

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

April 16, 2026

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order in the form prescribed by The General Rule of Council. President Jamie Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Weiss, Ruiz, Briggs, Sleek, Otte, Elder, and Liebold.

Second reading of an ordinance to authorize the expenditure and direct the Safety Service Director to enter into a contract with Buckeye Excavating & Construction Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$543,755.00 for the Walnut Street Storm Sewer Separation Project and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Rule, seconded by Elder. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Sleek and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4294

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Capital Improvement Fund 410, and declaring an emergency. Ken Frost asked to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Sleek. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4295

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to submit a written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's annual Road Salt Contract (2026-2027) in accordance with Revise Code Section 5513.01 (B) and declaring an emergency. Ken Frost asked to suspend Rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Weiss, seconded by Sleek. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4296

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Safety Service director to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Fremont, for project to resurface a portion of U.S. Route 6 in Sandusky County and declaring an emergency. Ken Frost explained that ODOT has a paving project and it falls within the city. This gives them permission to do so. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Ruiz. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 7 yea votes. Res. 2026-2249

Committee Reports

Jim Sleek – Stated that the orange barrels are up on Oak Harbor Road for detours for the road work and car wash. Please be extremely careful and check out the projects.

Danielle Briggs – Stated seasonal hires are still in process at the rec. She also mentioned that the community river clean up April 11th was a huge success with about 20 volunteers. The next one will be May 2nd.

Kristine Weiss - Mentioned GLCAP has some no cost repairs for homeowners. The Community Housing Impact and Preservation Work (CHIP) program. There are some eligibility guidelines you can reach out to them at 1-800-775-9767 or glcap.org/home repair.

City Officials

Ken Frost - Spoke about the great work they are doing on they Hayes Ave./Buckland project.

Bob Gross – Gave an update about the new hotel and the 23 jobs it will create. He also stated that OSS has a flyer with the recycling drop off date. He mentioned that the historic stop signs around Birchard Ave. were all donations. Mr. Gross has pancake festival tickets.

Derek Wensinger – Mentioned April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Police Department will start taking application for hiring on April 20th. He also brought up safety concerns for e-bikes.

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Mayor Sanchez – Announced May 2nd, will be the Cinco DE Mayo Event in Downtown Fremont. He piggybacked on Chief Wensinger’s comments about E-Bikes state that the City of Fremont will be putting together a proactive strategic plan, concerning this matter and bringing awareness of the proper procedures and laws from a safety standard. There was also a lengthy discussion concerning e-bikes and following the laws within city limits.

Public Comments

Aaron Meade small business owner of Body and Soul at 1612 West State Street since 2012. He addressed council with questions concerning a new business coming in. With the new business, there will be a drive-thru taking away parking spots on the side and State Street. He asked if any concessions could be made to not take away those parking spots. Council deemed that the building is a private matter and the concerns should be addressed to the property owners. It is not a city issue.

President Hafford stated that City Council will be participating in the 4th of July Parade celebrating the 250 years of America and has been assigned the Digital Age of Today’s America which is from 2000 to 2026. She is asking for ideas and help with the project.

On a motion to adjourn by Liebold, seconded by Ruiz, meeting adjourning at 7:46 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President