

**THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO**  
*Journal of Council*  
*September 3, 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, Otte, and Liebold. Councilman Sleek was absent. Previous minutes and tonight's agenda were approved.

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) On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Elder, motion carried 6 yea votes. Res. 2020-2108

First 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 Director of Diversity Inclusion and declaring an emergency. There was a lengthy discussion amongst the council and a letter read from the Mental Health Board. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Liebold, seconded by Elder, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4033

#### Committee Reports

Laws Rules and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Elder announced that the LRO Committee held meeting concerning the DORA project. He thought the meeting was very productive and informative and hoped that an ordinance would be added in the near future.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairwoman Weiss nothing this evening.

Traffic and Utility Committee – Chairman Otte nothing for the evening.

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, and mentioned a possible tour of the Fire Department.

Executive Director of Downtown Fremont Kristie Bilger – Reminded the council on the upcoming Farmers Market to be held September 5<sup>th</sup> designated as a Sunset Market from 4 – 8 p.m. She stated that there would be a Hog Roads and vendors. She mentioned that a car show would be held September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5-8 p.m.

Mrs. Hafford commented on the Compass Behavior Health Facility and the Paramount Cinema renovations.

On a motion to adjourn by Elder, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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Clerk of Council

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Council President