the Great Lakes Water Authority and the City of Fraser, contingent upon final review by the City Attorney.

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

Motion Passed

f. RFP Process for Planning and Building Department Services

Council Members all agreed that the dates should be adjusted to reflect posting on July 20 and bids due on September 21st, with a timeline of review that will allow for final approval in November.

8. Returning Business

Council broke from 8:12PM to 8:21PM

Mayor Lesich gavelled the meeting back to order at 8:22PM

a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Lynn Hodell of 33793 Pine Ridge Dr W asked Council about the potential development of the Warfield Greens Golf Course space

Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Michael Lesich to approve the updated Zoning Ordinance for the City of Fraser as submitted.

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

Motion Passed

Motion by Patrick O'Dell, supported by Patrice Schornak to end the moratorium on shipping containers and car washes once the new Zoning Ordinance takes effect..

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

Motion Passed

b. Library Bond Proposal - Update

Fraser Library Director Lorena McDowell answered questions from City Council regarding their plans for a new library on the old library site.

9. Report of City Administration

City Manager Leven gave Council the following information:

Priority Waste alerted the City that the wildfire smoke and bad air quality would hinder services for a day or two.

She attended the 35th anniversary of 2 Men and a Truck moving service.

BS&A Cloud conversion is coming in September

Auditer staff start in City Hall end of July

10. Report of Mayor and City Council

Baranski - Absent

Fletcher - looking forward to the Fraser Lions club Carnival

Higgins - Updated the public on the Historical Commission meetings and happenings

Lesich - Carnival, Parade and Curb Appeal are all happening this month.

O'Dell - Impressed with Curb Appeal participation. New rides coming to the carnival this year. Please take the Steffens Park Survey.

Perry - Nothing

Schornak - Residents need to take responsibility and trim trees so sidewalks are passable

11. Citizen Participation

Lauren Letzmann, the Project VOX Coordinator at CARE of Southeast Michigan spoke on the dangers of KRATOM and

Laura Lesich - Explained the rules for voting for the Curb Appeal project at the Fraser First booth at the Carnival

John Vandenheede - has a neighbor dispute about his house lighting.

12. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
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