

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

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January 5, 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: Taylor, Knisely, Koebel, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, and Stout. The minutes for council meeting held on December 15th and December 26th were approved.

Councilman Zilch made a motion to be added an item to the agenda concerning re-zoning of Terra property, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Mr. Otte then made a motion to into executive session to discuss the negotiation with no council business to transpire after, seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign both a Memorandum of Understanding and an Application for Submission to the Ohio Development Services Agency for the Safety Capital Grant Program and declaring and emergency. Mr. Gross explained the resolution was a grant application that would benefit several departments in the city. He then had Assistant Chief Schneider explain the Fire Departments portion of the grant. He explained that this was a matching grant and in conjunction with the county EMA unit. They are trying to receive monies to purchase a Station Notification System that will page to notify everyone where event is and go out to all at one time. The grant would also allow them to purchase a new pickup truck to replace the 1989 van. Mr. Gross explained that the police department part of the grant would allow them to purchase body cameras. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Mr. Myers explained that this is just an extension of the 2016 temporary budget. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-1997

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Safety Service Director to grant pay increases to non-union employees of the City of Fremont and declaring and emergency. Mr. Myers explained that this ordinance grants the non-union employees the same pay increase as union employees. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3836

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to amend the Position Classification Plan and the Employee Compensation Plan for non-union employees to include the Salaried Position of Information Technology Manager and declaring and emergency. Mr. Myers explained this job description will allow other segments of technology personnel to apply for. At the current time the city has someone in the office 3 days a week. This will allow the city to hire a full time employee. On 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 Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Ord. 2017-3837

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$10,490.00 to Mike Kessler Electric, and declaring an emergency. The resolution is for work completed already and from the Community Housing Grant that we administer. The purchase order had not been put in. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-1998

First 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. The Mayor thanked Dr. Webster and his earlier presentation and believes it will be a great opportunity for Terra Community and the City of Fremont.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers nothing further to report.

Assistant Chief Schneider nothing further but thanked the council for suspending rule 4.

Mr. Fredericksen nothing to report.

Kristie Bilger reported that the Fremont Fitness Festival would be held this Saturday from 9 to noon related to Health and Wellness. At 10 a.m. there will be a Resolution Run. On January 25th Bill Auxter, Director of Ohio Small Business Development Center will be conducting a free seminar on January 25th at Terra. She stated that Downtown continues to evolve and develop.

Elected Officials

Mr. Melle – asked the council to review the handouts pertaining to the updated list of lawsuits that the city is involved in.

Mayor Sanchez wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked council for suspending rule 4 on issues that were on the agenda tonight. He solicited everyone's support for the Polar Plunge on January 21st that he will be participating in.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

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Before the Committee Reports, President Hafford welcomed Timmy Milton back to council meetings.

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely introduced Greg Edinger, the superintendent of Vanguard would made a presentation about Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Center. Some of the highlights that Mr. Edinger mentioned were the top programs of Health, Construction, and Manufacturing programs. He stated there are a lot of new initiatives coming up for Vanguard. The center will refurbish an old school bus to make it a mobile career tech lab to take to elementary schools. Mr. Edinger mentioned that on February 7th from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be a spaghetti dinner during their Open House. Also February 18th and 25th the center will host Winter Career Tech Camps for grades 4 through 8. Several council members asked questions of Mr. Edinger concerning the center.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor asked on an update on the light on Rawson and North Street. Mr. Gross stated he believed that it would be running by Monday afternoon.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals has two expired terms. If you are interested on being on the board please submit an application to the Engineers Office by January 17th.

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel reported the Block Watching meeting would be on January 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pontifex.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte reported that the city is in negotiation and working on wages for the employees.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout has nothing this evening.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz mentioned the skating hours at the Rec. Center. Open skating Friday 7 to 9:30, and on Saturday Family Skating. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday there is lunch skating from noon to 1:30 p.m. She stated there is an open position at the Rec. Center for Recreation Coordinator. If interest submit a resume to Ken Myers.

Council Comments

Mrs. Stout nothing this evening.

Mr. Otte thanked Downtown Fremont for the great list of holiday items that they did. He asked a question on the building that was burnt. Assistant Chief Foos stated that they companies are just waiting on insurance to kick in.

Mr. Knisely stated the downtown is looking good. He asked that we keep supporting Fremont and he thanked all the city employees for their hard work and dedication.

Mrs. Ruiz wished everyone a great start to 2017 and to drive safe upon leaving tonight.

Mr. Koebel encouraged everyone to stop at The Garrison and enjoy the new business.

Mr. Taylor stated that he had recently experienced the Garrison and it was very enjoyable. He then mentioned the fundraising event "Freezing for a Reason" Polar Plunge on January 21st at the Camp Fire pond. Donations are being taken for event. He thanked Terra and Vanguard for their presentations for the evening. He congratulated Ken Dumminger that recently announced his retirement.

Mr. Zilch nothing this evening.

Mrs. Hafford also echoed Mr. Koebel's comments about going to The Garrison.

Public Comments

Gene Orndorff 1032 South Street Fremont asked a question pertaining to Republic Trash Hauling. He asked where the receptacles should really go. He has seen a lot of them in the street and not on the curb which he thinks are causing some problems. He asked that the Mayor make an announcement to the city to the placing of the receptacles. He also mentioned that he was told that there would not be a Block Watch for this month. Mr. Koebel will check into it. He also commented on The Garrison and what a great place to visit.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Return from Executive Session

On motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Otte motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President