

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.

Mr. Otte made a motion to remove item number 3 and 4 on the council agenda, seconded by Mr. Liebold. Motion passed 7 yea votes.

Mr. Elder made an motion to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22.G4 with council business to transpire thereafter. The motion passed 7 yea votes. Council entered executive session.

Council returned from executive session.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$16,000,750.00 for Fiscal Year 2021, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to enter into an employment contract with the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association ("OPBA") representing the Records Clerk of the Fremont Police Department and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2021-4056

First reading of a resolution by the Fremont City Council endorsing and supporting passage of the proposed bill to rename route 20 to Charles Woodson Way and declaring an emergency. Mr. Smith explained that there will be a press council held at the State House recognizing Charles Woodson accomplishments in renaming route 20 Charles Woodson Way. Mayor Sanchez stated that the road renaming would cover the entire bypass eastside to westside of the city. Mayor Sanchez also stated that the city will be putting a plan together to clean up Woodson Way alley in the near future. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Smith and seconded by Sleek, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2021-2114

President Hafford stated that the zoom meetings will continue until at least July.

Comments

Mr. Zimmerman stated that the Sandusky County Commissioners will be periodically attending meeting around the city and county.

Mr. Gross stated that the City of Fremont received the Governor's Cup from Site Selection Magazine as one of the Top 10 Micropolitan Cities. Fremont was tied for seventh place.

Mr. Smith congratulated the city on receiving the award, he thanked the commissioners for attending the meeting, and thanked the council for supporting the renaming of the bypass.

Mr. Liebold reminded everyone to have a covid safe St. Patrick Day, and he reminded everyone that springs sports are underway.

Mr. Elder echoed the sentiment of Mr. Liebold about spring sports and to be aware of the extra activity with students out running.

Mrs. Martin also thanked the city for passing the resolution supporting Charles Woodson Way and stated that several of the Fremont Ross Football players would be attending and speaking at the presentation on the 10th.

Mrs. Weiss echoed the sentiments of the award, Woodson Way, and congratulated Chief Halbisien on this start at the Fire Department.

Mr. Frost stated that the work on Rawson Ave. will begin next week.

Mr. Otte thanked the commissioners for attending the council meeting. He thanked the city crew for keeping up with the roads, and also thanked administration for receiving the award.

Mrs. Ruiz echoed the same words as others with the award, and Woodson Way. She read a statement concerning new housing that will be needed for our city in the future.

Mr. Sleek personally thanked Mr. Gross with keeping him in the loop with concerns of Economic Development. He also echoed Mrs. Ruiz sentiments concerning housing.

Ms. Mullen shared that the city received a grant from State Farm in the amount of \$2,500.00 concerning Courageous Conversation continuation. She introduced Dave Slater from State Farm that stated State Farms was very excited to be able to award the grant.

Mrs. Elder stated that Fremont is the only city in Ohio that state we have a President, Heishman Trophy Winner, and a Hall of Famer.

Mr. Grahl echoed the sentiments of the council.

Mayor Sanchez stated that the Charles Woodson Weekend this fall will be an extraordinary event. He thanked Ms. Mullen and Mr. Gross for all their hard work and dedication.

On a motion to adjourn by Sleek, seconded by Liebold, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Clerk of Council

Council President