

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 1, 2010 – 7:00 PM

Mayor James Rynberg called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present at Roll Call: Mayor James Rynberg and Councilmember's Dick Conley, Jane Drake, James Breinling and Larry Breuker.

Staff Present: City Manager Bryan Gruesbeck and City Clerk/Finance Director Todd Blake

Public Present: Leslie Kolk, Ray Smith, Al Gorsky, Dan-Bi Choi and Doug Berends

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve the meeting agenda; motion approved.

Consent Action Items

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Drake to authorize and approve the following Action Items:

- Minutes of the Regular Council Session held January 18, 2010
- Approve \$23,070 Grant Contract with Fremont Area Community Foundation for annual maintenance of William Branstrom Park & Arboretum Park Fund
- Approve Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce's annual request to place banners, close streets and use Veterans Park for the Harvest Festival, Christmas Stroll and Farmers Market season, as recommended by City staff
- Approve Independent Contract Agreement with Duane Cruzan to enforce the City's Blight Ordinance as the "Hearing Officer"
- National Baby Food Festival's annual request for banner placement, street closures and use of other City facilities through City staff coordination

Resolution R-10-03: Urging General Motors Corporation to Reinstate the Freedom Chevrolet Dealership in Fremont, Michigan

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Drake to approve amended Resolution R-10-03 urging General Motors to reinstate Freedom Chevrolet's dealership license for Fremont; motion approved.

Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated January 28, 2010 totaling \$74,285.88

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve the 1/28/10 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$74,285.88; motion approved.

Public Hearing: To Receive Public Comment on the Consideration of De-Annexing Properties from the City of Fremont to Dayton Township

Mayor Rynberg opened the public hearing at 7:08 pm and Mr. Leslie Kolk, of 1140 Shorewood Drive, informed Council that he was the resident who petitioned the City and was still in favor of the de-annexation.

City Clerk Blake briefly summarized the process and noted the properties proposed all qualify for the joint annexation process and the City has met all the required conditions for de-annexation. Mayor Rynberg closed the hearing at 7:15 pm.

Resolution R-10-02: Approving the De-Annexation of Properties from the City to Dayton Township

City Clerk Blake noted the properties would automatically annex back into the City upon availability of City water or sanitary sewer services to their properties.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling and approved to adopt Resolution R-10-02 approving the De-Annexation of the following parcels to Dayton Township:

29-13-36-126-001 29-13-36-126-002 29-13-36-126-003 29-13-36-126-005
29-13-36-126-009 29-13-36-126-010

City Clerk Blake also noted Dayton Township will adopt the same Resolution to complete the State's requirements for De-Annexation.

New Fremont Public Schools High School Site Plan – Access Management

City Manager Gruesbeck recommended Council consider offering Fremont Public Schools portions of some City-owned parcels to help with the School's access management plan for the new high school. The proposed property totals less than two acres and will not only save the school construction costs by diverting away from wetland areas identified for street construction, but provide a safer route between the High School and Middle School.

Council authorized the City Manager to work with the School on implementing the proposed parcels in their access plan, but requested the School at least consider a Cedar Street extension to Gerber Avenue. The City would still need the School's permission to extend further west across their property to Lake Drive in the future. With this partial extension, access to the Middle School for parents and busing would be greatly improved.

Reports

City Manager Gruesbeck also reported meeting with School officials to discuss repurposing of the current high school.

The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:

- Staff Report: City Projects
- Letter from Comcast re: Programming Changes (1/25/10)
- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly Newsletter Blurb – Fremont Watershed Signage
- Fremont Community Joint Planning Zoning Working Group Meeting Notes (1/18/10)
- Fremont Community Joint Planning Zoning Working Group Meeting Notes (1/25/10)
- Fremont Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes (1/27/10)
- Fremont Lake Park Working Committee Meeting Notes (1/14/10)
- Sherman Twp Board Meeting Minutes (1/04/10)
- Sheridan Twp Board Meeting minutes (12/15/09 & 1/09/10)
- Letter from Fremont Public Schools Requesting Sheridan Twp to Annex Future New High School Properties to City of Fremont (1/28/10)
- Memo from City Manager: 2009 Performance Evaluation/2010 Goals and Objectives (1/27/10)

Closed Session: City Manager Performance Evaluation and Calendar 2010 Goals & Objectives

City Manager Gruesbeck requested his performance review be conducted in a closed session per the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Conley to close the regular meeting at 8:00 pm and enter into a closed session for the purpose of conducting the City Manager's Annual Performance Review; motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The Closed Session ended at 8:17 pm and the Regular Session reconvened.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breinling to approve the City Manager's performance review with a "Highly Effective" rating; motion approved.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Conley to amend the City's Manager's Employment Agreement to assign a city vehicle to the City Manager for city-use and apply a 2% salary increase to reflect the annual cost of living adjustment, effective the current pay period (1/01/10); motion approved.

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to set the city manager's next six-month review for July 5, 2010; motion approved.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk