

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

February 2, 2017

The regular meeting of Fremont City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the form prescribed by the General Rules of Council. President Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Koebel, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on January 19th were approved.

Councilman Otte made a motion to into executive session to discuss the negotiation with council business to transpire after, seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Upon reentering in to council session, Mr. Otte made to accept the Fact Finders Negotiation Report for Police Dispatchers, seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion was approved by 7 yea votes.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to enter into an employment contract with the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association representing Dispatchers for the Fremont Police Department and declaring an emergency. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Zilch and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 6 yea votes to 1 no vote. Ord. 2017-3838

Third reading of an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to re-zone recommendation of the Planning Commission to re-zone Parcel 13-32-00-0009-02 owned by Terra State Community College in the City of Fremont from "C" – Conservation District to "PUD" – Planned Unit Development. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3839

First reading a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$7,605.00 to Clemans-Nelson & Associates, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that there was a balance on the purchase order on the services they provided for negotiations. The date of the certification was not done before the service was provided. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2003

First reading of an ordinance repealing the Previous Chapter 741 Taxicabs and replacing with a New Chapter 741 Taxicabs section for the City of Fremont, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Myers explained that most regulations in the previous chapter are dated as far back as 1940. To date no taxi cabs are acting legally in the city. He explained that Uber drivers are covered under Federal rules and regulations. A discussion was held amongst council. Citizens are required to stop into the Mayor's office to discuss any concerns or look over rules and regulations.

Liquor License TRFO Rojas Rosas Cantina the council showed no objections. Liquor License Stock Transfer Down Thyme Café the council showed no objections.

Committee Reports

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout that she and 2 others attended the Toledo Metropolitan Council of Governments meeting in Toledo. She also stated that there will be a Sunshine Training Meeting held on April 17th.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz added that the county Commissioners attended the meeting too and that they were asked for input about the drug situation. She encouraged the citizens to visit the Rec. Department. She also reported that the Tree and Beautification Committee will be having its first meeting on February 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rec. Center.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely nothing to report.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing this evening.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinance Committee – Mr. Zilch nothing this evening.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel nothing to report.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte reported that there are ongoing negotiations with City employees.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers reported he attended a Solid Waster District Policy Committee Meeting and received the District report. He reported that recycling is up for the city and that the Water Reclamation Center is about at 98% complete. He encouraged everyone to attend the Open House upon completion. He stated that the Parks Department has made a tremendous dent on removing all stumps in the city and congratulated the new director on a job well done.

Chief Foos nothing this evening.

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Elected Officials

Mr. Melle nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez welcomed Trent Goatee from the Boy Scouts to the meeting. He congratulated Mrs. Stout and her family for receiving the Purple Heart returned to her family. He reported that the US Fish & Wildlife has issued their decision. The city will await the Army Corp. of Engineers to issue the 404 permit.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Zilch nothing to report this evening.

Mrs. Stout stated that the ceremony was very nice for receiving the Purple Heart. She thanked Mayor Sanchez for the helping her make the connection. She encouraged people to check out their website Purple Hearts Reunited.

Mr. Otte stated he attended a ProMedica Seminar for Community Leaders. ProMedica has 100 beds, occupancy around 45%, there are 25,000 ER visit a year. The Physical Therapy, Cancer Care, and Pain Management Center are top notch. He spoke about the district of Birchard Ave. There is an association that will be trying to help promote the city.

Mr. Knisely also welcomed the Trent to the meeting. He gave his condolences to the council clerk in the loss of her father. He continued to encourage citizens to shop downtown Fremont...it's a great place to live.

Mrs. Ruiz commented on the recycling that is taking place in the city and how much it is helping her. She also complimented Christine Smith, Marketing and Communication Director for the Rutherford Hayes Museum on her excellent work in having the News channels at the Purple Heart celebration.

Mr. Koebel said he received a call today from a citizen concerning the trash bags and that he was pleased with the service.

Mr. Taylor also complimented Trent for attending the council meeting. He congratulated the Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce on their awards dinner and the recipients. He stated that since the Super Bowl was this weekend, we should recognize our local people who participated in a Super Bowl, Rob Lytle and Charles Woodson.

Mrs. Hufford stated that Trent Goatee will be at the next meeting and will be doing a presentation.

Public Comments

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Otte motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President