

# THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

## *Journal of Council*

November 1, 2012

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, with President James Weaver presiding.

The following members answered roll call: Kreilick, Leake, Marker, Nalley, Ruiz, and Root. Knisely was absent due to health issues.

The minutes of the October 18, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

On motion by Nalley, seconded by Marker, motion carried 6 yea votes for council to go into executive session at the end of the regular meeting with no action to be taken after the session. The executive session was called to discuss personnel regarding a complaint against a public employee.

Root made a motion to remove item #7 from agenda, saying that a council meeting is not the place for such item. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Third reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure of and direct the safety service director to enter into a contract with MWH Constructors for an amount not to exceed \$57 million for improvements to the WPCC in Fremont, state of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On motion to adopt by Nalley, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3605)

Third reading of an ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as part of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of Fremont, Ohio, and to amend or enact sections of the traffic, general offenses, fire prevention codes to conform to the codes of the Gen. Assembly. On motion by Root, seconded by Marker, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3606)

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a lease agreement for the following described property (Tree Farm property) pursuant to ORC Sec. 721.03, and declaring an emergency. Mayor added that already awarded bid to a bidder at \$xx per acre for 32 acres. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Kreilick, motion carried 6 yea votes(Ord. 2012-3607)

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant of payment of \$6,396.88 to American Arbitration Association, and declaring an emergency.

Second 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 \$3.04 million for the improvements to the Fremont Water Pollution Control Center in Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids for the Sub-Slab Depression System installation, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend rule 4 by Root, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Marker, seconded by Leake, motion carried 6 yea votes. (Ord. 2012-3608)

First reading of a resolution authorizing City Council of Fremont to establish a position that corporations should not receive the same legal rights as natural persons, that money is not speech, and that independent expenditures should be regulated, and declaring an emergency. David Forgatsch of Fremont addressed council to say thanks for considering this topic. The ordinance was suggested by Forgatsch who emphasized that the ordinance is not a partisan issue.

Robert Morton, 314 Lincoln St., also addressed the council in support of the ordinance.

Matthew Wagner, Franklin Avenue, Fremont, as well as Dave Mosser of Keller Drive and Tom Younker of Gibsonburg also addressed the council in support of the ordinance.

### Committee reports

Ruiz reported that the next Block Watch meeting will be November 13 at recreation center at 7 p.m.

Nalley reported that his committee met at 7 p.m. to discuss registration of outside contractors and subcontractors regarding how the city can gather tax information when such contractors work within city limits. Janet Schroeder of the city's tax office made a presentation on the topic. The mayor reported that this will not add to the city's budget, but could generate additional dollars. Mayor said he is looking at the state's proposal for uniform tax collection, which would eliminate local autonomy. He is very concerned about this issue. Nalley said he will have another Finance Committee meeting on December 6 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the city's 2013 budget and future financial needs of the city.

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Leake reported that the NAACP's Candidates' Night was well attended and he thanked all residents who participated.

Marker reported that the Rec Dept's board met.

### Council members' comments

Leake thanked those who spoke in support of item 7 on the agenda.

Kreilick also thanked those who spoke on behalf of the issue saying she appreciates the grassroots effort. She also reported on Ohio Municipal League's conference where she learned of the income tax collection issue. She said it is an opportunity to let legislators know your opinion on the issue.

Root reported that he had spoken to Knisely, who is in the Valley View Healthcare Center.

Ruiz also thanked residents who spoke on behalf of item #7 ordinance.

Marker urged everyone to vote on Tuesday, encouraging residents to take those who need transportation to polls, and urged support of the two school levies.

Nalley echoed Marker's comments on the two levies. He explained that council can visit the Ohio Municipal League's website for information regarding agenda item #7. He also encouraged people to go to city's website to see the entire ordinance (item 8 on the agenda). The legislation came from the United Mayors' Association that approved the issue in 2011.

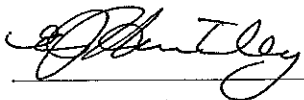
Law Director Jim Melled urged everyone to vote and he congratulated Louis Guardiola for him advancing to the state cross country and to SJCC High School football team for qualifying for the district playoff. The mayor congratulated Molly Salisbury for the spin class she conducted as a fund-raiser for cancer research. The activity raised \$500, and he welcomed Fred Recktenwald as interim auditor. He said the new auditor may be on the job in about 30 days.

### Public comments

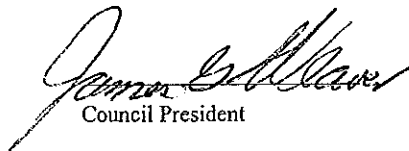
There were no public comments.

Council then retired for the executive session at 8:35 p.m. Council resumed regular session at 8:55 p.m.

There being nothing further to come before council, on motion by Root, seconded by Marker, to adjourn, motion carried 6 yeas votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:58p.m.



Clerk of Council



Council President