



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Workshop

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council (At-Large)

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., Council Member (At-Large)

Christopher W. Foster, Council Member (Ward 2)

Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)

Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)

Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Jane Howington, City Manager

Matthew J. Vazzana, City Solicitor

R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

President of Council Wooldredge 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.

Present: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Bigham

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; and Mr. Wonsick, Assistant City Engineer.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. DeSaussure provided comments regarding the Special Workshop that was held on June 21, 2021 regarding pedestrian safety. He further stated that he has been working with the Building and Zoning Appeals Board regarding internally illuminated signs within District 6 with respect to Hudson Crossings, and he asked that this be added to the sign discussion.

Mr. Foster stated that due to the recent ransom ware attack on his company, that he has spoken with Mr. Leedham regarding the City's security and discussed long-term security that is needed.

Mr. Wooldredge stated that the Public Works Facility discussion was removed from tonight's agenda due to additional financial data that staff wanted to provide. This item was moved to the July 13, 2021, Council

workshop.

3. Discussion Item

A. [21-0055](#) Stopped Train Warning Signals

Brief Description: Councilman Chris Foster has requested discussion regarding stopped train warning signals for the Hines Hill Road railroad crossing.

Attachments: [RR Crossing at Hines Hill Road memo 5-28-21](#)

Mr. Foster provided background information on the stopped trains on Hines Hill Road. Mr. Sheridan provided information on what signals the City is looking at to notify motorists of trains on Hines Hill Road, as well as information obtained from the Ohio Rail Commission and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Discussion followed on options available to notify motorists of stopped trains. Mr. Sheridan stated that staff will return to the July 13, 2021, Council workshop with further information.

This matter was discussed.

4. Proposed Consent Agenda for July 6, 2021 Council Meeting

A. [TMP-5530](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO PHASE III OF THE VETERANS TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Brief Description: This Resolution would authorize an increase of \$73,150 to redesign the Veterans Trail Phase 3 project including environmental permitting and coordination, trail design, and drainage design work above the original design contract with Michael Baker International from 2018 of \$279,000.00.

Attachments: [Veterans Trail Phase 3 Revised Exhibit \(5-26-21\)](#)

There was discussion on the placement of this item on Consent. There was consensus to move this item under Legislation for the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

B. [TMP-5565](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE HERRICK CIRCLE POND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Brief Description: This project involves grading improvements to allow for better maintenance and less flooding of an existing City maintained storm water detention pond located northeast of Herrick Circle in the subdivision of the Woods of Western Reserve.

Attachments: [Herrick Circle Pond Improvement Exhibit 614](#)

Mr. Sheridan stated that this affects a resident's property and asked that Council pass this on consent to allow the resident to move forward with work that they need to complete.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

- C. [TMP-5566](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF 333 SIMON ROAD AND TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO APPROVE A REVISED VACATION AND CONSOLIDATION PLAT THEREFOR.

Brief Description: Staff is requesting Council authorization of a utility easement agreement and a revised consolidation plat including the vacation of an easement that runs through an existing house.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Ord. No. 65-66 \(passed 12-6-1965\)](#)
[Exhibit 2 - 1965 Plat: Evamere Hts. Subdivision 2](#)
[Exhibit 3 - Diagram of Utility Easement to be Vacated](#)
[Exhibit 4 - Plat for Council Approval](#)

Mr. Sutton asked for clarification on this item. Mr. Sheridan provided background information on why this is needed.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation for July 6, 2021 Council Meeting

- A. [21-65](#) AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF HUDSON A PROPOSAL BY HUDSON CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND SECTIONS 3.01 AND 4.01 OF THE CHARTER OF HUDSON CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR.

Brief Description: Councilman Foster has proposed amendments to the City's Charter to implement term limits for members of City Council and the Mayor. Pursuant to Charter Section 13.01, five or more affirmative Council votes are necessary for passage of this Ordinance.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 21-65](#)

Mr. Foster stated that he is currently working with Mr. Vazzana on the Legislation language, and he stated that it will be provided to Council as soon as possible. Discussion followed on the term limits proposed.

Ordinance No. 21-65 was forwarded for further consideration at the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

- B. [21-72](#) AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, EASEMENTS, AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE ESTATES AT CANTERBURY ON THE LAKES SUBDIVISION.
Brief Description: Subdivision improvements have been installed and public right-of-way has been dedicated at the Estates of Canterbury on the Lakes (Chestwick Lane). The applicant is requesting that City Council accept the dedication of these improvements and right-of-way.

Attachments: [Estates of Canterbury City Engineer Acceptance](#)
[Estates at Canterbury Phase Exhibit](#)
[Ordinance No. 21-72](#)

Ordinance No. 21-72 was forwarded for further consideration at the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

- C. [21-73](#) **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, EASEMENTS, AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE NOTTINGHAM GATE ESTATES PHASE IV AND V SUBDIVISIONS.**

Brief Description: Subdivision improvements have been installed and public right-of-way has been dedicated at the Nottingham Gate Estates Subdivision Phase IV and V. The applicant is requesting that City Council accept the dedication of these improvements and right-of-way.

Attachments: [Nottingham Gate IV and V City Engineer Acceptance](#)
[Nottingham Gate Estate Phasing Exhibit](#)
[Ordinance No. 21-73](#)

Ordinance No. 21-73 was forwarded for further consideration at the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

- D. [21-74](#) **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 648.12 OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OFFENSES CODE REGARDING CONSTRUCTION WORK AT NIGHT.**

Brief Description: Section 648.12 was adopted in 1992 and was superseded after merger with the adoption of the Land Development Code. Section 1207.10, Performance Standards, (a)(3)E regulates the permissible hours for the use of construction equipment or performing construction operations in Hudson, except for temporary conditions approved by the City Manager.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 21-74](#)

There was discussion regarding keeping the restrictions on construction times in the General Offenses code and not the Land Development Code. There was consensus to either rewrite the legislation or to place a note within Section 648.12 directing the viewer to Section 1207.10.

Ordinance No. 21-74 was forwarded for further consideration at the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

- E. [21-75](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE HUDSON DEI ALLIANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR FACILITATING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION.**

Brief Description: The Hudson DEI Alliance and a representative of the City of Hudson will oversee the coordination, development and implementation of a

program to implement facilitated community conversation through a contribution of \$30,000 from the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Res. No. 20-76, Condemning Racism & Encouraging Fair & Equal Treatment for All \(6-16-2020\)](#)
[Community Dialogue Proposal \(6-3-2021\)](#)
[Facilitator Training - ACF Project Overview and Budget](#)
[Hudson DEI Alliance Proposal YWCA 2021](#)
[BDMF Grant Application \(5-6-2021\)](#)
[Resolution No. 21-75](#)

Ms. Schlademan addressed concerns that were brought up at the June 8, 2021, Council workshop and the June 15, 2021, Council meeting, and further stated that a more formal proposal will be brought forward to Council prior to the July 13, 2021, Council workshop.

Ordinance No. 21-75 was forwarded for further consideration at the July 6, 2021, Council meeting.

6. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

None.

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 8:26 p.m.

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

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

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

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