

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

Before the reading of the ordinances, President Hafford turned the meeting over to Chari Mullen, Director of Diversity & Inclusion with a presentation to Minority Economic Development. Rachel Wynkoop, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Mark Urrutia, Regional Director of the Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC). The MBAC is a community-minded and focused on innovative and inquisitive minority business & entrepreneurial development. They are determined to be supportive and impactful in the delivery of wrap around entrepreneurial service and community engagement. Rachel explained the exclusive marketing opportunities that the chamber can afford you as a small business, along with other benefits of being a member. Ms. Mullen stated she is very excited to promote the partnership with both organization and the city.

Second reading of an ordinance to amend the Downtown Revitalization District with the City of Fremont established in Ordinance No. 2015-3786

First reading of an ordinance enacting new chapter 1156 entitled “Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control” to Part Eleven – Planning and Zoning Code, Title Three – Zoning Ordinance Section of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that a spot was reserved to make the ordinances streamlined. This action was preplanned.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Geddis Paving & Excavating, Inc. In an amount not to exceed \$72,154.50 for the Ozzie Rauch Park Improvements, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost explained that drainage would be done, one half basketball court, play area would be approved, picnic tables, and planting trees. He also stated that this will be the first park that used the permeable parking surface. He asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Liebold and seconded by Elder, motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith and seconded by Weiss, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2021-4061

First reading of an ordinance to repeal Chapter 924 entitled “Storm Water Management” and to replace it with Chapter 1155 entitled “Storm Water Management” in Part Eleven – Planning and Zoning Code, Title Three – Zoning Ordinances of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency.

Speedway TREX Liquor License Mr. Melle explained that he spoke with the Liquor Control Division. The application needs to be signed by the Mayor to sign so the license can be transferred from Tiffin to Fremont. On a motion to allow the Mayor to sign made by Liebold and seconded by Ruiz

**Comments**

Mrs. Ruiz – Announced that the Fremont Tree & Beautification Commission will be April 6 at 6 p.m. at the Rec. Department.

Mrs. Weiss – Attended the 200 +1 celebration and it was a great event.

Mr. Elder – Echoed Mrs. Weiss sentiment about the bicentennial celebration. He also congratulated Mr. Liebold on the birth of his new son.

Mr. Liebold – thanked Mr. Elder for his well wishes and wished everyone a Good Friday and a Happy Easter.

Mr. Smith – Also echoed the sentiments on the celebration held and wished everyone a happy Easter. He stated that he was looking forward to the Dora Dash on Friday.

Mr. Frost – Thanked council for suspending rule 4 for the park renovation. He also reminded people that Rawson is still under construction.

Mr. Otte – Gave the council a history lesson on the Easter Egg Roll started by President Hayes.

Mrs. Elder – Announced that the unemployment compensation was amended and the IRS suggests that you not amend your taxes and that they will make the adjustments.

Mr. Gross – Wished everyone a Happy Easter, congratulated councilman Liebold on his new son.

Mr. Grahl – Echoed everyone’s sentiments on councilman Liebold, the celebration, and Happy Easter.

Mr. Melle – Wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mrs. Martin – Thanked Ms. Mullen, Mr. Urrutia, and Ms. Wynkoop for their presentation tonight. Being a Minority Business Owner she found the information very informative and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Ms. Mullen – Thanked Mr. Frost for the improvements of the “Field” on Second Street and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mayor Sanchez – Nothing this evening.

Mrs. Hafford – Also congratulated Mr. Liebold and his wife on the birth of their son. She wished everyone a Happy Easter, and gave condolences to Mr. Sleek and his wife on the passing of her father.

On a motion to adjourn by Elder, seconded by Smith, motion carried 7 yea votes. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm