

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

August 20, 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: Otte, Briggs, Elder, Sleek, Ruiz, Weiss and Liebold. Weiss made a motion to add legislation to the agenda concerning the immigrant resolution from Elder, seconded by Otte. Motion failed four yea votes to three no votes. Minutes from previous meeting and the agenda were approved with correction on name spelling.

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of warrant for payment of \$5,600.00 to Peters Used Equipment Inc., and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Liebold, seconded by Ruiz. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 7 yea votes. Res. 2026-2258

Second reading of a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (City Council) On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Sleek, seconded by Elder. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 7 yea votes. Res. 2026-2259

Second reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$3,607.40 to Firelands Regional Medical Center, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Otte. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 7 yea votes. Res. 2026-2260

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within General Fund 101, Municipal Income Tax fund 201, Public Recreation Fund 211, and Sewer Operating Fund 570, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Sleek. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Otte and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4303

First reading of an ordinance authorizing a fund transfer in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that a letter was sent out to council explaining the transfers and asked that they suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Liebold, seconded by Weiss. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Briggs and seconded by Weiss, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4304

First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 131 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont entitled "Police Department" and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Weiss. Motion passed 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder and seconded by Liebold, motion passed 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4305

Committee Reports

Danielle Briggs – Stated that the last day for the pool will be August 23rd. She stated that school would start and congratulated parents and wished teachers and students good luck for the upcoming school year. She also thanked the Streets Department for clearing down trees limbs from the recent storms. She ended with announcing this weekend there would be a craft beers, cocktails & corks event at Spiegel Grove. Angie Ruiz thanked the Fire Chief for his comments during the readings

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Department Head Reports

Chief Wensinger stated that fair week was upon us and there will be an increase of law enforcement patrol operations to encourage citizens to enjoy the fair responsibly. He also encourages parents to take their children to the fair and stay at the fair with them. He mentioned the department had new stickers and he gave the first sticker to Mayor Sanchez for leaping to help. There was a disturbance and Mayor Sanchez joined in to assist.

Mayor Sanchez thanked Ken Frost for his services to the city. He stated that he's been more than a coworker, more than a colleague, more than a friend. For the past 10 years he's been like a brother to him. Wishing him the best and has confidence that Bob Gross will be able to sustain the position. Mr. Elder asked a question concerning Bob Gross position and the Mayor stated that he will be sharing that information at a later date.

Jim Melle wished Ken well in his retirement and stated he has thoroughly enjoyed working with him over the years.

Holly Elder wanted to reflect on the fact that when you talked to Ken Frost he always had a smile on his face regardless of whatever he's going through. She wished him well.

Paul Grahl echoed everyone else's sentiment about Ken. It has been a pleasure working with him and wishing him well.

Council Comments

Jim Sleek wanted everyone to enjoy the fair and be prepared with school starting. School busses will be rolling out, be careful.

Angie Ruiz commented on her trip and she was glad to be back. She hopes that Ken enjoys his retirement and takes life easy.

Chris Liebold had a couple comments about the fair and supports the 4 H, Junior Fair Livestock sales this weekend. Please support the junior fairgoers. He also echoed everyone else on our Safety Service Director, Ken Frost.

Denny Otte said he feels the same way about Ken. He also did a shout out to the street department and the mowing that has been done and the parks looking great.

Kristine Weiss congratulated Ken and stated it was a pleasure working with him on council and the city would miss him.

Danielle Briggs stated even though they had a short working relationship, he has been a great help onboarding her and thanked him for his service.

John Elder also thanked Ken for his service and said enjoy his retirement. He thanked council for their comments at the LRC meeting. He also mentioned that several people were taking their children to college. Chief Wensinger, Mayor Sanchez, Bob Gross, and Kristine Weiss.

Jamie Hafford also thanked Mr. Frost for his service and kindness and everything he does.

Motion to adjourn by Elder, second by Liebold. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President