THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
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The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order in the form prescribed by The General Rule of Council. President Pro Tem Angie Ruiz called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Otte, Briggs, Elder, Ruiz, Weiss, Sleek and Liebold. Liebold made a motion to excuse President Hafford, seconded by Elder. Motion passed 7-0

Third reading of a resolution recognizing the importance of interstate migration, defined herein as the movement of people from other state 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. Mr. Noftz made comments before the voting supporting the resolution. On a motion to adopt by Liebold, seconded by Elder, Motion failed 4 no votes to 3 yea votes.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to amend the Position Classification Plan to add the Chief Operator Position at the Water Treatment Plant. Safety Service Director Bob Gross explained about the Class 4 license then turned over comments to Water Treatment Superintendent; Chad Johnson explained the necessity of having the chief operator position. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Elder, seconded by Sleek. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Elder, seconded by Sleek, Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2026-4310

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an amendment to grant agreement 25NR-2BP-25CDBG for program year 2025 Community Development Block Grant "CDBG" Program and declaring an emergency. Mayor Sanchez introduced, Robin Richter from GLCAP who gave a brief presentation concerning the resolution being presented and the impact on our senior citizens. She invited council to visit the Fremont Senior Center. On a motion to suspend rule 4 by Liebold, seconded by Weiss. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Liebold, seconded by Weiss, Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2026-2262

Jim Melle explained the Liquor License that the City of Fremont received. It is a brand new license for the Springhill Suites hotel. If council agrees with allowing the license they vote "no objections". Council voted 7 "No Objections".

Reports

Danielle Briggs – Announced from the Parks Department that they are removing a ton of stumps around town in order to plant now and in the spring to continue the tree project around town. She also stated that Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th.

Mayor Sanchez gave two updates about the concerns on the Quail Drive lighting issues. He stated that Mr. Guhn is in the process of getting estimates to present to the Administration Department to get adequate lighting in that area. Mr. Gross spoke on the sewer laterals that were talked about at the last meeting and perhaps had tree stumps there. The city did take cameras to look at the situation and discovered that the sewer mains that run in front of the houses have taps.

Captain Conger commented on the new records clerk, Mariah Fester, starting. He also spoke about the K9 program and the training that is taking place at the State Highway Patrol in Marysville. The training will be done in the mid to late November. The handler's name is Sale Eaton.

Mrs. Forsyth had a concern about parking on Oak Lane and being harassed about it. There are no curves and they are being questioned and asked to move vehicles that are city property. She stated that the lots aren't big enough to make driveways bigger and wondered if there was any type of solution. Captain Conger addressed the issue. He asked to meet with her after the council meeting to jot down some information and investigate her concerns.

Liebold made a motion to adjourn, Elder seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Council Clerk Council President Pro Tem