



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Workshop

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor
Christopher W. Foster, President of Council (Ward 2)
Christopher A. Banweg, Council Member (At-Large)
Michael W. Bird, Council Member (Ward 4)
Patricia L. Goetz, Council Member (Ward 1)
Karen E. Heater, Council Member (At-Large)
Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager
Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22, and he handed the workshop over to President of Council Foster, in accordance with Council Rules.

Present: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; Mr. Powell, Assistant Public Works Director; and Mr. Sugar, City Planner.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Sutton stated that due to a conflict of interest he will not be participating in the discussion item regarding the appeal request to the final decision of the Planning Commission (agenda item 3 E.) He further stated that the recent road repair that was performed by the City of Akron on Stow Road was not repaired well, and asked staff to reach out to the City of Akron to correct. He further asked staff the status of revisions to Chapter 1016 of the Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Banweg and Dr. Bird thanked staff and residents that participated in the Open House regarding the Hines Hill and Valley View Road sidewalk.

Dr. Goetz read letters from Dr. Françoise Massardier-Kenney, 63 College Street and Mr. Eric Hancsak, 60 Division Street, regarding the glass recycling discussion.

Mrs. Heater provided an update on the Board of Zoning & Building Appeals that met on July 18, 2024. She further asked residents to be courteous when utilizing the pickleball courts by alternating play time if others are waiting to use the courts, and reminded interested citizens that the Friends of Hudson Parks will be hosting a Pack the Pond event at Hudson Springs Park on August 5, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Kowalski thanked all involved in the SR 91 construction work, and for finishing ahead of schedule. She further thanked staff on their immediate and compassionate response to a resident that had tripped on a sidewalk section, and reminded interested citizens that HUDSONmART will be held on July 28, 2024.

Mayor Anzevino announced that Everbowl located at 5 Atterbury Blvd, will be opening July 25th, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 2nd, Touch-a-Truck will be held on July 27th between Eastwood and McDowell Schools, HUDSONmART will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 28th, and Council will be on recess next week.

Mr. Foster provided an update on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on July 22, 2024.

3. Discussion Items

A. [24-0069](#) **A discussion with the Hudson City Council to extend the lease agreement for Destination Hudson, Inc. at Hudson Town Hall.**

Brief Description: The discussion is being introduced at Destination Hudson's Request. The group representing Destination Hudson, Inc. will be present to discuss with City Council the lease agreement and continuing a 10-year lease with the City from 2025-2035. The original lease agreement between the City of Hudson and Destination Hudson, Inc. was from April 16, 2015 to April 15, 2025.

Attachments: [DH Letter to Sheridan Lease memo](#)

Mr. Dave Basil and Ms. Liz Murphy were present to answer questions from Council. Discussion included the plan for Destination Hudson if they needed to move out of Town Hall, how renovations and funds were received for the work done at Town Hall, value of central location to downtown, merging Destination Hudson with the City, and creation of a Board and Commission to assist. Mr. Basil and Ms. Murphy stated that they will take Council's discussion items back to the Board to obtain their feedback and plan of action.

This matter was discussed.

B. [24-0070](#) **Leadership Hudson Class of 2024 Presentations**

Brief Description: Leadership Hudson Class of 2024 presentation regarding proposed public art installation.

Attachments: [Leadership Hudson Class of 2024 Project](#)

Representatives from Leadership Hudson Class of 2024 presented their proposed public art installation project. Discussion followed that included location, font for lettering, wrapping of the letter "H", and obtain public input. Council was in favor of the project and Leadership Hudson moving forward.

This matter was discussed.

C. [24-0071](#) **Discussion of glass recycling options for City of Hudson residents**

Brief Description: At Council Member Nicole Kowalski's request at the May 28, 2024, Council workshop, staff will review options to offer Hudson residents the ability to recycle acceptable glass materials at a public access drop off location.

Attachments: [Glass Recycling Memo](#)

Mr. Comeriato presented information related to instituting a glass recycling program. Discussion followed that

included reason for a separate program, location of recycling bin and offering curb side pick-up. There was Council direction to look into offering curb side pick-up. Mr. Comeriato stated that he will look into the curb side pick-up and return back to Council with his findings.

This matter was discussed

D. [24-0072](#) Discussion of General Fund Excess Carryover Balance

Brief Description: City Council and staff discussed the General Fund excess carryover balance at the January 2024 City Council retreat. The decision was made to bring back the discussion once we were through June 2024 and had a better understanding of our financial position.

Mr. Sheridan stated that this discussion was a follow-up from the Council retreat and was looking for direction on how Council would like to proceed with the \$1.3 million carry-over. Mr. Knoblauch stated that Finance would like to set aside \$300,000 for any remaining appropriations for 2024 and utilize funds towards the purchase of 3 new vehicles in the Public Works Department. Mr. Powell provided an explanation on the need for replacement of each of the 3 vehicles. Discussion followed that included paying off debt service, looking at unfunded projects, and infrastructure development fund. There was Council direction to purchase one of the 3 pieces of equipment and lease to own the other 2, and return to Council at a later date on what to utilize the remaining funds towards.

This matter was discussed.

E. [TMP-7404](#) APPEAL REQUEST TO THE FINAL DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DENY THE PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR CANTERBURY CROSSING, A PROPOSED 34 LOT OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION, HUDSON PLANNING COMMISSION CASE No. 23-676

Brief Description: Consideration of the appeal submitted by the appellant regarding the Planning Commission action to deny the preliminary subdivision plan for Canterbury Crossing, a proposed open space conservation subdivision located along Ravenna Street.

Attachments: [Appeal Request](#)

[PC Decision](#)

[2472 A Planning Commission 24-07-08 CD Meeting Agenda](#)

Mr. Hannan provided background information regarding the request and provided the guidelines that Council must follow. Mr. Foster requested that the City Solicitor provide the reasoning for this being reviewed as a "de novo" hearing.

This item was forwarded for a public hearing and further consideration at the August 20, 2024, Council meeting.

4. Proposed Consent Agenda for August 6, 2024, Council Meeting

A. [TMP-7363](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONSENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ("ODOT") RESURFACING OF STOW ROAD UNDER THE I-480 BRIDGES WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON (PID 111186).

Brief Description: The Ohio Department of Transportation requires local consent legislation allowing them to perform work within City corporation

limits. ODOT will be replacing the bridge deck on I-480 over Stow Road. Due to this work and likely damage to the road surface on Stow Road in this area, ODOT will be resurfacing Stow Road underneath the I-480 bridges within Hudson. The State will assume and bear 100% of all the costs of the improvements.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the August 6, 2024, Council meeting.

- B. [TMP-7398](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE COLLEGE STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: In March, City workers investigated a sink hole on College Street. An inspection of the utility infrastructure under the road identified that the storm water “box culvert” was deteriorating and starting to fail. Consequently, staff temporarily closed College Street until temporary steel plates were set to allow for the partial opening of a portion of the roadway. Staff evaluated alternative solutions to repair the culvert and identified that full removal and replacement of the culvert within the City’s right-of-way is the best long-term solution for this repair.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the August 6, 2024, Council meeting.

- C. [TMP-7384](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A JET/VACUUM TRUCK, STREET SWEEPER AND MATERIAL HANDLING TRUCK.**

Brief Description: The Public Works Department is seeking to replace two large pieces of equipment including a jet/vacuum truck and street sweeper. Additionally, staff would like to purchase a material handling truck in order to provide critical services to the residents of Hudson.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the August 6, 2024, Council meeting.

- D. [TMP-7389](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR RETAIL NATURAL GAS SUPPLY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The City’s current natural gas Agreement with Constellation New Energy expires on October 31, 2024. Following review and discussion of the forecast gas rates with the Buckeye Energy Brokers, it was

advised that the City should enter into a 1-year Agreement with Eastern Power and Gas.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

Responding to a question, Mr. Comeriato provided information on the gas aggregation program.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the August 6, 2024, Council meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation for August 6, 2024, Council Meeting

A. [24-63](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A NEW PARK FACILITY RESERVATION POLICY.

Brief Description:

The purpose of the new policy is to limit facility reservations so that ample usage remains for the public and does not restrict availability.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Park Reservation Policy \(Revised for 5-21-24\)](#)
[Resolution No. 24-63](#)

Responding to a question, Mr. Sheridan stated that the Park Board postponed this item, and due to Council moving it to a date certain, Council will need to postpone this item again at the August 6, 2024, Council meeting. Mr. Sutton asked the City Solicitor to review the Parliamentary Procedure on referring items to a Board and Commission with a date certain.

Resolution 24-63 was forwarded for further consideration at the August 6, 2024, Council meeting.

6. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

Mr. Foster noted that an Honorary Resolution for Mr. Tom Vince, Western Reserve Academy, will appear on the August 6, 2024, Council meeting agenda.

Mr. Banweg requested that a proclamation be added to a future agenda recognizing the Hudson High School Orchestra for their gold medal win at a European Tour.

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Foster adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Christopher W. Foster, President of Council

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Business Operations Manager - Professional Services.

Upon approval by City Council, this official written summary of the meeting minutes shall become a permanent record, and the official minutes shall also consist of a permanent audio and video recording, excluding executive sessions, in accordance with Codified Ordinances, Section 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.