



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final-revised City Council Workshop

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 Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

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 Basil.

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. Comeriato, Public Works Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Papp, Civil Engineer; Mr. Powell, Public Works Superintendent; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Basil announced that discussion of Ordinance No. 13-114 (item 4E on the agenda) regarding rules for Council meeting minutes will be postponed to the September 24, 2013, workshop.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

A. [13-115](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONSENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GUARDRAIL UPGRADES ON STATE ROUTES 91 AND 303 WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON LIMITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The Ohio Department of Transportation requires local consent legislation allowing its maintenance department to perform guardrail upgrades within the corporate limits of any municipality that the identified state routes transect.

Attachments: [ODOT Letter](#)
[Resolution No 13-115](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 18, 2013, meeting agenda.

B. [13-116](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ASSIGN AN AMENDED JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT FROM MDC ACQUISITION CO., LLC TO WBC GROUP, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: On May 19, 2010 Council passed Resolution 10-69 to authorize a Job Creation Agreement with Premier Development Partners, LLC to support the construction of a new headquarters and distribution center in the Hudson Crossing Business Park. On August 10, 2010 Council passed Resolution 10-98 to amend the aforementioned agreement, assigning it to MDC Acquisition Co., LLC. This amendment will allow this agreement to be assigned to the operating entity actually creating the jobs.

Attachments: [Resolution No 13-116](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 18, 2013, meeting agenda.

C. [13-117](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR A POST-CONSTRUCTION STUDY OF RAISED CROSSWALKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ON VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: As part of the agreement with WRA regarding the installation of raised crosswalks and other traffic control within the WRA campus, the City of Hudson committed to undertake a post-construction.

Attachments: [Resolution No 13-117](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution. Mr. Basil explained that the raised crosswalks are all within the public right-of-way.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 18, 2013, meeting agenda.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

A. [13-0130](#)

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT METRICS.

Executive Summary: City Council has asked that the Economic Development Department, in conjunction with the Economic Growth Board, develop a set of metrics by which the efforts of the department can be measured.

Attachments: [Presentation - Economic Development Metrics](#)

Staff recommended that the City proceed with establishing a plan to measure the items identified in the presentation and to add new metrics as they are identified.

Mr. Ryan Beam, Economic Growth Board member, reviewed four core economic development metrics, including: Annual Income Tax Receipts; Assessed Property Values; Square Footage of

New Construction; and Number of Employees in Hudson. He presented data since 2001, noting trends as well as some anomalies. Mr. Knoblauch assisted in explaining some of the trends identified. He noted similar trends in other cities, and in general, he said that there are upward trends regionally. Mr. Beam also reviewed methods of predicting future economic development performance, based upon the number of inquiries to the Economic Development Department and website analytics, and he said that the City will continue to explore new metrics opportunities on an ongoing basis.

Council members discussed the metrics study, recent build-out analyses, effects of abated properties on metrics, importance of retention efforts, and they requested adding metrics to track Hudson's market share within the region, the City's marketing efforts, the losses and gains resulting from the Summit County Job Preservation Agreement, business visitations, and job loss. Mayor Currin suggested that Council should consider the following macro issues affecting business attraction: 1. Business infrastructure, including access to transportation and internet broadband) 2. Identification of business cluster(s) to attract, and 3. Regional collaboration. Department plans include an annual report to City Council regarding metrics. Mr. Basil thanked Mr. Beam for his presentation.

This topic was presented and discussed.

B. [13-0131](#)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: WATER, WASTE WATER, AND STORM WATER AREAS OF OPERATION.

Executive Summary: As part of the planned presentations by City Departments, the Director of Public Works will explain and discuss the Water, Waste Water, and Storm Water areas operations.

Attachments: [Water Distribution System 1](#)
 [PACP Sanitary Sewer Pipe Scores II](#)
 [PW Presentation to Council - Water, Waste Water, Storm Water](#)
 [Last 10 yrs Storm Water Completed WOs w H2O](#)
 [Storm Water System](#)
 [PW Background](#)
 [PWD Summary for Presentation](#)

Mr. Comeriato presented an overview of these operating units and related strategic planning efforts, budgeting, and a SWOT analysis.

Discussion items included use of technologies in the areas of water treatment, waste water processing, and storm water operations; system upgrades/additions; the effectiveness of stormwater projects performed since 2003; internal and external collaborative efforts; recent departmental re-organization, Environmental Protection Agency stormwater compliance issues, Akron Water Agreement, private property issues concerning stormwater and waterway clearance, and departmental facility needs.

Mr. Comeriato noted that a Council presentation regarding inflow and infiltration issues is planned in the spring of 2014.

Mayor Currin said that the "Green on the Green" event, held on September 7, 2013, provided important information for citizens, whose efforts will have cumulative positive impacts on the environment. He also announced the recipient of this year's Environmental Stewardship Award, Laurel Lake Retirement Community, and he complimented the Environmental Awareness Committee and Public Works Department staff who coordinated this event.

This topic was presented and discussed.

C. [13-0132](#)**A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS PROPOSED FOR THE INTERSECTION OF CLINTON-AURORA AND SR 91 (N. MAIN STREET)**

Executive Summary: Staff hired the GPD Group in 2008 to evaluate what options exist to improve the traffic flow at the intersection of Aurora Street/Clinton Street/N. Main Street and the adjacent network as well as pedestrian movement across SR 91. This extensive report was presented to City Council in 2009. This discussion was requested by the current Council to revisit this topic and the alternatives proposed in the 2009 study.

Attachments: [Option Summary](#)
[Option Comparison Table](#)
[Option 2D-Recommended](#)
[Option 1A-1](#)
[Option 4A](#)
[Option 8](#)

Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Papp provided an overview and analysis of viable options to improve the traffic flow at the Clinton/Aurora Streets intersection, based on the 2009 report. Staff asked that Council provide direction prior to embarking on the intersection design.

Discussion followed regarding the merits of the proposed options. Council members expressed concerns regarding unintended consequences, such as economic impacts to First & Main and traffic impacts on Owen Brown Street. There was a consensus among Council members to move the North Main Street pedestrian crossing to the north side of this intersection to coincide with an existing traffic signal phase, if upon further Engineering study that is determined to be the best option. Staff will proceed with design work and search for other solutions to improve the traffic flow.

This topic was considered by City Council. No formal action is required.

D. [13-118](#)**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF HUDSON'S VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM.**

Executive Summary: This Resolution amends the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) program by increasing the amount of contribution for the firefighters. This request was discussed during the budget process and was received favorably by City Council, however the change requires formal adoption of the amendment.

Attachments: [2011 LOSAP Staff Report](#)
[Resolution No 13-118](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution. Mr. Bales explained that a proposed increase in contributions for volunteer firefighters was discussed in 2011 but never implemented. He asked that Council approve a retroactive change, effective January 1, 2012. Discussion of fund management followed.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 18, 2013, meeting agenda.

E. [13-114](#)**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 220.03(d) AND 220.031(a) OF CHAPTER 220, "COUNCIL," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.**

Executive Summary: In light of recent enhancements to the City’s website and the public availability of meeting recordings, City Council will consider amending the City’s Codified Ordinances governing the minutes of City Council meetings to accommodate both a written record and an audio/video recording record to serve as the minutes of Council meetings.

Attachments: [Ordinance No 13-114](#)
 [Ordinance No 13-114 \(as amended\)](#)

Discussion of this Ordinance was removed from the September 10, 2013, agenda and postponed until the September 24, 2013, workshop. A second reading is scheduled at the September 18, 2013, meeting.

5. Other Items Added to Agenda

None.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 10:21 p.m.

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council