

**Minutes
Fraser City Council – Regular Meeting – (Virtual)
January 14th, 2021**

A Regular Virtual meeting of the Fraser City Council was conducted on the above date at the City Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Road, Fraser, and County of Macomb, Michigan.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Carnagie called the Regular Virtual meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

MAYOR MICHAEL CARNAGIE	FRASER
COUNCIL MEMBER AMY BARANSKI	FRASER
COUNCIL MEMBER KATHY BLANKE	FRASER
COUNCIL MEMBER SUZANNE KALKA	FRASER
COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL LESICH	MICHIGAN
COUNCIL MEMBER PATRICE SCHORNAK	FRASER
COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID WINOWIECKI	FRASER

ABSENT:

NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

MARC THOMPSON, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
KELLY DOLLAND, CITY CLERK
AMY CELL, HR CONSULTANT
DONALD DENAULT, CITY ATTORNEY
DAVID BISBY, LIEUTENANT
ERIC MEYERS, SERGEANT
ED HORN, AV SPECIALIST

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBER KALKA moved, second by **MEMBER BARANSKI**, to amend the agenda to include item 9i. Discussion of extending Interim City Manager's Contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

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MEMBER WINOWIECKI moved, second by **MEMBER KALKA**; to remove item 9g. Approval of 2020-2021 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines from the agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

MEMBER WINOWIECKI moved, second by **MEMBER BLANKE**, to approve the agenda as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

6. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Community Development Block Grant Funding for 2021 – Macomb “Urban County” Program

MEMBER CARNAGIE moved, second by **MEMBER KALKA**; to open public hearing for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

Open Public Hearing: 6:35pm

- Ms. Dorie Vazquez Nolan, Care House representative stated Care House is a child advocacy service program requesting \$4,800 from the City of Fraser.
- Ms. Dominica Tokarski, Turning Point representative stated Turning Point is a domestic violence and sexual assault program requesting \$2,500 from the City of Fraser.
- Mr. Scott Andrews, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers representative stated Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is a safe at home program for seniors and physically challenged adults requesting \$740 from the City of Fraser.

Close Public Hearing: 6:58pm

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b. Approval of 2021 Community Development Block Grant Allocation

MEMBER SCHORNAK moved, second by **MEMBER WINOWIECKI**; to allocate \$4,800 to Carehouse, \$2,500 to Turning Point, \$740 to Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and \$210 to Mcrest.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

7. CLOSED SESSION

a. To consult with City’s legal Counsel regarding Trial or Settlement Strategy in connection with Macomb County Circuit Court Case 2019-002843-CD

MEMBER KALKA moved, second by **MEMBER BARANSKI**; to enter closed session to consult with city’s legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with Macomb County Circuit Court Case 2019-002843-CD.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

<u>Enter Closed Session meeting</u>	7:03 PM
<u>Meeting called to session</u>	7:15 PM

MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER KALKA**; to direct defense counsel to proceed in the manner discussed and authorize the signing of any necessary documents as to Christina Woods.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	NO
WINOWIECKI	YES

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MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER KALKA**; to proceed in the manner as recommended by defense counsel and authorize the signing of any necessary documents as to Kelly Dolland.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	NO
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	NO
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 5-2

MEMBER KALKA moved, second by **MEMBER WINOWIECKI**; to direct Amy Cell to immediately post & begin the application process for a new City Clerk, and for Ms. Cell to recommend appointment of an Interim City Clerk until a permanent replacement can be found.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 10th, 2020**
- b. **Approval of Bills for the month of December 2020 in the amount of \$908,214.28**
- c. **Receive and File Finance Budget to Actual Report ending November 2020**
- d. **Receive and File Historical Commission Minutes from the March 2nd, 2020 Meeting**

MEMBER BLANKE moved, second by **MEMBER WINOWIECKI**; to approve consent agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

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9. REQUESTS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

- a. Request Council Approval of Re-appointment of Historical Commission Member Marilyn Wright term to end June 30th, 2024.**

MEMBER SCHORNAK moved, second by **MEMBER BLANKE**; to approve the re-appointment of Historical Commission member Marilyn Wright term to end June 30th, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

- b. Request Council Approval of Appointment of Historical Commission Mr. Tom Iwanicki; term to end June 30th, 2022**

MEMBER KALKA moved, second by **MEMBER WINOWIECKI**; to approve the appointment of Tom Iwanicki to the Fraser Historical term to end June 30th, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

- c. Discussion / Action Accepting Royal Park Road Phase II**

Mr. Lesich commented that he has spoken with the City Engineer and based on that conversation, he was satisfied that the phase II was ready for acceptance by the city.

MEMBER LESICH moved, second by **MEMBER CARNAGIE**; motion to adopt Royal Park Phase II and Resolution Number 2021-001; A Resolution for a street addition and for the city to acquire the title to Royal Park South and Royal Park Right of Way.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

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d. Discussion / Action Industrial Pretreatment Program

Mr. Thompson described that this is a requirement from the Great Lakes Water Authority and of the VSEPA.

MEMBER LESICH moved, second by **MEMBER BARANSKI**; motion to adopt Resolution Number 2020-002; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fraser to concur in the rules and regulations concerning Industrial Pre-Treatment Program as adopted by the GLWA..

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

e. Discussion / Action Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Drive Thru Fast Food Restaurant

MEMBER LESICH moved, second by **MEMBER KALKA**; motion to have City Council of Fraser adopt an ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance no. 279, to amend article xii, section 32-170, subparagraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4). To require that a fast food restaurant located in a shopping center be aesthetically compatible in design & appearance with other buildings, tenant spaces, and uses in the shopping center and to allow drive through service for fast food restaurants that are not in a free standing building.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

f. Discussion / Action PNC Bank Safety Deposit Box

MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER BLANKE**; to approve Mayor and City Manager to inspect the contents and jointly close the PNC Bank safety deposit box.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

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g. Approval of 2020-2021 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines

ITEM REMOVED FROM AGENDA

h. Discussion / Action Extension of City of Fraser Covid-19 State of Emergency Through February 11th, 2021

MEMBER WINOWIECKI moved, second by **MEMBER KALKA**; to approve extension of city of Fraser COVID-19 State of Emergency through February 11th, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

i. Discussion of extension of Interim City Manager’s Contract

- *Member Kalka suggested to extend Interim City Manager’s employment contract by three months.*
- *Discussion of extending the Interim City Manager’s employment contract continued.*
- *Interim City Manager Marc Thompson stated he enjoys the support of council and staff.*
- *Member Lesich questioned when the search for a city manager will begin.*
- *The extension of Mr. Thompson’s employment contract will be placed on the February 11th, 2021 agenda for discussion.*

10. Pending Items of Unfinished Business / Report of the City Administration

a. Schedule Virtual Interview Date for Various Positions

H.R. Amy Cell spoke of DPW recruitment; interviews will be given to two candidates.

MEMBER BARANSKI moved, second by **MEMBER KALKA**; to authorize Amy Cell LLC. to establish interview panels, each not to exceed three council members.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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CARNAGIE	YES
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WINOWIECKI	YES

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MEMBER CARNAGIE moved, second by **MEMBER SCHORNAK**; to schedule special meeting January 28th, 2021 @ 6:30pm to interview two DPW Director candidates.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

b. Discussion / Action Senior Activity Center Van Driver

Mr. Thompson confirmed that this action would not involve additional cost to the city because the on call driver would only work as a substitute for the primary driver.

MEMBER BLANKE moved, second by **MEMBER SCHORNAK**; approval to bring back second Senior Activity Center van driver.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BARANSKI	YES
BLANKE	YES
CARNAGIE	YES
KALKA	YES
LESICH	YES
SCHORNAK	YES
WINOWIECKI	YES

Motion carried 7-0

11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL / NEW BUSINESS

BLANKE: *Thanked all we got through 2020.*

CARNAGIE: *Spoke of vaccinations and Public Safety charitable work.*

BARANSKI: *Thanked Interim City Manager and HR Amy Cell.*

KALKA: *Expressed her optimism that the City was taking specific actions to move in a positive direction mentioning transparency, a new vision for the future, and opportunity to bring new individuals on board.*

LESICH: *Spoke of the Macro meeting and vaccine availability.*

SCHORNAK: *Spoke of city hall video equipment, looking forward to in person meetings.*

WINOWIECKI: *Safe and happy New Year, congratulated CDBG recipients.*

12. Citizen Participation - none

13. Adjournment

MEMBER WINOWIECKI moved, second by **MEMBER BLANKE**; to adjourn the Regular Virtual Council Meeting of January 14th, 2021 @ 9:12pm.

The motion carried unanimously

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Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dolland, City Clerk

Michael Carnegie, Mayor