

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, Otte, and Sleek. The minutes from January 21st were approved. Councilman Smith made a motion to add item #3 to the agenda - amended the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual of the City of Fremont to include changes to Section 6.01 regarding city travel expense reimbursement retroactive to January 1st, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Knisely, motion carried 7 yeas votes.

Third reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$15,939,861.00 for Fiscal Year 2019, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yeas votes. Ord. 2019 - 3945

First reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of improvements to Garrison from Washington to South Front Street, including widening, pavement and curb replacement, catch basins and waterlines, as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by council; and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated this ordinance provides a framework for the financing for the Garrison St. work.

First reading of an ordinance amended the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual of the City of Fremont to include changes to Section 6.01 regarding city travel expense reimbursement retroactive to January 1st, 2019 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that the policy and procedure manual updated to the original travel expense that was wrong, he asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Knisely, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas votes. Ord. 2019-3946.

Committee Reports

Economic Development Committee - Chairman Jim Sleek stated that the new Kroger's progress is moving around nicely.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

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

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated that he had a conversation with the auditor about the specifics on how the ordinance added to the agenda tonight would be financed.

Utility and Traffic Committee - Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairman Ruiz nothing to report.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Kristie shared that Terra State would be hosting the Midwest Rhythm Summit April 5th - 7th. She stated that this Saturday at 9 am, the Christmas ornaments will be taken out of the planters; if anyone wanted to help they are more than welcome. She also reminded anyone who wanted to be a member of the Downtown Association, please feel free to contact her. She also stated that they Mayor along with herself will be dancing stars for COSA. The event is Saturday, April 13th.

Department Heads/Elected Officials

Mr. Frost spoke about the pot holes in the city. He stated that they are working on them and asked everyone to bear with the city.

Mayor Sanchez stated there is a lot going on in the city. He invited everyone in the public to attend the Ebenezer Church Youth Have Talent Event on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Saturday the Village House has a fundraiser event at The Strand. The YMCA Reverse Raffle along with the Fireman's Cook Off Challenge will be held this Saturday.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl nothing this evening.

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Council Comments

Mr. Liebold wished Kristie and the Mayor good luck in Dancing with the Stars. He announced that City Hall has the metal detectors in place now and you must enter the building through the parking lot entrance.

Mr. Zilch also commented on the added security. He also stated that the security is needed. He mentions that the Home Show will be at the Rec. March 3rd and invited everyone out to view it.

Mrs. Ruiz commented on the TEMACOG general caucus and that she received a lot of comments on the City of Fremont. She announced that May 13th there will be a TEMACOG meeting held here at the Reclamation Center in Fremont.

Mr. Knisely thanked everyone involved in keeping the City of Fremont up and running is doing a great job. Fremont is a great place to live, work, and shop.

Mr. Smith stated he attended the Hayes Presidential Center Presidential event this past Monday. He agreed with councilman Liebold, although the extra security may seem like a hassle and he would prefer not to have it, it is a necessary evil. He is not opposed to the security, but just a changing world that we live in.

Mr. Sleek stated that it is neat to see the growth of the city with the construction of businesses, and schools. He is looking forward to seeing what the future holds for the growth to city.

Mr. Otte stated that he attended the Fremont Rec. Center and was overwhelmed with the activity that was going on. He said that the city should be very proud of the facility. He wanted the community to know that Fremont Vacuum Repair Center is located on the corner of State and Rawson Ave.

Mrs. Hafford stated that she has enjoyed all the growth in the downtown area and anticipates more growth in the future.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sleek seconded, motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned.

Clerk of Council

Council President