

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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April 5, 2018

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, Otte, Ruiz and Sleek.

The agenda for tonight and the minutes for March 15th were approved. Mr. Smith made a motion to add item #9 to the agenda First reading of an ordinance amending appropriation within General Fund 101 and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote.

Third reading of a resolution adopting and authorizing the implementation of a Citizens' Participation Plan as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) procedures. Mr. Frost and Mr. Gross explained the benefit of the city's participation. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2018-2044

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Capital Improvement Fund 410, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that the ordinance is a budgeted adjustment on the expense side of the project.

First reading of an ordinance establishing uniform benefits for non-union employees of the City of Fremont at the discretion of the Safety Service Director and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained the reasoning behind asking for the ordinance to be in compliance.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$186,235.17 to Oriana House, Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this is related to the grant that the court had been waiting on. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2045

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with D.L. Smith Concrete, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$381,954.25 for the San-Fremont-SRTS, PID 100102, Federal Project E150954, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen explained the project to the council and asks for a rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3889

First reading of an ordinance accepting the application for annexation for the parcel being part of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Town 5 North-Range 15 East, Sandusky Township, Sandusky County, State of Ohio containing 15.009 acres, more or less, already approved by the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners in Resolution 2017-356 and to adopt the recommendation of the Assistant Engineer for the interim zoning of the area to be R-1 Single Family Residential District. Mr. Fredericksen explained why the annexation is needed.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with 7L Construction LLC in an amount not to exceed \$386,078.80 for 2018 Street Improvements, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Fredericksen explained that 7L was the lowest bidder and he would like to suspend rule 4 to get the project going. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3890

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Holcomb Enterprises LLC in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00 for 2018 Spent Lime Lagoon cleaning, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3891

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Gross explained the need to amend appropriations to write the first ever City of Fremont Economic Development Plan. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Ord. 2017-3891

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz state that April is National Distracted Driving Month. She joked that the Police Department was better than the Fire Department.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Mr. Greg Edinger, Superintendent of Vanguard. He talked about Vanguard 5 year plan. There are 1149 students attending. There is a 96% passage rate with credentials. Drug Free Club of America was implemented at Vanguard and 400 students

volunteered for the program. There has been expansion in the campus and facilities. Vanguard will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

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Government and Economic Development Committee- Chairman Sleek said he stopped in the Juice and Garden facility.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Smith stated he had nothing this evening.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold had nothing this evening.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Otte report that there will be a Utilities and Traffic Committee meeting on April 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

Tom Kerns of Downtown Fremont, Inc. commented on the preparations for Cinco de Mayo event on May 2nd. He also commented on the Fishing event that will be held on May 19th.

Department Heads

Mr. Frost – nothing this evening.

Chief Bliss commented on the first Citizens Academy meeting was held tonight. He explained that 19 people applied for the Academy and 13 showed up. They discussed the structure of the Police Department, their mission statement, along with ALICE training. He also commented on the great work that is happening at Vanguard.

Chief Schneider state that he is anxiously awaiting Citizens Academy at the Fire Department so he can show them who the better department is really.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing more to report.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle stated that Mayor Sanchez is the only Hispanic Mayor in the State of Ohio. He stated that Mayor Sanchez will be a panelist on April 11th in Columbus for the Latino Legislation Day.

Mr. Grahl stated that he understand the frustration with the suspension of Rule 4. He explained the process and stated that they really do try to limit the number of request to suspend rule 4. He stated that administration needed help from council to allow the suspension of the rule to move forward. He appreciates the annoyance of adding something to the agenda but would expect more consideration to administration.

Mr. Melle elaborated on the process too.

Mr. Gross reminded citizens of the Charrette that will be held at Terra Community College April 12th through the 14th. He announced that Alison Thomas and John Willey presentation on the Complete Street Program.

Council Comments

Mr. Otte reported on the first annual meeting of the Birchard Historic Association. He stated that they organization is now a 501C. Membership and events are open to everyone in the city.

Mr. Smith stated he attended the meeting that Mr. Otte spoke about. He mentioned Orland Sabier and the work he is trying to do on Tiffin Street. He stated he would be at the Charrette. He also thanked Mr. Edinger for his presentation and commented on the Fremont City Schools renewal levy on May 8th. He mentioned Ben Root who is a Ross Alumni into detailing cars and boats.

Mr. Sleek thanked Mr. Fredericksen for his explanation on the road work being done in the city. He remained citizens about the Pancake Festival on April 18th. Mr. Sleek also encouraged citizens to vote yes on the renewal levy for the schools.

Mr. Liebold stated he did not mean to offend anyone with his comment about sneaking on agenda items. He reminded everyone of the Casa Dancing with the Stars event this Saturday. He reminded citizens in order to vote on May 8th election, you must be registered by April 9th.

Mr. Zilch mentioned that the Hayes Center has a traveling photo exhibit. Spring is almost here we should begin to pick up.

Mrs. Ruiz stated she received many good compliments about Downtown Fremont. She commented on the Vanguard presentation. She also invited everyone to attend the Charrette and was looking forward to Mayor Sanchez State of the City address on Thursday.

Mr. Knisely thanked administration and the employees of Fremont. He thanked Mr. Edinger for his presentation. Keep shopping Fremont Ohio.

Mrs. Hafford commented on Mayor Sanchez State of the City address on Thursday April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Terra Activity Center.

Public Comment

C.J. Burel 501 Brush Street stated that he's still pushing for a department store in downtown. He thanked City Council for the work they are putting in. He commented on the steps being put on the flood wall. He

stated that they are planning on putting a basketball hoop in the area by his church so the kids don't have to play in the streets.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Sleek motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President