

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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March 2, 2017

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: Ruiz, Taylor, Knisely, Koebel, Otte, and Zilch. Councilwoman Stout was absent. The minutes for council meeting held on February 16th were approved.

Councilman Taylor made two separate motions to add 2 items to the agenda. Motions carried 6 yea votes. Councilman Otte made a motion to add an item to the agenda. Motion carried 6 yea votes. He then made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the negotiations with council business to transpire after. Motion carried 6 yea votes.

President Hafford called for council to be out of Executive Session and to return to the regular meeting.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to enter into an employment contract with the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association representing the Command Unit for the Fremont Police Department and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3840

Third reading of an ordinance repealing the Previous Chapter 741 Taxicabs and replacing with a New Chapter 741 Taxicabs section for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3841

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the Chief of the Fremont Fire Department to sign and enter into an agreement for Mutual Aid for emergency service with Tiffin Fire Department and declaring an emergency. Assistant Chief Schneider explained to council that the Mutual Aid agreement had expired with Tiffin in 1998 and this resolution would be an open ended no expiration date with mutual aid between the two cities. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Koebel and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2017-2005

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a Change Order with the Engineering Firm MWH Americas, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 for construction services to improve the Fremont Water Pollution Control Center in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. A discussion was held with questions directed to Mr. Lamson concerning the amount requested and the amount to finish the project. Mr. Lamson explained what the change order entailed. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3842

First reading of an ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director pursuant to Revised Code §721.01 to advertise for bids (with a minimum established amount of \$3,500.00 annually), to negotiate terms, and enter into a lease agreement for property not needed for a municipal purpose adjacent to 209 Garrison Street, Fremont, Ohio of approximately 2,125 sq. ft. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Myers explained the ordinance and leasing of the land. Council was in agreement that this would enhance the downtown area.

First reading of a resolution endorsing the development strategy for the Bicycle Facility Plan in Sandusky County and declaring an emergency. My Myers explained the purpose of the resolution to the council. He explained that the strategy is developing a better plan for alternative mode of transportation. The committee is looking for letter of endorsements. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2017-2006

First reading an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$52,264,329.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2017 fiscal year January 1 thru December 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Trent Goatee member of the 1st Class Boy Scout explained to council how he gained all of his merit badges. Council members asked question of Trent and then Mr. Koebel suggested that Trent and his troop think about helping with the cleanup of the Hayes Presidential grounds. Mr. Otte asked Trent to repeat the Boy Scout Law.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez complimented council for their excellent questions concerning the change order. He stated that is how government is supposed to work.

Mrs. Elder made a public service announcement that if anyone needs help with taxes, the IRA has free tax help. Be sure to use the IRS.GOV site. She thanked Trent for his presentation.

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Department Heads

Assistant Chief Schneider thanked council for passing the mutual aid resolution. He also relayed a story that the Fire Department received by pizza at the station that was intended for the Tiffin Fire Station.

Chief Bliss nothing tonight.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont thanked Bill Guhn and his department for better marking handicap spaces. She also stated that Mayor Sanchez agreed to better signage for the downtown area and there will be banners across the streets. She stated that there is a new business in the downtown area next to Fremont Athletic Supply. The business is named Polter Real Estate and they will have their ribbon cutting on March 16th. She promoted membership of the Downtown Fremont Committee.

Committee Reports

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte stated that a budget committee meeting was held before the regular meeting. He will continue that discussion on March 16th with another committee meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely announced he will have a committee meeting on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. with the guest speaker being representatives of Fremont City Schools to discuss the levy.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Mr. Zilch nothing this evening.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing this evening.

Parks and Recreation Committee –Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Koebel nothing this evening.

Mrs. Ruiz commented that we had a very good meeting tonight and thanked everyone for their patience. She wished everyone a happy weekend.

Mr. Taylor thanked Trent Goatee for attending the meeting and explaining about the Boy Scouts. He also thanked Mr. Lamson for answering all the questions. He reminded everyone that this Saturday was the NAACP Scholarship Dinner at the VFW and encouraged everyone to attend. He attended the local republican dinner and Senator Portman spoke. He also attended the Sandusky Economic Meeting where

the keynote speaker was Carol Johnson. He stated that Sandusky County received the Metropolitan Award for the fourth year in a row.

Mr. Knisely complimented Trent on his presentation and then thanked the city employees and the administration on the great job they are doing. He encourages the citizens to continue to shop and dine in Fremont.

Mr. Otte thanked Mr. Lamson for coming in and answering the questions that were presented to him. He commented on the Bike Path resolution. He stated that he toured the Water Treatment Plant and complimented on the plant. He reminded citizens that we have many visitors here for fishing, please be nice to those people.

Mr. Zilch thanked Trent for his presentation and also thanked administration for their dedication to their jobs.

Mrs. Hafford thanked Trent for his presentation and patience. She also thanked Richie Webber for his dedicated service to keeping the fight for recovery going.

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Taylor motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President