

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
October 15, 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: Weiss, Sleek, Smith, Otte, Elder, Ruiz, and Liebold. The minutes and the agenda were approved.

Third reading of an ordinance creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and enacting regulations for the DORA. Council discussed the boundaries of the DORA, specific times, and timelines for getting the project in place. There was discussion from members of the Health Department about training for those in the Dora. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4037

Second reading of a resolution supporting an Essential Workers Bill of Rights. Members of the community -Mary Alice Espirita, Pamela Haas, Mariana, and Anahi, Melvin Phillips spoke out in support of this resolution and its adoption. Mr. Gross read letter of none support from Mossers, Century Tool & Die, Style Crest. Crown Battery thought the resolution is unclear and urge counsel to vote no. Beth Hannam also stated the vagueness and long term of the resolution. A lengthy discussion was held amongst the council and suggestion to rewrite the resolution was raised.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,094.26 to Columbia Gas and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that this is an invoice for damage caused to a gas line. He asked that we suspend rule #4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Sleek, seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2020-2110

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101 and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Smith, seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Mr. Grahl asked that council suspend rule #4. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4038

First reading of a resolution authorizing a second round of the City of Fremont Cares Small Business Grant Program using cares act allotment of funds to provide up to \$5,000 in grants; consistent with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations and declaring an emergency. Mr. Sanchez stated that more money was received and they would like to extend the deadline to October 24th. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Smith, seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2020-2111

Committee Reports

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing to report.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairwoman Ruiz nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek nothing to report.

Laws Rules and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Elder stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals will have a position opening next year. Anyone interested please apply. There will be an LRO meeting on November 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairwoman Weiss introduced Jamie Belcher who would like the 29 Retailers to Post Ohio Tobacco Quit Line by point of purchase.

Traffic and Utility Committee – Chairman Otte stated there was a meeting with concerns about Garfield Street, St. Joe Central Catholic wanting to move parking, and traffic light at Hayes and Whittlesey.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated there will be a budget meeting later this month.

Birchard Historical Neighborhood Association addressed a letter to council in support of keeping Hayes Elementary School property a residential site, and that Hayes and Whittlesey become a four way stop.

On a motion to adjourn by Liebold, seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Clerk of Council

Council President