



# 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)*

*Jane Howington, City Manager*

*Matthew J. Vazzana, City Solicitor*

*R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel*

*Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council*

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Tuesday, August 25, 2020

7:30 PM

Via Video-Conference & Live-Stream

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### 1. Call to Order

**President of Council Wooldredge called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:31 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; Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Ersing, Broadband Manager; Mr. Griffith, Management/Budget Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leedham, Innovation & Technology Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Powell, Assistant Public Works Director; and Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services.*

### 2. Correspondence and Council Comments

*Mr. Foster stated that the exit ramp from SR 8, Southbound, to SR 303 will be closed for 45 days, starting August 31, 2020. He further stated that he is concerned with the speed limit on Hines Hill Road and traffic entering from Walters Road. He requested staff evaluate traffic volume at this intersection and the possibility of installing a temporary signal during the closure.*

*Mrs. Bigham stated that she had heard from several residents that the Hudson Public Power electric bills have increased and asked if something had changed. Mr. Comeriato stated that he will look into the reason for the increase.*

### 3. Discussion Item

#### A. [20-0114](#)

#### **Velocity Broadband Action Plan**

**Brief Description:** Staff is prepared to discuss options for the strategic direction of

Velocity Broadband.

Attachments: [Active Interest VBB August 2020](#)

*Mr. Leedham provided a map that showed areas serviced by other providers, location of current VBB fiber, current customers, and customers who have shown interest. He further requested Council to allow for a larger buffer area in order to meet customer needs based on demand. Discussion followed that included: commercial expansion needs, removal of 300' buffer area, repayment of debt, and return on investment. There was consensus for staff to return to Council with a specific implementation plan that includes a repayment plan and removal of 300' buffer area with measurable criteria.*

**This matter was discussed.**

**B. [20-0115](#) Council Endorsement of Third-Party Projects and Levies**

**Brief Description:** Mr. Foster requested this topic for Council discussion.

*Discussion included use of the City logo and endorsing third-party projects and levies. There was consensus that any future endorsement by the City or use of the City logo come before Council for approval.*

**This matter was discussed.**

**C. [20-0116](#) Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Diesel Mitigation Trust Fund Grant Application For Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

**Brief Description:** Staff is seeking Council direction on an application for funding of a dual port level 2 electric vehicle charging station to be located in the First & Main parking terrace.

*Ms. Howington stated that this is a 50% matching grant, and the City's share would be \$15,000, which would be paid from the Hudson Public Power fund. Discussion followed that included: maintenance costs, enforcement of parking space use, cost to City for use, making the stations pay-to-use, time-limit, rate of return, and frequency of usage of the station. There was consensus to move forward with the submission of the grant.*

**This matter was discussed and a Resolution will appear on the Consent Agenda at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.**

**4. Proposed Consent Agenda for September 1, 2020, Council Meeting**

**A. [20-0118](#) A Motion Directing the Clerk to Send Notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control Indicating No Request for a Hearing Regarding a New Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for Farmers Rail Hudson, LLC, 98 North Main Street, Hudson.**

**Brief Description:** The Clerk is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority dated August 10, 2020, from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning the opportunity to request a hearing regarding this permit. The City's response must be postmarked no later than September 8, 2020.

Attachments: [Notice to Legislative Authority - Liquor Permit for Farmers Rail Hudson](#)

**This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.**

- B. [20-103](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH PERRIN ASPHALT COMPANY UNDER THE 2020 ASPHALT RESURFACING PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Brief Description:** Staff is requesting a change order in the amount of \$90,000 for the completion of an alternate asphalt project under the Perrin contract.

**Attachments:**      [HPP Parking Lot Asphalt - Project Map](#)  
[Bid Tab - Hudson Gate Drive Parking Lot](#)  
[Resolution No. 20-103](#)

*Mr. Powell provided information regarding the current condition of the parking lot and the reason for the cost increase. Discussion included the financial health of Hudson Public Power.*

**This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.**

## 5. Proposed Legislation for September 1, 2020, Council Meeting

- A. [20-91](#)      **AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 1047, “ILLICIT DISCHARGE & ILLEGAL CONNECTION CONTROL”, OF THE STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE.**

**Brief Description:** The City of Hudson’s Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) was developed to address the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements for storm water quality regulations. In order to comply with current Ohio EPA requirements, the City must amend its Codified Ordinances to adopt regulations for illicit discharge detection and elimination which prohibits non-storm water discharges and illegal connections to the storm water system and establishes legal authority to carry out inspections, monitoring procedures, and enforcement actions necessary to ensure compliance with the regulation.

**Attachments:**      [Ordinance No. 20-91](#)

**Resolution No. 20-91 was forwarded for further consideration at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.**

- B. [20-95](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH EUTHENICS, INC. FOR AN ALIGNMENT STUDY FOR THE BOSTON MILLS ROAD TRAIL PROJECT.**

**Brief Description:** Council previously authorized a contract with DLZ to perform an alignment study for the Boston Mills Road Trail Project. Due to a clerical error with DLZ’s cost proposal, they would not execute the contract and chose to increase their fee. Since DLZ’s increased fee was now the second highest fee received, City staff contacted the consultant with the second lowest fee for an interview. Based on this interview and their proposal staff unanimously changed the selection to Euthenics, Inc.

**Attachments:** [Boston Mills Road Trail Exhibits \(as introduced 8-18-2020\)](#)  
[Resolution No. 20-95 \(as introduced 8-18-2020\)](#)

*There was discussion regarding the elimination of phases 2B-2D, along Boston Mills Road. There was consensus to revise the scope to eliminate phases 2B-2D and reduce the scope fee.*

**Resolution No. 20-95 was forwarded for further consideration at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.**

- C. [20-99](#)      **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER’S ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ONSOLVE, LLC FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.**  
**Brief Description:** This Resolution affirms the current agreement for emergency communications services, which includes our Reverse 9-1-1 calling and text messages service (CodeRED).

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 20-99 \(as introduced 8-18-2020\)](#)

*There was consensus to move forward with this Resolution on the Consent Agenda at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.*

**Resolution No. 20-99 was forwarded for further consideration at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.**

- D. [20-100](#)      **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-69 TO MODIFY THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE CITY’S DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
**Brief Description:** Authorization to extend the hours of operations of the DORA from noon to 9:00 p.m. daily to 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily to benefit restaurants and provide patrons additional time to consume beverages.

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 20-100 \(as introduced 8-18-2020\)](#)

*Discussion included providing an update on any safety concerns, noise complaints, issues with anyone going past the 9:00 p.m. time frame, and trash overflow. Ms. Howington stated that she will provide an update from Chief Tabak regarding safety concerns. There was consensus to keep the start time of the DORA at noon, and revise the end time from 9:00 p.m. daily to 10:00 p.m. daily.*

**Resolution No. 20-100 was forwarded for further consideration at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.**

- E. [20-101](#)      **A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW THE EXISTING 2.9-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE HUDSON LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND REQUESTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT LEVY.**

**Brief Description:** This resolution is a declaration of necessity that will allow the Library levy to be placed on the May 4, 2021 ballot.

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 20-101](#)

Resolution No. 20-101 was forwarded for further consideration at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.

F. [20-102](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 410.09, SCHEDULE IX, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE TO AMEND THE LIST OF STREETS DESIGNATED AS PARKING TIME LIMITED IN DESIGNATED PLACES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Brief Description:** This is an Amendment to Section 410.09, Schedule IX, of the Traffic Code to Amend the list of streets to include NO PARKING 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., school days, on N. Oviatt St. between Aurora St. and the existing Middle School Driveway, along the east side of N. Oviatt St. (See the attached Exhibit)

**Attachments:** [Exhibit - N. Oviatt St. Map](#)  
[ACM Memo - No Parking Signs \(N. Oviatt St.\) 8-27-2020](#)  
[Resolution No. 20-102](#)

*Mr. Sutton asked if this would be needed after the current school year due to the Middle School relocating to the new building in 2021. Ms. Howington stated that this could be implemented as a temporary change for the current school year, and re-evaluated after the future of the school is determined.*

Resolution No. 20-102 was forwarded for further consideration at the September 1, 2020, Council meeting.

6. **Items to be Added to Future Agendas**

*None.*

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:48 p.m.

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**William D. Wooldredge, President of Council**

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**Jane Howington, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore**

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

*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 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.*