



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final 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)
Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)
Vacant, Council Member (At-Large)

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Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Thursday, June 4, 2020

7:00 PM

Video-Conference & Live-Stream

Special Workshop

1. Call to Order

President of Council Wooldredge called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

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

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mayor Shubert; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; and Mr. Sugar, Senior Planner.

Resident Representatives

Attending:

Ward 1: Dr. Shannon Navy

Ward 2: Mr. Sherif Mansour and Mr. Phil Trendell

Ward 3: Mr. Tony Havlicek and Mr. Jim Christ

Ward 4: Mrs. Diana Verhas

At-Large: Mrs. Kathy Battaglia, Mr. Ron Brubaker, Mr. Tom King, and Mr. Keith Smith

Absent:

Ward 1: Mr. Jim Wamelink

Ward 4: Mr. Justin Reed

2. Staff Introductions

Mr. Sheridan welcomed those in attendance and completed staff introductions.

A. Elected Officials

Council members introduced themselves as well as the resident representing each ward.

B. Resident Representatives**3. Staff Discussion****A. [20-0077](#) Connectivity Plan 2020 Update / Kickoff**

Brief Description: Connectivity Plan discussion with elected officials and community representatives to consider the Connectivity Plan 2020 Update.

Attachments: [Hyperlink - 2013 Connectivity Plan](#)
 [Hyperlink - 2018 Connectivity Plan Update](#)
 [Hyperlink - Ward Map](#)

Mr. Sugar provided an introduction to the current effort and the previous 2013 and 2018 Connectivity Plan.

This matter was presented.

4. Input from Residents on Improvements to Connectivity Plan

Mr. Sugar requested all attendees to share two key opportunities and items to study within the plan update.

Attendees expressed the following comments:

- ♦ *work with residents impacted and not change the character of the area*
- ♦ *think about connectivity into Hudson along arterial roads such as multipurpose paths along SR 303 and main roads rather than residential*
- ♦ *Ashbrooke neighborhood is a long way down the list and suggested breaking segment 59 into small segments similar to 44, 59 and 77*
- ♦ *try to figure out how to use main roads such as SR 91, SR 303, Ravenna Street, and Hines Hill Road*
- ♦ *improve connection to the bike and hike trail*
- ♦ *wider bike paths along Stow Road*
- ♦ *add connection between Ravenna Street and Stow Road*
- ♦ *less focus on Downtown and focus on the outer areas and main artery infrastructure*
- ♦ *add a connection to Seton Catholic School*
- ♦ *have the group study the understanding of what connectivity is, as this means different things to different people*
- ♦ *connect major spine first and then secondary roads*
- ♦ *people would like to walk on sidewalks and/or trails, rather than streets*
- ♦ *the focus needs to be on connections within Hudson before connecting to outside trails/cities*
- ♦ *Middleton Road was a missed opportunity for sidewalk during the recent construction project*
- ♦ *connection needs added on SR 91 by Lake Christine*
- ♦ *Middleton Road to the west needs sidewalk due to safety concerns*
- ♦ *users do not feel safe on main roads*
- ♦ *connection is needed on Hines Hill Road*
- ♦ *work with Summit County MetroParks on connecting the Ashbrooke Neighborhood through Maple Grove Park to Hines Hill Road*
- ♦ *work with the Turnpike Commission when the bridge is replaced on Prospect Street*

- ♦ *Council needs to determine how to tackle connectivity*
- ♦ *investigate lands swap with Metro Parks near Chestwick and SR 303 to connect Canterbury neighborhoods to Hudson Springs Park*
- ♦ *former Township areas need to be improved with sidewalks, water, etc.*

5. Next Steps

A. Ward Meeting Schedules

Mr. Hannan presented the upcoming engagement activities including Ward specific meetings and general community outreach.

B. Other Stakeholder Groups

Mr. Hannan discussed the various other groups that staff would like to network with.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 8:40 p.m.

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

Thomas Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

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

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