



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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, March 4, 2025

6:45 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive Session to begin at 6:45 p.m.; followed by Regular Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 6:45 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Kowalski

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bird, to enter into executive session to interview applicants for the Military and Veterans' Commission. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, and the applicants. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater and Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m. Mrs. Kowalski entered the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Mayor Anzevino resumed the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Roll Call

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

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; and Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant.

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [25-0030](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

Brief Description: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for City Council's review and approval.

Attachments: [February 18, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[February 25, 2025 Council Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Mrs. Heater, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. Public Hearing

A. [25-44](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR CHARLES P. AND SUSAN ROBINSON, 7936 RAVENNA ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have submitted the attached Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for property located at 7936 Ravenna Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [Application - Robinson, 7936 Ravenna Rd](#)
[7936 Ravenna Rd CD Inspection 2.12.25](#)
[Resolution No. 25-44](#)

Mayor Anzevino opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

A public hearing was held on Resolution No. 25-44.

7. Public Comments

Mr. Anthony Ravida, 1746 Edgar Dr., spoke in regards to his fence.

8. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mrs. Kowalski provided an EAC update and addressed the AP Government students who were in attendance.

Mr. Sutton stated that Council had not heard from the EMS department regarding the Fire/EMS study and thought they should be extended an invitation to talk about the findings and study.

Mr. Banweg noted that the Fire/EMS subcommittee will meet on Saturday and would bring to Council what options are available.

Dr. Bird commented on the great turnout at the Pancake Breakfast that occurred on March 1st.

Mayor Anzevino presented the sixth grade class with the new street sweeper, which was named "The Hudson Hurricane". He also attended ribbon cuttings for The Poppy Shop, Couture Amore, and Lily Tea House; stated that 2,300 people came through the line at the Pancake Breakfast; and congratulated all the school sports teams that have done so well.

9. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan stated that there was an error in the March issue of Hudson Life Magazine, stating that the City would spend \$400 million on improvements to Fire/EMS. The correct amount is \$400,000.

Mr. Sheridan also noted that residents should move clocks forward on Sunday and check batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors; provided an update on the Brandywine Creek and Tinkers Creek watershed studies, and hoped to bring back a plan with how to move forward with the Fire/EMS project in April.

10. Appointments

None.

11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to suspend the rule requiring three readings for the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. [25-30](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE BOSTON MILLS TRAIL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Brief Description: The City of Hudson has been awarded the State Capital

Budget Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to fund a portion of the Boston Mills Trail Bridge Improvement Project.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Grant Acceptance - Boston Mills Trail Bridge](#)
[Resolution No. 25-30](#)

Resolution No. 25-30 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [25-31](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN AARP 2025 COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT.**
Brief Description: AARP awards annual grant funding that benefits residents, especially those 50+, by improving public spaces, adding transportation or mobility options, supporting an array of housing options, increasing digital connections, or supporting community resilience. The City could receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding for public wi-fi improvement on the downtown greens, including replacement of outdated infrastructure.
Attachments: [Staff Report - AARP 2025 Community Challenge Grant](#)
[ATTACHMENT A - Memo - 2025 Downtown Wireless](#)
[Wireless Deployment Zones 8 x11](#)
[Resolution No. 25-31](#)

Resolution No. 25-31 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [25-32](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT.**
Brief Description: The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) awards Safe Routes to School funding to support the development and implementation of projects and activities that encourage children to walk or bike to school. The City is eligible to receive up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding for a proposed sidewalk project identified in its School Travel Plan.
Attachments: [Staff Report - Safe Routes to Schools](#)
[Hudson Schools Letter of Support](#)
[School Travel Plan - Approved 2024.10.01](#)
[2025 SRTS Project Map - Stow Rd Sidewalk](#)
[Infrastructure Ordinance Example Provided by ODOT](#)
[Resolution No. 25-32](#)

Resolution No. 25-32 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [25-33](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 10' TRAIL ALONG BOSTON MILLS ROAD BETWEEN EXECUTIVE PARKWAY AND LAKE FOREST DRIVE**

AND FOR A SIDEWALK ALONG LAKE FOREST DRIVE BETWEEN BOSTON MILLS ROAD AND ESSEX ROAD.

Brief Description: The project includes the installation of a new 10' trail along Boston Mills Road starting at the existing trail west of Omni Lake Parkway and extending east to Lake Forest Drive and a new 5-foot wide sidewalk along the east side of Lake Forest Drive between Boston Mills Road and Essex Road. The project will also include the realignment of the intersection of Boston Mills Road and Lake Forest Drive.

Attachments: [Pedestrian Facility on Bridge Memo 2025.02.25](#)
[Letter from Summit Co. Engineer's Office](#)
[Boston Mills Trail Exhibit](#)
[Lake Forest Drive Exhibit](#)
[Resolution No. 25-33](#)

Resolution No. 25-33 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [25-34](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A LIGHTING EQUIPMENT DONATION FROM JACK DUFFY AND ASSOCIATES ON BEHALF OF HUDSON PARKS.**
Brief Description: This project involves a donation from Jack Duffy and Associates as they have offered to donate light poles and hardware to the Hudson Parks towards the installation of lighting of six pickleball courts at Barlow Farm Park.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-34](#)

Resolution No. 25-34 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [25-35](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT DONATED FUNDING FROM HUDSON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR LIGHTING SIX PICKLEBALL COURTS ON BEHALF OF HUDSON PARKS.**
Brief Description: The Hudson Community Foundation has collected \$90,000 from a resident lighting fundraising group. These funds will be used to bid out lighting six pickleball courts in 2025.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-35](#)

Resolution No. 25-35 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- G. [25-36](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SOFTWARE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH BRIGHTLY SOFTWARE INC FOR SOFTWARE AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES PERTAINING TO ASSET AND WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR CITY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: The City's Public Works Department utilizes an asset work order management software program to manage PW call center requests,

work schedules and inventory on an annual basis. This software is called Asset Essentials.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-36](#)

Resolution No. 25-36 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- H. [25-37](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-96 TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE ELLSWORTH MEADOWS GOLF COURSE - HOLE 17 RETAINING WALL INSTALLATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Hole 17 at the Ellsworth Meadows Golf Course has a long pond that due to wave action, is experiencing significant erosion along the fairway and green. Staff received permission to bid and award this project based on a budgeted amount.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-96](#)

[Bid Tabulation](#)

[Resolution No. 25-37](#)

Resolution No. 25-37 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- I. [25-38](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-162 TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC PROPERTIES.**

Brief Description: This Resolution authorized the advertisement, receipt of bids and award of contracts for capital items, services, equipment, and materials and supplies for Public Works operations as included in the approved 2024 Annual Budget. Requested amounts for services contracts are based on historical expenditures.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-162](#)

[Resolution No. 25-38](#)

Resolution No. 25-38 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- J. [25-39](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CIUNI & PANICHI, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CITY'S 2024 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

Brief Description: This is a contract with an accounting firm to assist staff in the preparation of the 2024 annual financial statements.

Attachments: [Engagement Letter 2024 \(Hudson\) - CP SIGNED](#)

[Resolution No. 25-39](#)

Resolution No. 25-39 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- K. [25-40](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. DANIEL STEIDL FOR THE**

PURCHASE OF A 14.75 ACRES OF PARCEL 3202675 LOCATED ON SOUTH MAIN STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in the purchase of approximately 14.75 acres of a 19.5-acre parcel located on South Main Street otherwise identified by the Summit County Auditor as Parcel #3202675. The land is currently owned by Mr. Daniel Steidl, a private resident located at 178 South Main Street, Hudson, Ohio.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Location Map](#)
[Resolution No. 25-40](#)

Resolution No. 25-40 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- L. [25-41](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OWNERS OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL #3201646, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 14.22 ACRES OF A 16.9 ACRE PARCEL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in the purchase of approximately 14.22 acres of a 16.9-acre parcel located on South Main Street otherwise identified by the Summit County Auditor as Parcel #3201646. The land is currently owned by the following parties: Arthur Stokes, Jr., David Little, Kathleen Little Clites, Margaret Little Martinez, Allan J. Stokes Trustee, and Kim S. Stokes and Donald Lee Cook Trustee.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Location Map](#)
[Resolution No. 25-41](#)

Resolution No. 25-41 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- M. [25-42](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. ARTHUR JOSEPH JR. AND NANCY L. STOKES, OWNERS OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL #3201642, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 6.66 ACRES OF AN 11.5 ACRE PARCEL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in the purchase of approximately 6.66 acres of an 11.5-acre parcel located on South Main Street otherwise identified by the Summit County Auditor as Parcel #3201642. The land is currently owned by Arthur Joseph Jr. and Nancy L. Stokes, residing at 100 Stokes Lane, Hudson, Ohio.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Location Map](#)
[Resolution No. 25-42](#)

Resolution No. 25-42 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

12. Legislation

- A. [25-22](#) **AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC COMMENT AT ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION MEETING AND ESTABLISHING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in defining an ordinance which requires boards/commissions to accept a comment from the public (provided the topic is relevant to the board), and also provide them with the tools to reject comments which are not relevant to them.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-22](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Foster, that Ordinance No. 25-22 be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- B. [25-23](#) **AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 220.03(n) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION WITH ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUBSTITUTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This new rule change is to reestablish prior practice of moving to adopt legislation with certain, specified amendments without having to first put the item up for discussion through a simple motion to adopt.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-23](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Dr. Bird, that Ordinance No. 25-23 be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- C. [25-29](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. SECTION 929.02 FOR BROWN FARMS ONE, LLC, BROWN FARMS TWO, LLC, AND SHERYL J. BROWN, TRUSTEE, 34 WELLGATE DRIVE, HUDSON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The Brown family has submitted a renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for five (5) properties, totaling approximately 63.02 acres, located off of Barlow Road and Seasons Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [Agricultural Use exemption application - Brown Farms](#)
[Brown Farms - subject parcels](#)
[Brown Farms CD Inspection 2.3.25](#)
[Resolution No. 25-29](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 25-29, which constituted its second reading.

- D. [25-43](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1205.04, 1205.06, 1205.07, 1205.11, AND 1206.01 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE TOWNHOMES FROM ALL ZONING DISTRICTS EXCEPT DISTRICT 5 VILLAGE CORE DISTRICT.**
Brief Description: Proposed amendment to the Land Development Code to limit townhomes as a allowable dwelling unit type to District 5 Village Core District.
Attachments: [Exhibit A: Townhomes Ordinance](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-43](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-43, which constituted its first reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Foster, that Ordinance No. 25-43 be referred to the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- E. [25-44](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR CHARLES P. AND SUSAN ROBINSON, 7936 RAVENNA ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
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[7936 Ravenna Rd CD Inspection 2.12.25](#)
[Resolution No. 25-44](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 25-44, which constituted its first reading.

- F. [25-45](#) **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A 3-MONTH MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTING FOR FILING AND CONSIDERATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MARIJUANA RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF HUDSON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: A proposed resolution to extend a moratorium regarding marijuana related activities.

Attachments: [Staff Memo regarding state law allowances for moratorium and info on dispensary regulations 2.27.25](#)
[Resolution No. 25-45](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 25-45, which constituted its first reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Dr. Bird, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Dr. Goetz and Mrs. Heater

Nay: 3 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

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 220.03(d), Rules.