

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**  
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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 Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Liebold, Knisely, Smith, Zilch, Ruiz and Sleek. Councilman Otte was absent.

Before the regular meeting, we had a presentation pertaining to the Fremont City new website by Josh Randell. Mayor Sanchez stated that the website was outdated and he feels that the new website give a true representation of the City of Fremont. Josh went through the website and demonstrated how the new site would look. On the website there is a video website and he stated that the website is a lot clearer and easier to navigate for residents. He stated that the home page, economic development, and the Rec. Center were three pages that they focused on. Josh also thanked Bob Gross and Amanda Sears for all their help in developing the site, and then fielded questions from the council and the audience. They are hoping to launch live within the next 7 to 10 days.

Minutes from January 4th were approved.

First reading of a resolution approving the Plan of the City of Fremont, Ohio. Mr. Gross passed out paper work for the housing development at Terra. He discussed the City of Fremont's Housing Advisory Board. He acknowledges the members of the Advisory Board. Mr. Gross explained that the resolution simple support the housing plan. Mr. Gross did ask for a suspension of Rule 4. On a motion to suspend by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion failed 5 yes votes to 1 no vote.

First reading of a resolution approving the Project of the City of Fremont, Ohio. Mr. Gross explained that the Housing Plan must be in place before you can approve the project that is underway. Mr. Gross explained the statue of the funds that would be required from the City of Fremont. He explained that the commercial use of the project will be used for a convenience store in the Terra area.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Development Services Agency for Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Critical Infrastructure Program and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained that the grant programs through the State of Ohio – there are three types Downtown Revitalization, Critical Infrastructure, and Neighborhood Revitalization. This particular resolution is to accept the agreement of the grant. Mr. Frost asked that a Rule 4 be granted. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Zilch. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2017-2039

Mr. Knisely made a motion to uphold the Board of Zoning Board Appeals decision, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 5 yea votes to 1 no vote.

#### Committee Reports

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch made a motion that Mr. Steve Sturbaum and Mr. Greg Kuhns in the vacate seats on the Board of Zoning Appeals Board. Mr. Knisely seconded the motion. The two were appointed with a roll call voice vote of 6 yea votes. The Board will be accepting applications for the alternate position until February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz said that there will be a presentation on the new Block Watch Program by Chief Bliss at the next council meeting at 6:45 p.m. The Tree and Beautification is looking for people to serve on their committee. If interested, please contact Rick at 419-307-8924.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated that Mr. Gross would like to call committee meeting with a presentation by WSOS beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Sleek commented on the Napa business at the Potter Village. He would like to discuss with Chief Foos about some building in his word

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Smith state that registration is open for Volleyball leagues for both Adults and youth. Spring soccer will open on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Family Ice Skating is on Saturday's beginning at 7:00 p.m. He stated that he met with Mr. Bischoff. He stated that the Rec. Department Advisory Commission is taken applications to be on the Board until February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Utilities and Traffic Committee- Mr. Smith requested a committee meeting for 7:15 p.m. in Mr. Otte's behalf.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that someone from Vanguard will be at council the first meeting in March.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. passed out the 2018 schedule for Downtown Fremont and stated that more dates will be added in the future.

#### Department Heads

Mr. Frost reminded everyone that the sidewalks in front of your homes are your responsibility, please keep them clear.

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foos nothing to report.

#### Elected Officials

Mayor Sanchez welcomed the new council members and apologized for not being at the last council meeting.

Mr. Melle stated that we saw government in action tonight with all the people who were at the public meeting held earlier.

He liked the dialog and heartfelt statements made by both sides.

Mr. Grahl also nothing this evening.

Mrs. Ruiz echoed Mr. Melle sentiments about the Public Meeting held earlier.

Mr. Knisely also stated that the sidewalks need to be kept clean of snow and ice. He stated that also includes rental property. He complimented the city on their part in snow removal and thanked the elected officials for all of their outstanding work for the City of Fremont.

Mr. Smith stated that it has been a busy two weeks since he joined city council. He attended a meeting for the new school buildings; he attended the Zoning Board meeting, along with the NAACP Martin Luther King Event. Mr. Smith also attended a 2020 Bicentennial Commission Committee. He thanked Josh for his presentation on the website. He stated that he attended a wrestling match at the Strand.

Mr. Sleek he thanked Josh for his presentation and echoed the sentiments of Mr. Melle about the Public Hearing and the citizens that attended.

Mr. Liebold commented on the NAACP MLK breakfast and the great participation of citizens at the meeting held earlier.

Mr. Zilch thanked Mayor Sanchez for being the driving force in the update of the website. He thanked Josh for the presentation. He reminded citizens that the first weekend of March the Home Show will be held at the Fremont Rec. Center.

#### Public Comments

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely seconded by Mr. Liebold motion carried 6 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Council President