

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO
Journal of Council
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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, Otte, Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, and Koebel. Minutes from July 6th were approved.

Second reading of an ordinance enacting a New Chapter 1521 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont entitled "Registration of Vacant Commercial and Industrial Buildings".

Second reading of an ordinance approving an expanded and amended Community Reinvestment Area No. 1 for the City of Fremont, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3735.65 ET Seq., making the necessary findings, and declaring an emergency.

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$8,950.00 to Henderson Builders, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained that he mentioned in his memo to council that the invoice was issued before the PO was approved. This was a roof replacement project that was part of the Community Housing Project. On a motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Otte. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On a motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes. Res. 2017-2020

First reading of a resolution authorizing the approval and issuance of a warrant for payment of \$12,000.00 to Downtown Fremont, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl explained this was the City's annual contribution to Downtown Fremont. 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. Res. 2017-2021

First reading of an ordinance amending appropriations within Recreation Trust Fund 702, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Grahl stated that the city has received contributions for improvements at Rodger Young Park including future improvements of a fourth scoreboard at the ball diamonds. A total of \$12,500.00 has already been pledge for improvements. Mr. Grahl would like to adjust the budget to \$20,000.00. A discussion was held amongst council when Mrs. Ruiz asked if vendors will be allowed to sale items at the park. Mayor Sanchez said that they will revisit the ordinance for vendors. 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. Ord. 2017-3862

Committee Reports

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that Steven Hillard, Executive Director from Workforce Development & Corporate Partnership at Terra State Community College will make a presentation at the next council meeting. Mr. Hillard gave an overview of Workforce Development at Terra stating the core is manufacturing. He stated that there is a burning need for training and that is where his department comes in. Starting in September the department will become certified in ISO 9000-2015 which will affect the quality, policies, and procedures making sure that community understands that they will be very responsive to their needs.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout early this evening a committee meeting was held to discuss CRA #1.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mrs. Ruiz stated that the Rec. Center is busy. The Beautification Committee asked that businesses help keep planters water. She stated that Parks Department will be pleased with the ordinance passed for new scoreboards and hoped that the vendor item will be looked at.

Utilities and Traffic Committee - Chairman Taylor nothing this evening.

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

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Koebel stated that Block Watch was busy looking for the two convicts that escaped from the jail this week.

Finance and Labor Committee – Chairman Otte nothing to report.

Kristy Bilger, Executive Director of Downtown Fremont, Inc. stated that the Farmers Market this past weekend was a success. She gave a mid-year report. She stated there are several events happening in August – a car show on August 4th from 4 to 10 p.m. Dogs Days of Summer Farmers Market will be on August 5th. On August 19th the Dignity & Respect Event will take place downtown sponsored by WSOS and Fremont City Schools. The Farm to Table will be held on August 11th, it will be catered by the new Italian Restaurant. First weekend in September there will be a car show on Friday night and a Color Run the next day. She passed out flyers to the council members. Mr. Koebel asked about the weeds growing up on the sidewalks Downtown and Mr. Otte asked about vendors staying open longer.

Department Heads

Mr. Frost thanked the Police Department and Chief Bliss for their participation of the event that took place in Fremont this week. He also thanked the other Departments in the City.

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Elected Officials

Chief Bliss nothing to report.

Chief Foos nothing to report.

Mayor Sanchez nothing to report.

Mrs. Elder nothing to report.

Mr. Grahl nothing to report.

Council Comments

Mr. Taylor mentioned that he attended the “Beat the Heat” event at the Fairgrounds. The event is sponsored by the Dog Warden Department. This event will raise awareness for small children and pets on the danger of being in a hot locked car. The participants were in the cars for 30 minutes.

Mr. Zilch stated that the Whittlesey cemetery was looking good. He stated that soon a box will be placed there to hold the necessary tools to attend to the lot.

Mrs. Stout stated that she appreciated the effort from the City Departments.

Mr. Otte reported that the Birchard Historic Association is taking membership applications for \$40.00. Their block party will be held tomorrow beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Koebel encouraged members of council to vote for the New Chapter 1521 ordinance. He asked Mr. Grahl about the Finance Report and the amount that listed for the Walsh Trust Fund in a particular line 4055. Mr. Grahl stated that just a separate account the Walsh Fund has over \$744,300.00

Mr. Knisely thanked the Rec. Department for organizing the parade on the 4th of July. He thanked the Police, Fire, and first responders for doing a terrific job during the emergency at the parade. He expressed his thoughts and prayers for those injured and shaken by the incident. He stated the parks are looking good and keep shopping and supporting Fremont, Ohio. He thanked the Mayor for his leadership and dedication to Fremont.

Mrs. Ruiz thanked Sue and Mark for taking pride in their community and helping to clean up glass that had fallen into the street on the east side and making the neighborhood look good.

Mr. Knisely stated the city is looking great. He thanked the administration and the departments for the wonderful work they do. He encouraged the residents of Fremont to continue to keep lawns mowed and to keep shopping Fremont.

Mr. Gross stated that Emily Hunter would be at the next council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments

On motion to adjourn by Mr. Knisely, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz motion carried 7 yes votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.