

FREMONT CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
And STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION
Monday, March 15, 2010 – 5:30 PM

Mayor James Rynberg called the Strategic Planning Session to order at 5:30 PM.

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

City Manager Gruesbeck submitted a proposed 5-Yr Capital Projects Schedule for fiscal year 2010/11 and reviewed it with Council.

The Planning Session ended at 6:45 PM.

Mayor James Rynberg called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Larry Breuker 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, Larry Breuker and James Breinling.

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

Public Present: Jon Murtz, Daniel Vallsted, Jared VanDyke, Errin Sergent, Jordan Bennett, Tommy Neff and Angel Puffer

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Conley, seconded by Councilmember Drake 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 March 1, 2010
- Acceptance of \$220,000 MEDC Grant to help fund the Downtown Southeast Public Parking Lot Improvement Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the Grant Agreement
- Approve Way-Finding Signage System Policy for processing requests for placement of signs
- Approve the following Downtown Façade Improvement Grant Award Contracts:
 - 33 E. Main Street (Main Street Deli) \$1,145
Front Façade with new paint & awnings
 - 7 E. Main Street (Fremont Chamber of Commerce) \$ 480
Front Façade replacing bricks below bay window
- Resolution R-10-10: Acknowledging consideration for a 2010 Downtown Parking Assessment and setting a public hearing date to consider ordering the assessment project on April 5, 2010

Accounts Payable Check Register Report dated February 25, 2010 totaling \$73,380.95

Motion by Councilmember Breuker, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve the 3/11/10 Accounts Payable Check Register Report totaling \$72,418.60; motion approved.

Public Hearing: To Receive Public Comment on the Proposed MDNR Grant Application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for Fremont Lake Park Campground Improvements

Mayor Rynberg opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM to receive public comment on the proposed grant application for campground improvements. There were no public comments, but City Manager Gruesbeck summarized the project and noted 31 full-service campground sites will be added as well as 6-12 rustic tent camping sites. Additional pathways will also be added throughout Fremont Lake Park connecting the Town & Country Path with the campground, fishing pier and beach area. The project is projected to cost \$360,000, with the City requesting 50% grant funding.

Mayor Rynberg closed the public hearings at 7:20 PM.

Resolution R-10-09: Commit to Undertake the Fremont Lake Beach, Campground and Trail Improvements and Provide Matching Funds if Grant Funds are Made Available from the MI-DNR

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Conley to approve Resolution R-10-09 committing to undertake the Fremont Lake Beach, Campground and Trail Improvements and provide \$180,000 in matching funds, if grant funds are made available from the Michigan DNR's Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund; motion approved.

Consider Renewal of Contract for Residential Recycling Pickup Services

Staff reported Cart-Right, LLC submitted a request for a three year extension of the residential curbside recycling services agreement with the City. They've proposed a 2% increase for the life of the contract, changing the monthly rate from \$2.39 to \$2.44.

Motion by Councilmember Drake, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to approve a three year extension and 2% increase with the recycling services contract with Cart-Right, LLC, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; motion approved.

Reports

City Manager Gruesbeck noted he will be attending the MML Legislative Conference on April 13th in Lansing.

City Clerk Blake announced the City/Township Budget review session is scheduled for this Wednesday, March 17th at 7pm.

Mayor Rynberg reported Fremont Public Schools has scheduled a short lunch presentation on the new high school's proposed design. He also noted Pine Street Elementary Kindergarten students will be visiting City Hall on Friday, March 26th.

The Following Communications were transmitted for Council Information:

- Staff Report: City Projects
- Memo to Council: Fire Department FY10/11 Budget Proposal to Participating Townships
- Revenue/Expense Report on General/Water/Sewer Funds for February 2010
- Fremont DDA Meeting Minutes (3/10/10)
- Fremont Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Meeting Minutes (2/25/10)
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- Healthy Lifestyles/Green Committee Meeting Minutes (3/2/10)
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Announcement
- Fremont Fire Department Minutes (3/10/10)

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Breinling, seconded by Councilmember Breuker to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM; motion approved.

James M. Rynberg, Mayor

Todd M. Blake, City Clerk