

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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July 18, 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, and Liebold. Elder made a motion to excuse councilman Sleek from the meeting, seconded by Ruiz. Motion passed 6 yea votes. Minutes from previous meeting and the agenda were approved.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare, sign, and enter into contracts for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) annually for project funding. Mayor Sanchez asked council to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Weiss, seconded by Otte. Motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 6 yea votes. Res. 2026-2254

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Public Safety Equipment Fund 420, Script Fund 461, and Water Replace/Improvement fund 541, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Liebold. Motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Elder, motion passed 6 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4301

First reading of an ordinance petitioning the Board of Sandusky County Commissioners to adjust the Boundary Lines of Sandusky Township so as to exclude the Territory that, as a result of annexation, now lies within the corporate boundaries of the City of Fremont (Submitted by Nelson Property LTD. Annexation of 0.9710 acres – Ordinance No. 2026-4293. Mayor asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Weiss, seconded by Otte. Motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 6 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4302

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grant Program and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez stated that this was a grant to improve the Rodger Young Pickle Ball Courts and asked that council to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Briggs. Motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 6 yea votes. Res. 2026-2255

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$5,113.23 to Al Baumann Chevrolet Buick Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez asked council to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Liebold. Motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 6 yea votes. Res. 2026-2256

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,889.51 to Fallsway Equipment Company, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez asked council to suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Elder. Motion passed 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Briggs and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 6 yea votes. Res. 2026-2257

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Mayor Sanchez stated that Erica Williams and her department have been making ways to enforce the code violations and ordinances in the city and her commitment to help those who may need it. Councilman Liebold asked if the sidewalk program could be brought back. Mrs. Williams stated that she has begun the process and is collecting the data. He also said thank you to everyone who participated in the 4th of July festivities.

Jim Melle stated that he followed the festivities on Facebook and they were wonderful to see along with the fireworks.

Holly Elder mentioned that Birchard Park is being utilized. She also mention the air quality that we are experiencing right now with the wild fires in Canada and encourages those who don't have to go out stay inside or wear a mask.

Public Comments

Joe Quaintance 1812 Oak Lane voiced his concern of the housing that going in at the end of his road and his concern that it will bring down his property value. Mayor Sanchez asked that Mr. Quaintance contact Bob Gross for specific details. Brent and Charlee Kramer also voiced concerns. Mayor Sanchez stated that there is no information to share at this time. A discussion was held and Mayor Sanchez stated once again he would defer to those who can answer the neighborhood concerns and asked that they contact the offices next week. Mr. Quaintance also mentioned that they water has changed colors since the construction on Oak Harbor Road has changed colors.

Brandon Elliott introduced himself to council stating that he works for an organization called Falcon Forge.

Committee Reports

Danielle Briggs – The Rec. Department will be shut down August 24th – 30th for annual maintenance for the pool. She also brought up the concerns for E-bikes. Stated that his office has also been receiving many calls and concerns too.

Kristine Weiss – Stated that GLCAP has a summer crisis program that is available from July 1st through September 30th to assist with utility bills, air conditioning repairs, and fan purchases. The criteria includes household members who are 60 years and older, documented medical conditions verified by a licensed physician and a disconnect notice. The information is available on the GLCAP website.

Chris Liebold mentions Former Governor Doug Strickland was in town last night and he complimented on how the city appeared.

Angie Ruiz piggybacked off of Liebold's comment and stated that members of the Greater Lake Erie Regional that opened up a satellite office state that the city how beautiful Fremont is.

John Elder stated the group concerning immigrants will be addressing the council again soon.

Motion to adjourn by Ruiz, second by Otte. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President