

**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.

Before the reading of the ordinances, President Hafford introduced Robin Richter from GLCAP to explain the advantages that they have for senior citizens. She explained that senior services have been working behind the scene during the covid pandemic. They distributed more meals through the Meals on Wheels program. She explained that the Senior Center is being updated and will open soon. President Hafford asked about the Home Repair Program for seniors. Ms. Richter explained that there is a Sandusky County Property Tax renewal levy on the ballot May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Richter thanks Mr. Gross for being a co chairman for the Citizens For Seniors Campaign.

Third reading of an ordinance to amend the Downtown Revitalization District with the City of Fremont established in Ordinance No. 2015-3786. On a motion to adopt by Liebold, seconded by Elder. Motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2021-4062

Second 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.

Second 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.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with R.A. Bores Excavating, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$517,650.00 for the 2021 Waterline Improvement Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Frost asked that council suspend rule 4 and to get this project going, he explained that the project is for Wayne Place. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Sleek, seconded by Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Smith, seconded by Ruiz, motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2021-4063

**Comments**

Mrs. Ruiz stated that the Beautification Committee meet and are deciding what will be planted this spring. She was excited about the upcoming park renovation in her district, and wished everyone to stay safe.

Mr. Sleek thanked everyone for the condolences in the passing of his father in law and asked for an update on economic development from Mr. Gross.

Mr. Smith stated that two very important renewals are coming up for vote on May 4<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to support the Senior Citizens Levy and the Disability Levy.

Mrs. Weiss relayed a compliment from one of her neighbors about the excellent efforts of the Street Department to replace a street light. She also stated that anyone looking for a job, that there are many available at this time. All on needs to do is apply.

Mr. Gross updated council on the start date of Chipotle that has been pushed back, Dunkin Donuts has started construction, the Robert F. Wolfe company was acquired by Green Briar Inc. for \$550,000 and their intentions is to rehab the building and find a tenant. He stated with the break in the weather, he expects that more people will take advantage of the DORA. Mr. Gross ended his segment with updating the Kiwanis effort for fundraising for the All Inclusive Play Park and Amphitheater Capital Campaign.

Mr. Elder echoed Mr. Smith sentiments on voting for the renewal levies and also wished his mother in law a Happy 81<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Mr. Otte stated that the City Wide Garage Sale will be held June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Birchard Historical Association will be holding a garage sale and will update us on details. Mr. Otte stated that they will be soon finalizing a date to sprouse up the garden at the cemetery with the help of Future Farmers of America from Clyde, OH.

Mr. Liebold stated that the St. Joe Auction is virtual this year and encourage everyone to go online and check it out. He also congratulated Commissioner Scout Miller on the birth of his first grandchild.

Mr. Miller gave his condolences to Mr. Sleek and also encourages everyone to vote for the renewal levies on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Mr. Frost thanked council for suspending rule 4.

Mayor Sanchez thanked Sonny Workman for his positive influence for the city of Fremont, and also encouraged passage of the levies.

Mr. Melle gave condolences to Mr. Sleek.

Mr. Grahl thanks Commissioner Miller for the invite to the Bicentennial Celebration that was held on the steps of the courthouse. He stated that the black decorative traffic lights are being put in place and very attractive.

Mr. Workman thanked the administration and all the departments of the city for the great work they are doing to keep Fremont First.

Mrs. Hafford state that Fremont Pride will be holding a celebration on July 10<sup>th</sup>, anyone interested in assisting can join their Facebook page.

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

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Clerk of Council

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Council President