



City of Hudson, Ohio

27 East Main Street
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Council Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

William A. Currin, Mayor
David A. Basil, City Council President (Ward 2)
Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., City Council Member (At-Large)
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)

Anthony J. Bales, City Manager
R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor
Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:33 p.m. and read the City's mission statement.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Bales, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Paluscsak, HCTV Station Manager; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

4. Oath of Office: Keith W. Smith

Mayor Currin administered the Oath of Office for Council Member Smith and offered congratulations.

5. [13-01](#)

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING MR. JOHN W. JEFFERS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HUDSON COMMUNITY.

Sponsors: City Council and Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-01](#)

Council members Basil, DeSaussure, Williams, Wooldredge, and Mayor Currin expressed their sincere appreciation to Mr. Jeffers for his service to the Hudson community. Mr. Jeffers expressed appreciation for the kind words and was thankful for having had the opportunity to serve Ward 4 constituents and the City of Hudson. He also thanked Ms. Laura Freeman for coverage of City

Council meetings in the Hudson Hub-Times.

Regarding the proposed move of City offices to space at 115 Executive Parkway, Mr. Jeffers said that he opposed it. He said that Town Hall is historically significant and exemplifies the essence of Hudson. While he understood the economics and benefits of having staff together, he valued maintaining a presence at Town Hall, noting that many citizens enjoy walking there to attend meetings and pay their utility bills. He urged City Council to reconsider moving current City operations from Town Hall.

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

Aye: 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Basil announced the next Ward 2 Open Forum, to be held at 7:30 p.m. on January 29, 2013, at the Barlow Community Center, and he encouraged residents of Ward 2 and others to attend.

Mr. Wooldredge announced plans for the annual Lemonade Day month during May and explained that events will be sponsored by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation and the Hudson Economic Development Corporation to encourage entrepreneurship among grade school students. Mayor Currin agreed to provide a Proclamation for Lemonade Day Month.

As Cemetery Board Liaison, Dr. Williams reported an encouraging and viable financial position for the Cemeteries.

Mr. Basil encouraged citizens to attend a public forum for the Keep Hudson Safe Initiative, to be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2013, at the Hudson High School Media Center. He noted that this initiative is a outgrowth of the unfortunate recent incident in Newtown, Connecticut. He said that information will be provided regarding existing local efforts and available resources.

Appointments

Mr. Basil appointed Council Liaisons to the following boards, commissions, and committees:

Architectural & Historic Board of Review: Mr. Hanink

Board of Zoning & Building Appeals: Mr. DeSaussure

Cable Television Advisory Committee: Dr. Williams

Cemetery Board: Dr. Williams

Economic Growth Board: Mr. Wooldredge

Environmental Awareness Committee: Mr. Kelemen

Fire/EMS Deployment Board: Mr. DeSaussure

Park Board: Mr. Smith

Planning Commission: Mr. Basil

Personnel Advisory & Appeals Board: Mr. DeSaussure

Tree Commission: Mr. Kelemen

Additionally, Mr. Basil appointed Council members to serve on the following:

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council: Mr. DeSaussure and

Mr. Wooldredge

**Tax Incentive Review Council: Mr. Smith and Mr. Wooldredge as alternate
Economic Development Incentive Committee: Mr. Basil and Mr. Wooldredge
Golf Advisory Board: Mr. Hanink and Mr. Smith
Hudson Officials for Mutual Endeavors (HOME) Committee: Mr. Basil and
Dr. Williams
Income Tax Board of Review: Mr. DeSaussure and Dr. Williams
Safe Routes Hudson: Mr. Kelemen**

8. Report of Manager

Mr. Bales publicly thanked the Parks Department for successfully readying the First & Main ice rink this year; and although recent warmer weather has melted the ice, he hoped that colder temperatures predicted for the following week, along with additional assistance from the Parks Department, would help to provide opportunities for additional use of the ice rink this winter.

Mr. Bales encouraged citizens to sign-up for City and County emergency notifications through links on the City's website. In addition, he said that individuals may sign-up to receive general information, social media, and newsletters from the City.

Mr. Bales said that City offices will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2013, for the holiday.

Mr. Bales requested that Council hold an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

9. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Dr. Williams, that Council suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances for items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. Basil

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil and Mr. DeSaussure

A. [Finance 2012-12](#) MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE DECEMBER 2012 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [December 2012 Financial Report](#)

This Motion was approved.

B. [13-02](#) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: Council authorization is required for payment of the invoice(s) shown on this Resolution in excess of \$3,000 for which a commitment was made before a Purchase Order was generated.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-02](#)

This Resolution was adopted by suspending the Rules.

C. [13-03](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S PAY RANGE STRUCTURE ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 9-128, PASSED FEBRUARY 3, 2010; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance authorizes an annual salary adjustment for the City's non-bargaining unit employees. The pay steps provided in the pay range structure chart attached to the Ordinance have each been adjusted by a factor of 1.015 over the 2012 pay range structure figures.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [2013 Non-Union Pay Range Increase Table of Values](#)
[Ord. No. 13-03](#)

This Ordinance was adopted by suspending the Rules.

D. [13-04](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON.

Executive Summary: This Resolution would authorize the advertisement for bids of the four annual road programs that comprise the Annual Capital Maintenance Program: Line Striping, Crack Sealing, Concrete Replacement and Asphalt Resurfacing/Reconstruction.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-04](#)

This Resolution was adopted by suspending the Rules.

E. [13-05](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE NORTON ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The project will involve asphalt planning, full depth repairs, intermediate asphalt course, loop detectors and pavement striping along Norton Road from SR 91 to Stow Road.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-05](#)

This Resolution was adopted by suspending the Rules.

F. [13-06](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SPECIAL MEDICAL SELF-INSURANCE FUND 605; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This ordinance is to establish a new fund and appropriations to account for the financial activity of the newly established health reimbursement

account (HRA) for City employees. The revenue in the fund will come from charges to other operating funds and the expenses will consist of medical claim payments for employee deductibles. The City is using a third party administrator (Health Equity, Inc.) for the payment of the claims.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Ord. No. 13-06](#)

This Ordinance was adopted by suspending the Rules.

G. [13-07](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH iVIDEO TECHNOLOGIES FOR A VIDEO PRODUCTION SWITCHER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The recent failure of the primary video production switcher requires staff to purchase a new video production switcher and the associated support electronics equipment. The failed switcher is NOT repairable as the manufacture went out of business and there is no other support for this unit. Immediate replacement of this item is imperative to continue to produce multi-camera productions.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Video Switcher Quote](#)
[iVSharp Monitor Mount Quote](#)
[Res. No. 13-07](#)

This Resolution was adopted by suspending the Rules.

H. [13-08](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH JACKLIN PROPERTIES, LLC FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 115 EXECUTIVE PARKWAY, HUDSON, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This lease of 11,248 Sq. Ft. at 115 Executive Parkway (Westpark) would consolidate the City Manager's Office, Clerk of Council, Finance, Information Systems, Community Development, Economic Development and Engineering Departments into a single location.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-08](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

Mr. Wooldredge said that he wanted this item considered separately from items on the Consent Agenda because of its importance. While he understood Mr. Jeffers' opinion, he supported the Resolution. He said that City staff is currently scattered, and moving them together will improve efficiencies.

Mr. Basil concurred, also supporting the Resolution. He noted that the move is a short-term plan

for a three-year period, and experience gained will provide perspective for a better informed long-term decision regarding location of government offices. He noted that regular public meetings of City Council, boards, and commissions will continue to be held at Town Hall. In addition, he said that a Utility Drop Box for payments will remain at Town Hall.

Dr. Williams also supported the Resolution, saying that the move will provide a learning experience and long-term savings with possible opportunities to consolidate positions.

Mr. Kelemen supported the Resolution, stating that this is not an impetuous move, as consolidation of City staff was discussed during 2012 Strategic Planning sessions. He noted that space at Town Hall may be available for City Council use, providing opportunities for office hours, public interaction, and community involvement.

Mr. Hanink supported the Resolution, saying that it speaks directly to the City's Mission Statement, conducting affairs in a fiscally responsible manner. He said that the new office space will provide substantial improvements to the operation, greater effectiveness, and a prototype for a more informed decision regarding the future location of City offices.

Mayor Currin also supported the Resolution, and he noted the opportunity for Town Hall to be evaluated for potential community use.

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

Aye: 7 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

10. Executive Session

Mayor Currin recessed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, a motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that Council enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter regarding pending litigation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Kelemen

Mayor Currin reconvened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that Council go out of Executive Session and into the regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Smith

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 8:55 p.m.

William A. Currin, Mayor

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council