

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

September 17, 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, Ruiz, Weiss and Liebold. Angie Ruiz made a motion to excuse Jim Sleek, seconded by Liebold. Motion passed 6 yea votes. Minutes from previous meeting and the agenda were approved after a motion was made by Elder and seconded by Liebold to adding a resolution, motion carried 4 yea votes to 2 no votes.

Second reading ordinance creating Section 921.21 “Sewer Lateral Responsibility” to be added to Chapter 921 titled “Sewer” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez introduced City Engineer, Tucker Fredericksen and Water Sewer Maintenance Superintendent, Drew Olson. A lengthy discussion of 30 minutes was held concerning the responsibility of the homeowner and the city.

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Municipal Income Tax Fund 201, and Public Recreation Fund 211, and declaring an emergency. Safety Service Director Bob Gross explained that item number 2 and 3 go together. Recreation Department Superintendent Cody Bischoff was in the audience to explain the ordinances. Mr. Bischoff explained that at the beginning of the swim season one of the pumps at the pool went down. The pumps are 26 years old and the lead time to receive the pumps would be 24 to 30 weeks. Mr. Gross asked that council suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Otte. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold, seconded by Elder, Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ordinance 2026-4306

First reading of an ordinance authorizing a fund transfer in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the City of Fremont, State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Liebold, seconded by Elder. Motion carried 6 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Ruiz, seconded by Weiss, Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ordinance 2026-4307

First reading of an ordinance amending the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual of the City of Fremont to include changes to section 5.04 and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez explained the need for the ordinance and changing of city employees receiving vacation time after their probation period. He asked if council would suspend rule 4. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Ruiz, seconded by Liebold. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold, seconded by Ruiz, Motion carried 6 yea votes. Ordinance 2026-4308

First reading of a resolution recognizing the importance of interstate migration, defined herein as the movement of people from other states to Fremont, and immigration for economic development and workforce growth; expression that the City of Fremont, Ohio welcomes new arrivals; and recognizing the value that their work ethic, character, and entrepreneurial spirit add to the community.

Committee Reports

Denny Otte - Street and Utilities stated that a question was brought up concerning a four-way stop at Monroe and Birchard. He also mentioned Wayne and Croghan and people parking on the curbs or in front lawns and why people are being targeted.

Danielle Briggs - Parks and Recreation stated that Biddy Basketball registration is open for Pre-K to 3rd grade. Also Trunk or Treat registration is also open. It will be held October 24th. The ice rink will start next month in October. She ended her comment by stating this fall they will be taking out some old stumps and old trees that are dangerous and then next spring replanting.

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Angie Ruiz – Citizen Service Committee asked Assistant Chief Ty Conger if he had anything to mention concerning the Police Department. Chief Conger stated that two of new officers that started a couple of months ago are in field training. And one cadet is at Owens Police Academy and a female officer will be joining Ehoove Police Academy the next couple of months. He stated with the new recruits, the departments overtime budget has come down quite a bit. Chief Conger mentions that they continue to rep up their Internet Crimes against Children with some officers attending some training in Cleveland. He wrapped up by saying in the near future they will be posting and communicating about the State Street Car Show coming up on the 27th. Mrs. Ruiz ended her comments stating she had the opportunity to go and tour the new EMS station located on East State Street.

Kristine Weiss – GLCAP has a financial opportunity center working with community on a one-on-one basis to learn your needs and willing to work together to achieve your financial goals.

Department Head Reports

Bob Gross – Ask Tucker Fredericksen to touch on the Walnut Street Project getting started. He stated that they are doing a storm and sanitary separation project. The project is part of the long-term control plan for the wastewater treatment plant. Part of that project includes resurfacing Walnut Street from Fifth Street to Ohio Ave.

Mayor Sanchez stated that the city recently applied for another grant to repave North Front Street from Old fort Bank up to North Street. He would inform council if they receive the grant, but the project is not scheduled until 2028, also Wilson from State Street all the way to the enter of Hazel. He also mentioned the Tiffin Street Bridge over Minnow Creek.

Council Comments

John Elder announced that the NAACP Candidate Forum will be held Tuesday September 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Birchard Library.

Daniel Briggs highlighted that HDTV did release their series on Bihl Manor.

Public Comments

Josie Setzler 918 Cleveland Ave. wanted to just open a conversation about the 10 flock cameras that are under the jurisdiction here within the City of Fremont. She asked what data the cameras are collecting. She did mention that she has spoken to Chief Wensinger and he is looking into it. The Chief mentioned that he checks why they are being used so you won't have the kind of abuse that is being mentioned in many other places. I asked who has access to the data and he sent information that stated 1,876 agencies across the country have access to our data. Assistant Chief Conger stated that one of the safe guards Chief Wensinger has put in place is dropping the scale down to only the State of Ohio until he can get a better understanding of the different agencies and why they are requesting the data. The majority of the community knows that this is a valuable tool to police, however the privacy rights and concerns of our citizens and trying to do our best and safeguard the data that we are sharing.

Kristine Weiss made a motion to adjourn, Denny Otte seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Council Clerk

Council President