

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

Second 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.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Midwest Compost Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$196,650.00 for 2020 Spent Lime Lagoon Cleaning, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez stated that this ordinance was in reference to the water treatment plant and the increase the budget for that department. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4035

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Water Operating Fund 510, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Otte made an motion to amend the ordinance in the Diversity Inclusion to \$10,000 from \$6,000, Mr. Elder seconded. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Mayor Sanchez explained the reasoning for adjusting the amount which included a training and furniture for the office for the director. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Otte, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2020-4036

First reading of a resolution supporting an Essential Workers Bill of Rights. Mr. Liebold introduced Monica Ramirez found of Justice for Migrant Women explained the reasoning for asking the city to support this issue. She asked the councils for their support for migrant workers and those affected by Covid 19. The resolution is a show of support for all essential workers would ensure pay, child care and health care resources to workers. After discussion amongst the council, on a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Ruiz, motion failed 5 yea votes to 2 no votes.

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee – Chairwoman Ruiz commented on the Fire Department tour and thanked Chief Foes for his hospitality. She stated that she would like to tour the Police Department on October 13th. Mayor Sanchez asked that no tours be suspended to the department due to Covid issues.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Sleek nothing to report.

Laws Rules and Ordinance Committee – Chairman Elder stated that the public hearing held earlier in the evening went well.

Community Partnership Committee – Chairwoman Weiss nothing to report.

Traffic and Utility Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Liebold stated that Auditor Grahl will be holding a special meeting for the budget for next year. Look for further details to follow.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Chairman Smith nothing to report.

Bob Gross stated that the bid for Hayes Elementary property will be going out in November. He wanted to stress to council to give thought as to what they would like to see on that property. He made a suggestion that zoning for that property be residential that will fit into the neighborhood scheme. Bid specs for the demo of Jackson Annex will keep as much of limestone and bricks that they can potentially using for the amphitheater.

Mrs. Hafford asked about the number of people who applied for the Small Business Grant. Mayor Sanchez stated that as of 4 p.m. there were 25 applicants. He stated that he did not want to deny anyone who is in need of the funding. He stated that another cares act funding is supposed to be on its way and he wants to include everyone who qualifies and eligible to receive funding.

On a motion to adjourn by Sleek, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.