

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
August 4, 2016

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the form prescribed by the General Rules of Council. President Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Otte, Koebel, and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on July 21st were approved. Councilman Taylor made a motion to add an ordinance to the agenda seconded by Councilman Otte. The ordinance was voted on and added to the agenda

Third reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 129 Department of Public Safety-Service Code Section 129.04 rates for mowing services for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3817)

Third reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1709 Exterior Property Maintenance Code by replacing Repealed Section 1709.04 in the Administration and Enforcement Section, with a Removal and Disposal Process for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3818)

Second reading of a resolution designating the Executive Assistant to the Mayor as Housing Officer for the Community Reinvestment Area Program and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Res. 2016-1985)

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl addressed the ordinance and the grant from the Bureau of Workman Comp and related to the Diesel Exhaust at the Central Fire Station. It is a budget adjustment that was already included in the city's budget. He asked that council suspend Rule 4. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3819)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to enter into a contract for Residential Refuse and Curbside Recycling and declaring an emergency. Mr. Zilch if it was necessary to suspend Rule 4. Mr. Myers said the sooner it was passed the sooner we could start the education process to get people signed up for an October 1st start date. A discussion was held on the cost new options. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3820)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Buckeye Excavating and Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$158,165.00 for the 2016 Second Street Waterline Improvements C.D.B.G. Project A-F-15-123, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen said that the waterline was a replacement project. The project is a part of the CDBG project. He asked that council suspend rule 4. Mr. Koebel asked about Sacred Heart water. Mr. Fredericksen said that they have discussed the issue and will look to address it in the future. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3821)

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reminded citizens that there will be a Block Watch Meeting on August 8th at the Pontifex at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout asked that Kay Reiter make a short presentation. Mrs. Reiter reported on Economic Development activities in the City of Fremont. She stated that they had met with Sunrise Coop and it was very good communication. She discussed several other city businesses that they are happening in the city. Valley View new facilities, Humane Society, and First National Bank locating in the old PNC building were several that she discussed. She discussed that the Kroger's project is moving along nicely with groundbreaking beginning the first of the year. ODOT new facility on State Route 53. On the eastside Crown Batteries power substation is going in. She discussed that on October 7th a Manufacturing Showcase for freshman students will be held at Terra. Several questions and comments were asked by the council concerning growth and wages. Mrs. Elder asked Mrs. Reiter to explain the reasoning behind the delay in developing a strategic plan with the city approximately 8 months for Economic Development. Mrs. Elder asked about new economic development and not expansion and retention that were discussed during the presentation.

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Ruiz announced that the Rec. Center is hiring, please contact the center. August 7th Fremont's Got Talent will begin at noon at Birchard Park. 1st place winner receives \$1,000 and a recording contract.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely reported that on August 18th at 7:00 p.m. he will hold a Community Partnership Committee meeting with Keynote Speaker Dr. Tracy McCaudy to explain the proposal on the ballot. He also reported that on September 1st Cory Stein from Terra Tech to speak.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor reported that a Utilities and Traffic Committee meeting was held before the regular council meeting to discuss 3 water tap applications. The council showed no objections to each application with a voice vote.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

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Department Heads

Mr. Myers thanked council for moving ahead on several of the projects that were on the agenda. Chief Schneider nothing this evening.

Mr. Fredericksen that construction activities will be taking place at White Ave. and State Street beginning Monday. Kirsty Bilger thanked everyone who attended the Farm to Table event. The Green Bay Packaging Dog Days of Summer Farmers Market will be held this Saturday. On August 9th the 2nd annual Ross and St. Joe Community Sports Pep Rally will be held in Downtown Fremont at 6:00 p.m. She stated that Downtown Fremont was the recipient of the Lowe Hero Project and will be providing materials to resurface the alley. She thanked the businesses for keeping the planters watered.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle thanked all who helped celebrate Mike Piero at the Rec. Department. The ceremony was beautiful and an amazing event.

Mayor Sanchez echoed Mr. Melle sentiments about the celebration of Mike Piero's life.

Mr. Grahl also agreed and commented on the number of people who attended the event.

Mrs. Elder stated that she failed to acknowledge at the last meeting that the NAACP held a Black Lives Matter rally at the second street park. The event was a very positive one and well attended. She thanked Chief Dean Bliss for his participation at the rally. She complimented him on his diligence on bridging gaps amongst our different cultures in our community.

Council Comments

Mr. Knisely echoed the thoughts of everyone concerning Mike Piero. He encouraged the citizens to keep up the great work at keeping the city looking great.

Mrs. Ruiz she asked that joggers please be considerate of automobiles and look both ways. She welcomed the new business King Saver to the community. She encouraged everyone to enjoy the weather and visit the Fremont businesses.

Mrs. Stout also echoed the sentiments of the Fremont officials concerning Mike Piero. He was a close friend and will be missed. She asked if the 404 permit from the Army Corp of Engineers had been obtained yet. The Mayor stated that as of this date, we have not.

Mr. Koebel expressed condolences to the Mike Piero family and friends. He congratulated Mr. Gross on his wedding anniversary. He addressed the Mayor and the Safety Service Director about adding solar lights to the stop signs. The businesses related to him that several people run the stop signs daily.

Mr. Taylor he also attended the event for Mike Piero and that it was a great tribute to a great life. He mentioned that a coworker of his started a Kroger Trash bag clean up in the city and to post your deed on Facebook. He thought that was an excellent way to help keep the city clean. Please stay hydrated and stay safe in the heat.

Mr. Zilch stated that temperatures have remained hot. Please don't forget your elderly neighbors.

Mr. Otte he found an article out of the Perrysburg Journal concerning Fremont. He attended the Bike meeting at Terra discussing the Bike Trail and the different routes. He suggested that Downtown Fremont be tied into the trail. He had a discussion with several citizens concerning getting younger people to be involved in politics. He was wondering if there was a way to live stream the council meeting. He has invited John Damschroder to speak at the next meeting. He ended with the praising the event celebrating the life of Mike Piero.

Public Comments

Joe Frazier 704 E. McGormely stated that Mike Piero was a good friend of his and a Memorial Fundraiser Tournament on September 10th. The event will be geared to both youth and adults. Special Olympics will be present along with a number of other activities planned. The reason he was before council was to see if council would allow the serving of alcohol during the event. Mr. Melle stated that a resolution would have to be signed letting the restrictions of alcohol use in the park. The resolution would have to be signed during a special meeting in order to meet the 30 day deadline with the liquor licensing. A special council meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, August 8th.

Mr. Koebel wanted to remind the citizens that political t shirt or statements are not allowed at city council meetings.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 67yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President