

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. via virtual zoom meeting in the form prescribed by The General Rules of Council. President Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Sleek, Ruiz, Elder, Smith, and Liebold. Mr. Otte joined late. The agenda for July 2nd was approved.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the Safety Service Director to amend the Position Classification Plan and the Employee Compensation Plan for non-union employees to include the position of Director of Diversity Inclusion and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez and Mircea Handru, Executive Director of the Sandusky County Board of Mental Health and Recovery discussed the benefits and the financial commitment to pay for the position. Terra Community College and Fremont City Schools would utilize the grant funded position. Several council members asked about the hiring process and Mayor Sanchez that the position would be appointed by him. The question was raised about Diversity Training for our city employees, which Mayor Sanchez stated that there has been some training done within the city. The concept of the job was supported; however, the hope to allow the search to be broadened to select the right person was still questioned. Mayor Sanchez informed the council of the salary of just over \$61,000 and benefits. The goal is this position is a representative and a liaison for diversity inclusion for our city.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$15,695.00 to Stepmobile, LLC and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that this warrant is for case management software funded by a grant but missed for payment. He asked that the council suspend Rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Sleek, motion carried 6 yeas votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 6 yeas votes. Res. 2020-2102

Mr. Otte stated that the Traffic Safety Committee met. He stated that the pastor at St. Joseph church asked that the committee look at removing the stop light and replacing with a four-way stop. The light was basically there for the school, but since it has been removed it is no longer necessary. They also discussed people going down Garrison St. the wrong way and the four-way stop at Franklin and Miller.

President Hafford reported that we received a nice letter from the Sandusky County Veterans for the council contribution to the Veterans Park. She encourages anyone who hasn't had the opportunity to see the park should do so. She also stated that the Covid virus is ramping up again and she wanted to remind the public to wear their mask in public.

No Committee Reports were given. No comments from Department Heads, Elected Officials, Council or the Public were made.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Elder, seconded by Mr. Liebold, motion carried 6 yeas votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Clerk of Council

Council President