

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
August 27, 2020

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: Elder, Smith, Ruiz, Weiss, Sleek, and Liebold. Council members Otte joined the meeting after roll call. The Minutes from August 6th were approved.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to amend the Position Classification Plan and the Employee Compensation plan for non-union employees to include the position of Custodian and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4028

Second reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual of the City of Fremont to include changes to Section 5.01 regarding City Sick Leave and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Smith, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Weiss and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4029

Second reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, G.O. Debt Fund 108, Public Recreation Fund 211, Street Maintenance Fund 222, Water Operating Fund 510, Sewer Operating Fund 570, and Sewer Improvement Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated a letter was sent to council concerning the amendments to each fund to the council. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Smith, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4030

Second reading of resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (City Council)

First reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$1,217,817.95, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained it was a transfer in from the income tax. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4031

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Sewer Operating Fund 570 and Sewer Improvement Fund 590, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4032

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) for the level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that the grant is for charging stations in strategic location. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2020-2105

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare, sign, and enter into contracts for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) for 2021 funding and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained this allows us to apply for the money from the State. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Sleek, seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2020-2106

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$13,150.00 to Buckeye Excavating & Construction, Inc., and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2020-2107

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Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee –Chairwoman Weiss nothing this evening.

Traffic and Utility Committee – Chairman Otte stated they are working of traffic stops for Wood & Croghan. Mayor Sanchez stated reasoning for closing North St. for the fair.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold nothing to report

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairwoman Ruiz made comments praising our Police and Fire Departments. Under the leadership of Chief Bliss and Chief Foos, the departments are heading in the right direction with the training and equipment that meets both state and federal standards. The citizens of Fremont can rest assured that they are in great hands when these department services are needed. She also announced that the General Dollar located on State St. was open with convenient parking and ample products including food and merchandise inside.

Government and Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek announced a committee meeting on September 17th with a PowerPoint presented by Bob Gross concerning Economic Development in the City of Fremont. He announced that Arbor Freight is in where the old Staples store is. He also encouraged council to ride with Brian Woods, Zoning Inspector and see all the good work he has accomplished in cleaning up the city. Mayor Sanchez stated that the city is looking at a 12 month tear down to clean the City of Fremont even further.

Laws Rules and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Elder announced that a LRO Committee meeting will be held September 3rd at 6:30 p.m. concerning the DORA project for Fremont.

Councilman Liebold stated that we should reconsider adding the Diversity position back on the agenda. Councilwoman Weiss asked for an update on the Jackson Annex. Mayor Sanchez stated that the city is waiting for Rotary to put together an amphitheater.

Mayor Sanchez stated that Corona Virus has affected the city with its employees. Some employees have to be placed on 14 day quarantine. The city is doing its due diligent to keep the city safe. Mr. Elder asked if temperatures are taking in each department. The answer was yes.

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Elder, seconded by Mrs. Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Clerk of Council

Council President