

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, Otte, Weiss, and Liebold. The Minutes from July 2nd were approved. Councilman Liebold made a motion to add an ordinance amending appropriation within local Coronavirus Relief Fund 264, and declaring an emergency, seconded by Ruiz. The motion carried 7 yeas.

Second 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. Councilman Otte moved that the ordinance be tabled for 90 days, second by Smith. The reasoning was the spike in the covid situation and the unknown if schools would be in session or not. Mayor Sanchez stated that he spoke with both and agreed that waiting may be in the best interest. Councilwoman Weiss asked if the position could be placed under the mental health board. Mayor Sanchez explained some of the responsibilities of the position. After more discussion amongst the council, the motion to table carried 4 yeas to 3 nays.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with RG Zachrich Construction Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$288,253.95 for services to replace the Spieldenner Bridge in Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yeas. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yeas. Ord. 2020-4026

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$67,282.50 to Campbell, Inc., and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained the resolution was based on the service contracts for equipment pertaining to our energy program. Mr. Frost asked that we suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yeas. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yeas. Res. 2020-2104

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriation within local Coronavirus Relief Fund 264, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that this is the local share of the CARES act. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yeas. Ord. 2020-4027

President Hafford reminded the public of the upcoming Farmers Market and asked that everyone follow the Covid rules

Mayor Sanchez thanked everyone on council for their support and questions concerning the proposed position.

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. Liebold, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, motion carried 7 yeas. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.