

June 7, 2012

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. in the form prescribed by the General Rules of Council, with President James Weaver presiding.

The following members answered roll call: Knisely, Kreilick, Leake, Marker, Nalley, Root and Ruiz.

The minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting were approved as written and received.

Council President Jim Weaver asked if there were any items to be deleted or added to the agenda as presented.

On motion by Nalley, seconded by Knisley, motion carried 7 yeas to add two resolutions to the agenda. One resolution was to authorize the mayor to adopt an anti-displacement and relocation and assistance plan so that the city could enter into contract for the CDBG funding. The second was for a warrant for payment of \$5,176.80 to ASCO services.

Third reading of an ordinance repealing Ord. 1998-3062, which authorized a reserve balance fund for the payment of claims for Workers' Compensation funding for said reserve balance accounts to come from refunds of previous Workers' Compensation payments. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2012-3585)

Third reading of an Ordinance repealing Res. 2009-1764 which authorized funding of the reserve balance of at least \$215,000 from the reserve fund created in Ord. 98-3062. On motion to adopt by marker, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2012-3586)

Third reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Department of Development for fiscal year 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula program, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Leake, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Res. 2012-1846)

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing the encroachment of a property at 700 Walnut St., Fremont, by about 10 feet into Sixth St., and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Root, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Ord. 2012-3587)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of warrant for payment of \$10,629.30 to Robison, Curphey & O'Connell LLC and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the participation by the city of Fremont in the Battle of Fort Stephenson Bicentennial celebration and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Marker, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Res. 2012-1847)

On a call for action on Robert Baker's appeal of the Fremont Zoning Board of Appeals denial of his request to do business out of his home, council upheld the ZBA's decision 7 yeas votes on motion by Root, seconded by Marker.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute and adopt a residential an anti-displacement and relocation and assistance plan to receive CDBG funds, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Kreilick and seconded by Knisley, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Marker, motion carried 7 yeas votes. (Res. 2012-1848)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance for a warrant for payment of \$5,176.80 to ASCO Services, and declaring an emergency.

#### Committee reports

Citizens Service Chair Ruiz reminded everyone about the June Block Watch meeting when the mayor will make a presentation. The meeting will be at rec center at 7p.m.

Finance Committee Chair Nalley reported that due to Auditor John Lauer being unable to attend the meeting, he'd set previously, he has rescheduled his committee meeting for July 19 to discuss city finances and the city's long-term financial outlook. He also asked the administration to provide council with a list of new hires and those who have left and asked if there's an interview process that's used for hiring. Mayor Jim Ellis replied there is a process.

Laws, Rules & Ordinances Chair Root reported that there is a vacancy on the ZBA. He asked council to approve the appointment of Tom Lewis to the vacancy. On his motion, seconded by Knisely, the motion carried 7 yeas votes.

#### Council members Comments

Marker reminded all that the Camelback race was coming up on June 16 at 8:30 a.m. and that the Rec Board's next meeting is next Monday. He also reminded everyone of the Relay for Life on June 15 and noted the warm temperatures projected for the weekend and asked that everyone pay attention to their elderly neighbors and family members. Kreilick acknowledged Ruiz for the newspaper article on her heritage and reminded all about the year's first Farmers' Market on June 16.

Leake asked that the auditor provide him with an update on the finances of reservoir project.

Nalley voiced his appreciation of the wall repair in downtown and thanked Law Director Jim Melle for his work in getting it done. He also commented on Dr. Marsha Border's retirement, noting all she's done a lot for the community and wished good luck to the new Terra President, Dr. Jerome Webster. He also congratulated all graduates in the community. Then, he asked the mayor about the local innovation grant proposal. The mayor said the city did not get in on this cycle, but expects to be awarded the grant in next cycle. He also asked the mayor if he is currently seeking city residents to serve on the city's boards and committees, and the mayor said he is.

Council President Weaver reported that there was a work session immediately preceding today's meeting to discuss the council's bylaws. He will continue the discussion in another work session on June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Melle reported he is still working on the Internet Café matter and may have an ordinance for the next meeting.

Safety Service Director Marc Glotzbecker reported the citywide garage sales event is set for June 29-31. He commended Marker for his induction into the Runners Club.

The mayor reported that the mediation with Miller and the reservoir project is on track. He told Root that the design review committee needs an ex officio member to replace Melle. Regarding the dam update -- an environmental review is ongoing. He said the city has some options regarding the dam and he will have a cost analysis conducted for each option and bring to council later. Also said there is no indication if the city will be fined if it is not done.

He reported that the city was ordered to retrofit all city signs by 2013, but ODOT has withdrawn that deadline and the city will change signs as they need to be changed.

He reported that FSI was the low bidder to be the city's trash hauler -- Allied also submitted a bid. There is an added clause that requires the hauler to help those senior citizens who are unable to get their trash to curb.

The city will seek a needs statement of qualification from the engineering firm involved in the city's renovation of the Water Pollution Center, and from that will request bids to hire a management consultant to oversee the renovations.

Mayor also announced that Cynthia Conley and Robert Haslinger were selected to serve on the city's civil service commission, and that two paid interns, Dion Massey and Sarah Osborne, will work part time for two months at city hall specifically on Big Fremont project and the Bicentennial Committee. Also, he announced that Ruth Gegorski will become a full-time administrative assistant in the mayor's office.

Fire Chief Foos said the fire department was still in midst of its annual fire hydrant flushing around the city.

#### Public comments

Joe Michels, 1614 Birchard Ave., asked Melle for an update from ODNR. He said permanent leak sensors were included in original design of reservoir, but later changed. Also, a source water protection plan has to be done by the city.

Mike Koebel of 830 Morrison St. asked Engineer Aaron Hunt to do a study on useable water that reservoir can hold. He also asked the city administration about the effect the increased demand for water by the Energy Center has on water availability. The mayor said it's affecting water pressure in some areas of the city and the city is working to resolve those problems, one of which is to add a water tower on west side of city. However, the Energy Center needs a place for the resulting sludge, which the city will address. Nalley asked mayor to release the trash contract as soon as it's signed.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Root seconded by Knisely to adjourn, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.