



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Workshop

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)

Scott N. Schroyer, Interim City Manager
R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor
Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to President of Council DeSaussure.

Present 5 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, and Mr. Smith

Absent 2 - Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Schroyer, Interim City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Public Works Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. DeSaussure announced a vacancy on the Park Board and urged interested citizens to submit applications by March 28, 2014. In addition, he said that the City is still accepting applications for positions on the Tree Commission and the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board.

Mr. Basil said that a Ward 2 Open Forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, at the Barlow Community Center, and he encouraged interested citizens to attend.

Mr. Hanink reported that he traveled recently to Columbus with Allyn Marzulla and Jane Goodwin to present the Brandywine Creek Watershed Balanced Growth Plan to State officials. He said that he understands that the State will recommend approval of the Plan to the Ohio Lake Erie Commission, contingent upon one more community's support for the Plan. He noted that Hudson, Boston Heights, and Twinsburg Township have passed Resolutions supporting the Plan, and he anticipated that Northfield Center will pass a similar Resolution in the near future.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

A. [14-31](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 410.10 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE

TO EXTEND THE NO PARKING ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF N. HAYDEN PARKWAY AN ADDITIONAL 365 FEET NORTH FROM STATE ROUTE 303; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This will extend the no parking zone on west side of North Hayden Parkway at SR 303, north approximately 365' making the total zone 565' north of SR 303.

Attachments: [York Drive Crosswalk](#)
[Resolution No 14-31](#)

This item was considered and forwarded to the March 5, 2014, City Council meeting agenda.

B. [14-32](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY; ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT FOR SAID AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: As part of the upcoming "Downtown Railroad Culvert Improvement" the Norfolk Southern Railway Company requires a Construction Agreement and Force Account to be executed prior to any construction.

Attachments: [Culvert Replacement Map](#)
[Resolution No 14-32](#)

This item was considered and forwarded to the March 5, 2014, City Council meeting agenda.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

A. [TMP-0657](#)

Presentation and Discussion of the Hudson Public Power Cost of Service and Electric Rate Study, Presented by John Courtney of Courtney and Associates.

Executive Summary: The Public Works Department has contracted with Courtney and Associates, Public Utility Consultants, to develop a cost of service and electric rate study and to make recommendations to staff and City Council regarding future electric rate adjustments.

Attachments: [Electric Rate Study Presentation](#)

Mr. John Courtney, of Courtney & Associates, presented an Electric Rate and Cost of Service Study for Hudson Public Power. Mr. Comeriato provided a report of Historic Electric Rate Comparisons. (See report attached to file copy of these minutes).

This topic was considered by Council. Future related discussions will be scheduled for Council consideration of staff recommendations, options and subsequent legislative action.

B. [TMP-0646](#)

Discussion Regarding Participation in the Summit County Job Creation and Retention and Tax Sharing Program.

Executive Summary: In June 2011 and again in May 2012, Hudson City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing.

Attachments: [Summit County Job Creation and Retention Tax Sharing Agreement 2012](#)

Mr. Basil asked that an amendment be proposed to limit revenue sharing to one agreement, if there are multiple agreements between communities. In preparation for an upcoming review meeting with Summit County officials, Mr. Wiedie asked Council members to forward any additional proposals to him.

Mr. Kelemen expressed his desire for Council to exercise the City's option to withdraw from the current agreement entirely, pursuant to provisions specified in agreement. Mr. DeSaussure suggested that Mr. Kelemen make a motion for such action at a regular meeting, whereupon City Council could vote on the matter.

City Council considered the current agreement and provided direction to staff regarding proposed amendments for Summit County's review. At a later date this year, it is anticipated that City Council will consider legislation authorizing continued participation in the Summit County Job Creation and Retention and Tax Sharing Program.

5. Other Items Added to Agenda

None.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. DeSaussure adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., President of Council

Scott N. Schroyer, Interim City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council.

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