

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**  
*Journal of Council*  
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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 Jamie Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Koebel, Otte, and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on June 2nd were approved.

Before the regular council session started Mayor Sanchez announced that Mike Piero, longtime employee of the Rec. Department will be the first recipient of the city's implemented Employee of the Month. Mayor Sanchez that Mike's dedication to the job and to the youth of our city is second to none.

First reading of a resolution appointing a representative and alternate to serve on the Board of Directors of the Buckeye Ohio Risk Management Association (BORMA). Mr. Grahl informed the council that BORMA is the Health Insurance Board that the city is involved in. This updates the old resolution. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Res. 2016-1982)

First reading of an ordinance for the Safety Service Director to enter into an agreement with the Director of Transportation of ODOT for the micro-surfacing of State Route 53 from North Street to the Ohio Turnpike in the City of Fremont and declaring an emergency. Frederick Tuckersen explained the ODOT wants to do preventive maintenance on Route 53. They will micro surface that will coat the road and seal up the cracks. The portion inside the city limits would require the city to pay 20% of the project. The project is a 2017 project.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Community Housing Fund 261, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that this CHIP program combined with Sandusky County. The city is the administrator of the grant and the Program Income needs to be adjusted to include the county's portion. This amount was not included in the original budget. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2016-3813)

#### Committee Reports

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor nothing to report.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch reported that a committee meeting will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss City Ordinance 943 Garbage & Rubbish.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reported that Tim Wasserman was the speaker at the committee meeting held earlier concerning recycling and refuse contract. The June 13<sup>th</sup> Block Watch picnic was attended by 30 people. Sam March from the American Red Cross was the guest speaker. He spoke about the different programs they have to offer. One of the programs is that the Red Cross will install up to 3 smoke detectors in your home for free. The next Block Meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Pontifex at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout reported that on Monday several city employees went to Bellevue to meet with Steve Furr who is the Economic Development Director of that city. They discuss the CRA's and the benefits and negatives involving the areas.

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Ruiz congratulated Mike Piero for receiving the Employee of the Month certificate. She reported that swim lessons are available at the Rec. Department. Registrations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade are due by June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor's concert this Sunday will be a tribute to Elvis Presley and is co-sponsored by MWH Contractors and the Mosser Group.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

#### Department Heads

Mr. Myers announced that the IT Department plan is finally together and will present to council at a future meeting. He announced that the Farmers Market would be this weekend.

Chief Schneider nothing to report.

Tucker Fredericksen nothing to report.

Tom Kerns announced that the Farmers Market is this Saturday and will run from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. There will also be a Car Show during the Farmers Market. He reported that they were planning on submitting the application for the CDBG grant tomorrow. He stated at this point there was \$520,000.00 of improvement submitted for 18 properties in the Downtown District.

#### Elected Officials

Jim Melle stated that his thoughts and prayers were with the families of the victims of the Orlando shooting. He attended the vigil that was held in Fremont.

Mayor Sanchez nothing this evening.

Mrs. Elder also congratulated the State Track participants and wanted to emphasize the importance of upholding our youth of the community.

Mr. Grahl also congratulated the participants who attended the track meet. He thanked the Mayor for going to both schools before they left for State. He was very proud of the representation of both divisions at State.

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#### Council Comments

Mr. Zilch reminder that it is summertime and he asked that everyone be mindful of children and pets. He wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mr. Otte echoed the remarks of Councilman Koebel about the free smoke detectors from the American Red Cross. He congratulated that the Mayor and his Facebook post and his wrestling match. He commented the city of how it looks and thanked Mr. Kerns on the flowers that are downtown. He asked about when more Farm to Table event would occur. Mr. Kerns stated he will bring information to the next council meeting. He gave his condolences to the Jerry Freed family who passed away.

Mr. Knisely also gave his condolences to the Freed family. He complimented the city on how it is looking and encouraged residents to do their part by keeping lawns mowed and property looking nice.

Mrs. Ruiz stated she attended the TMACOG Watershed meeting in Toledo and the event was very informational. She and Councilwoman Stout attended several individual board meetings and a retirement event for TMACOG President Anthony Reams. She wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mrs. Stout announced that the Farmers Market on Saturday is listed from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She congratulated Mike Piero for the award he received tonight and thanked him for his years of service to the city of Fremont and the youth of this community. She wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and encouraged them to attend the Fireworks.

Mr. Koebel congratulated the Ross and St. Joe athletes who participated in the State Track meet. He congratulated Mr. Piero on his award then wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mr. Taylor also congratulated Mike Piero. He echoed Mr. Melle sentiments on the event in Orlando and said that his thoughts and prayers were with those people. He wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> and asked that they please enjoy and be safe. Also he reminded everyone to continue to mow their lawns but to not put clippings in the road.

Mrs. Hafford announced that Theresa Musser event called the Stand has been postponed until October. There will be three events, a balloon launch memorial, and another event, with the last event being at Conner Park. She will give more details when she receives it. She wanted to make the correction so everyone is aware of the change.

#### Public Comments

None

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mr. Zilch, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Council President