

THE CITY OF FREMONT, OHIO

Journal of Council

May 19, 2016

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 Jamie Hafford called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Zilch, Ruiz, Stout, Taylor, Koebel, Otte, and Knisely. The minutes for council meeting held on May 5th were approved.

On a motion to go into Executive Session after the regular council meeting with no business to follow thereafter by Zilch, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried 7 yea votes.

Second reading of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to extend the Residential Refuse and Curbside Recycling Contract 90 days until September 30, 2016 and declaring an emergency.

First reading of an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to submit a written agreement to participate in the Ohio department of Transportation's Annual Winter Road Salt Contract (018-17) in accordance with Revised Code Section 5513.01(B) and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Stout. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3810)

First reading of an ordinance to authorize and direct the Safety Service Director to purchase a Remanufactured Combination Sewer Vacuum and High Pressure Jed Rodder Truck from Jack Doheny Companies, Inc. For an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00, and declaring an emergency. On motion to suspend Rule 4 by Mrs. Ruiz and seconded by Mr. Knisely. Motion carried 7 yea votes. On motion to adopt by Mr. Knisely and seconded by Mrs. Ruiz. Motion carried 7 yea votes. (Ord. 2016-3811)

First reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for submission to the Ohio Development Services Agency Office of Community Development-for Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Downtown Revitalization Program and declaring an emergency.

Committee Reports

Citizen Service Committee - Chairman Ruiz reported that Fremont Block Watch next meeting will be June 13th at 6:00 p.m. at East Side Park. Mrs. Ruiz reported that as of this date 27 planters were completed for the Downtown area. All work was completed by volunteers of the Tree and Beautification Commission.

Community Partnership Committee - Chairman Knisely stated that the superintendent of Vanguard Mr. Greg Edinger will address the council the first meeting in June.

Finance Committee – Chairman Otte has nothing to report.

Government and Economic Development Committee - Chairman Stout said that the committee met with the Ohio Development Service Agency in Columbus to discuss Community Reinvestment Areas. It was a very informative meeting and she will report more at further council meetings.

Laws, Rules, and Ordinances Committee - Chairman Zilch nothing to report.

Park and Recreation Committee – Chairman Koebel reported that the pool will be open on June 4th. Rec camp registration is now open. Team Jenny Run will be held on June 25th.

Utilities and Traffic Committee – Chairman Taylor reported that the motorcyclist have asked that lawn clippings be kept off of the streets, it is very hazardous to riders.

Department Heads

Mr. Myers thanked the council to acting of the two ordinances on the agenda. He stated that he is amazed at all the activities that are planned for the downtown area and our community.

Chief Schneider announced that the annual flushing is still taking place.

Kristy Bilger Downtown Fremont Executive Director 315 Garrison St. Kristy mentioned the Art and Music Festival taking place over the weekend. She passed out the parade route for the Ohio State Band. She also encouraged the citizens to take part of all the festivities associated with the Presidential Centennial. She stated that June 15th will be the first Farmers Market.

Elected Officials

Jim Melle stated he was excited about the Ohio State Band coming to Fremont.

Mayor Sanchez said that he too was very excited about the band coming to Fremont. Mayor Sanchez said he attended the Coffee with the Cops and it was a huge success for the city. He thanked Downtown Fremont for the amazing job they are doing.

Mrs. Elder wanted to congratulate all students who have achieved success scholastically, in the field of Arts, and Sports. She encouraged everyone to attend the Art Show at the Strand. It is an Art Show with work from St. Joe and Fremont Ross art students. Items will be auctioned off and all proceeds go to both art programs. On May 21st at 11 a.m. a Musical Show by Fremont City Schools will take place in the area between the new Middle School and Ross High School. She also congratulated Mr. Tom Ziebold, Fremont City School Orchestra Teacher on his upcoming retirement.

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Council Comments

Mr. Koebel stated that there will be a Catholic Service beginning at 9:00 a.m. and that the Memorial Day Service at the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. too. He was very excited about the way Downtown looks and encouraged the owners of property along the upcoming parade route to showcase their property and the City of Fremont. Over 200 members of the Hayes Family will be in town and we want to put our best foot forward.

Mrs. Stout agreed that Downtown looks very nice. She also wanted citizens to know with the ball season taking place, be mindful of the speed bumps through Roger Young Park.

Mrs. Ruiz wanted thank Otto and Urban for providing the plants for the planters Downtown and she is looking forward to all the activities during the Memorial Day Weekend. She asked that we not forget the true meaning of Memorial Day and pay tribute to our active, retired, and deceased military service personnel.

Mr. Taylor reiterated that Downtown is looking magnificent. He thanked everyone who has played and active roll. He also attended the Coffee with the Cops with Mayor Sanchez. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and was very happy about all the positives going on in the City of Fremont.

Mr. Knisely encouraged people to eat and shop downtown. He congratulated all the upcoming graduates.

Mr. Otte stated he's had a lot of comments from citizens about the new traffic patterns downtown. He said that he likes the 4 way stops and thinks that once everyone gets used to it they will enjoy it more. He echoed Mr. Koebel's comments about spiffing up the properties before the Memorial Day Weekend. He stated that the City of Fremont would be on display and encouraged everyone to be proud of it.

Mr. Zilch agreed with everyone then read a letter to an officer from an anonymous writer for National Police Week.

Public Comments

Tom Kerns said that the Memorial Day Weekend was an opportunity for our City. The Hayes Presidential Center Centennial Celebration. He encouraged everyone to make the most of this opportunity as they can.

The council then went into Executive Session.

After Executive Session on motion to adjourn by Mrs. Ruiz, seconded by Mr. Taylor, motion carried 7 yes votes.

Meeting adjourned at
8:28 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President