

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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April 19, 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 Pro Tem Ruiz 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 April 5th were approved. Mr. Otte made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the purchase of property right before item #6.

Seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Capital Improvement Fund 410, and declaring an emergency.

Second 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. Grahl explained that an amendment should be made to this ordinance to reflect the language or appointed authorities. Mr. Knisely made a motion to accept the amendment, seconded by Mr. Sleek. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Mayor Sanchez asked that rule 4 could be suspended. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2018-3893

Second 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.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for the State of Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2018-2047

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$20,002.50 to Erie Blacktop, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that this is the milling portion of Rawson Ave. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Sleek and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2018-2046

Council entered into Executive Session. Council returned to regular session.

First reading of a resolution authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to enter into a purchase contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to purchase the property located at 1111 Oak Harbor Road, Fremont, Ohio identified as Parcel No. 34-60-00-0334-00 and declaring an emergency. A discussion was held with Superintendent Ward explaining why the purchase of the building would be a benefit to the city of Fremont. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2018-2048

Committee Reports

Government and Economic Development Committee- Chairman Sleek nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Otte reported that a committee meeting was held earlier with Alison Thomas and Mr. Willey about Complete Streets.

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

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mr. Smith announced a committee meeting for 6:30 p.m. on May 3rd.

Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Alison Thomas to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Knisely seconded. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Dr. Webster who gave an update on Terra Community College housing project. The total project cost is \$19.6 million. They would like the building filled by August 2018. Dr. Webster also discussed the intercollegiate sports program for the college.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz commented on the 3rd session of the Citizens Academy on Gun Safety and Awareness, along with Officer Woody, Taser Gun, and Use of Force. She thanked Jimmy G's for their donation to the Academy. Fremont Tree and Beautification was awarded the Tree City USA Plaque. She mentioned that April is Domestic Violence Month.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Melle - nothing this evening.

Mr. Ward - nothing to report

Mr. Frost – reported that the Fire Department was not present this evening because Officer Halbiesen was receiving an award.

Mr. Grahl - nothing this evening.

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Mrs. Elder - supported Mrs. Ruiz comment about trees reducing domestic violence. She commented on Earth Day that was coming up this weekend. Christy Farms will be doing a clean-up on Route 4 for Earth Day.

Mayor Sanchez - reported that the first Communication Relation Committee was tonight. Officer Kingsborough started a trash dash challenge. This is to raise funds for the local FOP organization. This is similar to the Ice Bucket Challenge. He invited everyone to join the administration team Monday at 3:00 for 1 hour of trash pickup.

Kristie Bilger - Terra State hosting an event Midwest Rhythm Summit on Friday and Saturday. Cinco de Mayo will be May 5th. There will be a parade from 11 to noon, and then the Festival will continue to 5 p.m. On May 19th 2nd Annual Fishing and Outdoor Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. She thanked everyone who attended the Charrette.

Public Comment

C.J. Burel 501 Brush Street made a comment on raids that were made in the city. He addressed Mr. Frost on how he would be following up on it.

Jon Detwiler stated he appreciated the inclusion into discussions with the police department on school related shootings and being a part of the Charrette.

Devin Black candidate for County Commissioner introduced himself.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch stated that the next meeting of the Citizens Academy would be geared toward CPR. All those attending upon completion will be certified in CPR.

Mr. Otte stated that he was impressed with the Academy candidates and thanked Officer Kennedy and Detective Kiddey. He thanked all those involved in the Charrette.

Mr. Knisely thanked Dr. Webster for the presentation this evening. He also thanked Superintendent Detwiler for being present at the meeting. Keep shopping Fremont Ohio.

Mr. Liebold thanked Mr. Ward and Mr. Frost for taking him out to the Water Department to show him the facility.

Mr. Sleek commented on the Pancake Festival. He also encouraged citizens to vote yes on the renewal levy for the schools.

Mr. Smith stated that he enjoyed the Pancake Festival. He congratulated Mayor Sanchez on the Mayors State of City Address. Mr. Smith thanked Thomas on her presentation earlier in the evening and also encourages everyone to vote for the school renewal on May 8th.

Mrs. Ruiz stated that the 27th of April is Arbor Day and the Beautification Commission will be planting a tree at Rauch Park at 4:30 p.m. She thanked those council members who attended the Police Academy for coming.

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Liebold motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President Pro Tem