

Minutes
Fraser City Council Budget Workshop with Staff
Saturday, March 19th, 2016 @ 8am
Fraser Activity Center

A Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Fraser City Council was conducted on the above date at the City Activity Center, located at 34935 Hidden Pine Drive, Fraser, County of Macomb, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Nichols and Council Members Blanke, Carnegie, Foster, Hemelberg and Lesich
Absent: Member Schornak
Also Present: Richard Haberman, City Manager
Kelly Dolland, City Clerk
Jack Dolan, City Attorney

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Mayor Nichols called the Special meeting to order at **8:00am**.
2. **City Council / City Staff 2016/2017 Budget Workshop.**

Mayor Nichols spoke of his expectation from the budget workshop.

Mr. Dolan stated this is a Budget Workshop of City Council and City Staff. All public comments will be accepted at the end of the presentations.

Mayor Nichols stated he will not approve the budget till the pensions are paid, union negotiations are ratified and the 1.7 million dollars will be directed into the Water Fund.

Mr. Haberman's presentation included numbers and dollars for the 2016/2017 budget. He will also make the same enhanced presentation at the April 14th, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Jaganjac, Finance Director provided a power-point presentation which explained core accounting of the Finance Department. Ms. Jaganjac stated the department is in need of an accountant.

Director Rouhib, Public Safety Director provided an overview of the Public Safety Department. Mr. Rouhib stated the department would run efficiently and effectively with four more employees, from 33 to 37 employees. Mr. Rouhib stated his tentative budget projection will increase \$30-35,000 for staffing, training, supplies ambulance and medicines.

Mr. VanFleteren, DPW Director stated the Department of Public Works (DPW) is severely understaffed. There are nine full time employees and with the nine full time employees, five are illegal for retirement within the next five years. Mr. VanFleteren stated his nine member full time staff maintains City Hall, Senior Housing, Senior Center, Baumgartner House, Library, City Parks, roads and water system in the city. Mr. VanFleteren stated he will request to add three full time employees to his budget as well as a sweeper, money new roofs at the DPW building and Library.

Mrs. McDowell, Library Director stated the Fraser Library is in need of a roof, shelving, computers and books. She will request a budget increase of at least \$10,000.

Mr. Warunek, Building & Code Enforcement Director stated the Building Department is in need of a new Plotter/scanner/printer.

Mrs. Woods, Recreation, Senior Activity Director provided a power point presentation focusing on the Recreation Department. She stated a full presentation including senior activities will be included at the April Council meeting. Mrs. Woods stated she is currently applying for grants, the grants require a city match. She also stated she anticipates a \$10,000 increase in budget for Recreation and Senior Services and materials.

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3. Citizen Participation:

Resident Charisse Campbell questioned why the workshop was held at the Senior Activity Center.

Resident Janet Calabrese thanked Council and Staff.

Resident Susan Wheeland questioned why the workshop was held at the Senior Activity Center at 8am.

Resident Sharon Schoessler, Fraser Senior Housing requested north side of building window replacement of the Senior Housing Building.

Resident Donald Coventry expressed concern with the condition of the Fraser Senior Housing parking lot.

Resident Gary Placido spoke of Fraser Senior Housing and requested a question and answer open meeting with City Council and Staff.

Councilmember Blanke was excused from the Workshop at 10:59am.

Resident Nancy Berube thanked Council and Staff.

Resident Gary Laine stated he would like to see actual numbers verse the budget.

Resident Paul Cilluffo spoke of 8.2 budget violation and the use of CDBG monies.

Mr. Dolan responded to Mr. Cilluffo comment and stated the meeting was conducted in a public building and its 'okay' to hold the meeting at the Senior Activity Center.

Councilmember Lesich thanked all and spoke of the Fraser Booster Club and Linda Davis Kersey fundraising efforts.

Mayor Pro-tem Carnagie thanked all.

Acting Mayor Hemelberg thanked all.

Councilmember Foster thanked all and liked the education.

Mayor Nichols thanked the residents and thanked the City Manager for organizing the workshop.

4. Adjournment:

Mayor Nichols moved, seconded by Acting Mayor Hemelberg, to ADJOURN THE SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 19TH, 2016 AT 11:11AM

The motion unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dolland, City Clerk

Joe Nichols, Mayor

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