

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

March 19, 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, Otte, Briggs, Elder, Sleek, and Liebold.

Third reading of an ordinance to make appropriations in the amount of \$67,500,865.00 for expenses and expenditures for the 2026 Fiscal year January 1 thru December 31 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4290

Third reading of an authorizing fund transfers in the amount of \$18,335,494.00 for calendar year 2026, for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4291

Second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont entitled "Fire Department" and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Sleek, seconded by Ruiz. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Elder, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4292

Second reading of an ordinance to accept the application for annexation for the part of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 5 North, Range 15 East, Township of Sandusky, County of Sandusky, State of Ohio containing 0.9710 acres, more or less approved for annexation by the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners in Resolution 2025-0355 and to adopt the recommendation of the Zoning Inspector for the interim zoning of the area to be "R-2 Residential District." Economic Development Director, Bob Gross, explained the ordinance annexation concerning the new Wendy's to the council. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Sleek, seconded by Elder. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Elder, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4293

First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a joint cooperation agreement with Sandusky County, City of Clyde, and the City of Bellevue n applying for the Community Development Housing Impact and Preservation ("CHIP") Grant for the 2026 funding cycle and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Liebold, seconded by Otte. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Otte and seconded by Sleek, motion passed 7 yea votes. Res. 2026-2248

Committee Reports

Jim Sleek – pointed out that the old Riteaid site is showing constant working on the new car wash. He also had a word of caution for the Old Oak Harbor Road project.

Danielle Briggs - made several comments concerning Fremont Rec. Department stating registration is still open for summer baseball and softball.

Angie Ruiz mentioned the fire at Crown Battery.

Bob Gross shared that the Rutherford House on South Buchanan has been bought and will be fixing and renovation the building. He also mentioned that he has Kiwanis Pancake tickets, the event is Wednesday, April 22nd.

Chief Wensinger commented on the event on March 11th, stated that City of Fremont Police Department is committed to community safety and crime prevention. He stated there were a lot of personnel working on that situation to come up with the correct resolution. He stated that the department has trained officers for chatting investigations that began in 2020. A discussion was held.

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Angie Ruiz brought up the to council about trying to change the date for City Council meetings to be held. A discussion was held.

Heather Pollic, Executive Director of the Sandusky County Land Bank updated council concerning the Welcome Home Ohio program with hopes of hearing by May. They would like to be build up to 25 homes with 11 shovel ready. She also spoke about the Brownfield Grant and the half a million in grants that they've written and are waiting back to hear from. She also stated that the build demo was bid out last week and they are waiting to hear back from that. She also commented on the Rubber Belting Property.

On a motion to adjourn by Elder, seconded by Liebold, meeting adjourning at 7:57 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President