



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

William A. Currin, Mayor

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., City Council President (At-Large)

David A. Basil, City Council Member (Ward 2)

Dennis N. Hanink, City Council Member (Ward 1)

Alex D. Kelemen, City Council Member (Ward 3)

Keith W. Smith, City Council Member (Ward 4)

J. Daniel Williams, City Council Member (At-Large)

William D. Wooldredge, City Council Member (At-Large)

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Williams

Absent: 1 - Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Hutchinson, Parks Superintendent; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Papp, Civil Engineer; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; and Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [15-0032](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments:

[March 3, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

[March 10, 2015 Council Workshop Minutes DRAFT](#)

[March 11, 2015 Council / Board of Education Joint Work Session Minutes 3-11-15 DRAFT](#)

There being no changes, the above minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

- A. [15-36](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR MICHAEL P. AND CYNTHIA M. GRACE, 1510 HINES HILL ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO.**

Executive Summary: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grace have submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for property located at 1510 Hines Hill Road in Hudson.

Attachments:

[Renewal Application](#)

[Code Enforcement Memo 2-20-15](#)

[Hyperlink - Summit County Fiscal Office regarding Agricultural Use](#)

[Resolution No. 15-36](#)

Mayor Currin opened the public hearing for Resolution No. 15-36 at 7:34 p.m. Mr. Grace spoke and asked Council to pass this Resolution. There were no questions or other comments pertaining to this matter. Mayor Currin closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

A public hearing was held regarding Resolution No. 15-36.

6. Public Comments

Mr. Rodrigo Rubiano, 6167 Burr Oak Way, spoke on behalf of Hudson Velo Club members with appreciation for 'Share the Road' signage and 'Sharrows' that the City has decided to install on key test streets in Hudson. He said that the signage will help motorists understand that it is legal, appropriate and to be expected that cyclists will be using the roads and need to be afforded their space on the road. He also noted that the Velo Club promotes lawful riding by its members. He suggested use of sharrows on State Route 303 westbound from downtown and on Hudson-Aurora Road eastbound from downtown. (See comments attached to record copy of these minutes).

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Kelemen commented on Resolution Nos. 15-34 and 15-35 regarding authorization of Town Hall lease agreements, saying that although he requested additional information at the March 3, 2015 meeting, his concerns were with the City's defined role in terms of budget going forward, but that he fully supports use of the Town Hall by the proposed tenants. He said it is important that all parties to the lease agreements understand the commitments involved to make these uses successful.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington announced that she will form a City Manager's Advisory Round Table for the Downtown Phase II Project. She explained that the role of the group will be to deal primarily with implementation, not design or concept plans, and it will not duplicate or usurp the roles of the Downtown Redevelopment Committee and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. She said that the Round Table will be made up of representatives of vested interest parties to assure understanding, and she noted that a similar process was very successful ten years ago for Mr. Morton, former City Manager.

Ms. Howington said that spring begins this week, and with it will come seasonal rain and run-off. She asked citizens to be aware of clogged storm drains along curbs and gutters and to sweep away any debris that may be covering catch basins to allow water to flow properly and help prevent flooding; while City crews regularly monitor drainage ways, help from citizens is very much appreciated.

9. Appointments

Mr. DeSaussure announced that the City is currently seeking citizen applications for positions on the Architectural and Historic Board of Review, Planning Commission, and Tree Commission. He said the deadline is April 24, 2015, and he encouraged interested citizens to apply online.

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Williams

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Basil

A. [15-0033](#)

A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE FEBRUARY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Executive Summary: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [February 2014 Financial Report](#)

This Motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. [15-37](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE ANNUAL ASPHALT RESURFACING, RECONSTRUCTION AND NEW SURFACING PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This project involves the resurfacing, reconstruction and repairs with asphaltic concrete of various streets and city owned properties.

Attachments: [Bid Tabulation](#)
[Barlow Farm Park Aerial View](#)
[Parks Cost Breakdown](#)
[Resolution No. 15-37](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [15-38](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THREE POLICE VEHICLES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The Hudson Police Department is requesting the purchase of three (3) new police vehicles per the 2015 Approved Budget, and in accordance with the approved fleet replacement schedule. These new police vehicles will replace three existing police vehicles. Further, the Hudson Police Chief recommends continuing the replacement vehicles to police utility vehicles (police version of the Ford Explorer).

Attachments: [2015 Police Cruiser Quotes](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-38](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [15-39](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FOR SERGEANTS, FOR THE YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2017; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This legislation seeks approval of the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement that was negotiated by the City Manager with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for Sergeants and authorization for the City Manager to enter into said agreement.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-39](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [15-40](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RAMCO ASSOCIATES, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This Resolution is necessary to confirm the action previously taken by the Hudson School District regarding a compensation agreement with Ramco Associates, LLC.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-40](#)

This Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

11. Legislation

- A. [15-32](#) **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 97-48 (AS AMENDED) REGARDING AN EQUIVALENCY FEE FOR PROPERTIES ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL WATER LINE.**

Executive Summary: This Ordinance repeals the equivalency fee required to be charged to properties tapping into the Southern Industrial Water Line.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 15-32](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-32, which constituted its second reading.

B. [15-34](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE CITY'S TOWN HALL.**

Executive Summary: The terms of this agreement provide for the use of part of the lower level of Town Hall by HFDA for its operations, to conduct business and to operate a museum that contains museum quality and historically significant Hudson firefighting equipment memorabilia and apparatus.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-34](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-34, which constituted its second reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of Resolution No. 15-34. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, and Mr. DeSaussure

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, and Mr. Hanink

C. [15-35](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DESTINATION HUDSON, INC., FOR THE CITY'S TOWN HALL.**

Executive Summary: The terms of this agreement provide for the use of part of the lower level of Town Hall by Destination Hudson for its operations, including historical tours, engaging visitors, and retail.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-35](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-35, which constituted its second reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of Resolution No. 15-35. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, and Mr. Kelemen

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, and Mr. Smith

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 [Resolution No. 15-36](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-36, which constituted its first reading.

- E. [15-41](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TERMINATE THE “HUDSON INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT” WITH FABRI-CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC. DATED ON OR ABOUT MAY 3, 1996.**

Executive Summary: The resolution will terminate this development agreement which preceded the Land Development Code (LDC), the adoption of which dealt with the topics contained in the agreement.

Attachments: [Development Agreement and Other Documents](#)
 [Vicinity Map](#)
 [Staff Memo Comparing Key Provisions of Agmt. with LDC 4-3-2015](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-41](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-41, which constituted its first reading.

- F. [15-42](#) **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REQUIREMENT THAT DEVELOPMENT BE SERVED BY PUBLIC WATER FACILITIES AS IT PERTAINS TO PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF AKRON WATER SERVICE AREA IN HUDSON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The ordinance would suspend City regulations for approximately six months that require that development must use public water.

Attachments: [Water Provider Map](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-42](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-42, which constituted its first reading.

- G. [15-43](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (d)(2) OF SECTION 1205.09 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PERMIT THE PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USES IN ZONING DISTRICT 6 OF ASSISTED LIVING, CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, AND INSTITUTIONAL RESIDENTIAL FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED TO BE LOCATED NORTH OF BOSTON MILLS ROAD IN DISTRICT 6.**

Executive Summary: The amendment would allow these uses in the only remaining developable land in District 6.

Attachments:

[Zoning Map](#)

[District 6 North of Boston Mills](#)

[Ordinance No. 15-43](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-43, which constituted its first reading, and he referred it to the Planning Commission

12. Presentations

A. Discussion: Department Presentations Update

Ms. Howington asked Council members for direction regarding the continuance of departmental presentations, a preferred format, and the development of benchmark metrics.

Discussion followed, with each Council member providing input. There was a consensus to continue departmental presentations, and that the City Manager should work through the Ad Hoc Finance Subcommittee regarding modifications to the process and format.

This matter was discussed.

Other Items: Discussion concerning Charter Review

Dr. Williams asked for clarification of a Council discussion regarding proposed Charter amendments. Mr. DeSaussure urged Council members to address their comments and proposals directly to the Charter Review Commission. Mayor Currin agreed and stated that Council members have the right and obligation to provide input, and should they have any comments or questions, they should consult the City Solicitor or contact the Charter Review Commission directly.

Dr. Williams commented that the Charter Review Commission recommendations will appear on the November ballot, and voters will decide on any proposed amendments. Mr. Basil said that Council will have the ability to determine if the Charter Review Commission recommendations will appear as one item or as separate issues on the ballot.

Mr. DeSaussure suggested that the idea of the Council workshop session as a non-legislative meeting could be more adequately defined in the Charter.

Mr. Kelemen noted that City Council has a right to place its own proposed Charter amendment(s) on the ballot.

Mayor Currin encouraged citizens to familiarize themselves with the Charter of the City and to participate in the review process.

This matter was discussed.

13. Executive Session

None.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 8:30 p.m.

William A. Currin, Mayor

Elizabeth Slagle, 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.