

**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: Smith, Otte, Elder, Ruiz, Liebold, and Weiss. Councilman Sleek was absent. The minutes and the agenda were approved.

Second reading of an ordinance amending the pay scale for all part-time, intermittent, temporary, seasonal and interim employees, and boards and commissions of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to re-zone inlot parcel# 34-60-00-0433-02 in the City of Fremont from “B-2” – General Commercial District to “R-3” Multi-Family Residential District.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Great Lakes Demolition Company in an amount not to exceed \$188,850.00 for the Jackson Annex Demolition Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost asked that council suspend rule #4. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz seconded by Weiss, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord 2020-4041

First reading of an ordinance establishing the City of Fremont Building Department, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost asked that we need more information to move forward with this. Chief Foos, Mike Short, and Joshua Abernathy spoke on this issue.

First reading of an ordinance requesting certification to enforce the Ohio State Building Codes within the City of Fremont and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to require all tobacco retailers within Fremont City limits to post the phone number for the Ohio Tobacco Quit line at all point of sale locations. Jamie Belcher with the Health Department spoke on this issue.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz seconded by Elder, motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4043

#### Committee Reports

Traffic and Utility Committee – Chairman Otte commented on the four way stop and the parking lot at St. Joe.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold commented on the budget presentation. Auditor Grahl stated that the first reading of the budget will be on the first meeting of December, followed by department head presentations.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith stated that the Rec. Department is following safety protocols put in place and that the ice arena is open. He also mentioned Black Friday Membership Drive.

Citizen Service Committee – Chairwoman Ruiz reported on the Police Department and the difficulties of working through Covid. She also commented on the Fire Department and the winterization on fire hydrants and the use of the areal trucks to help hang the American flag at the courthouse.

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.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairwoman Weiss stated that Cassandra Tucker is hosting a virtual discussion on the 21<sup>st</sup> and asked that council attend.

Justin Smith stated that November 28<sup>th</sup> the Birchard Association will be having a tree lighting at Mayor Maier Park and commended Kristie Bilger for her dedication to the downtown.

Bob Gross commented on the virtual meeting with the Minority Business owners with Chari Mullen and also stated that a housing survey will be coming out.

Paul Grahl stated that \$90,000 covid relief checks would be going out in the mail tomorrow.

Denis Otte wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

On a motion to adjourn by Liebold, seconded by Otte, motion carried 6 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Clerk of Council

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Council President