



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

7:30 PM

Video-Conference & Live-Stream

1. Call to Order

Mayor Shubert called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent: 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leedham, Innovation & Technology Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; and Mr. Tabak, Police Chief.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [20-0138](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

Brief Description: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for City Council's review and approval.

Attachments: [October 6, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)
[October 13, 2020 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

There being no changes, the above minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Public Comments

The following residents of the East Hudson Hills neighborhood spoke, providing details of an incident on October 10, 2020, that occurred at 6878 Windsor Road, a short-term rental property: Linda O'Grady, Diane Kindt, Dominic Iammarino, Kathy Johnson, Leticia Tharp, and Catherine Lewin. Matt and Patrick Fozio had also requested to speak regarding this topic, but they were unable to do so, due to a technical issue. These residents reported the following: this property has been the source of similar problems for a number of years, but the recent incident was especially troubling; more than 300 people attended a party at this property, located in an otherwise quiet neighborhood; alcohol and drug-use were witnessed; streets became impassable; vehicle accidents occurred; cars were towed; and people were partying, yelling, and at times fighting on into the night until 5:30 a.m. the following morning. All said that it was a frightening experience, noting that police officers were outnumbered and given absolutely no respect by the party-goers. They urged the City to prohibit short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.

In addition, Mrs. Slagle read a message from another area resident, JoAnn Westphal, regarding the same topic. She also urged the City to prohibit short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods to eliminate similar problems in the future (see email attached to record copy of these minutes).

Ms. Howington thanked the residents for their input. She said that staff has distributed a letter to area residents in response to the incident. She reported that City Council will conduct a special workshop regarding this topic on Thursday, November, 12, 2020, and that staff is researching an enforceable and legal solution. She noted that other short-term rental properties exist in Hudson, and that staff will notify residents of those respective neighborhoods, as well. Chief Tabak said the residents provided an accurate account of the incidents that occurred. He reported that the Detective Bureau has followed up on all calls to Dispatch, criminal charges have been filed, and the City Prosecutor is researching zoning violations. He said that two other police departments assisted. He said that the Hudson Police Department has been working with other jurisdictions on a solution, as this problem is not unique to Hudson. He suggested that the City consider prohibition of short-term rentals. Ms. Howington said that she appreciated the patience of residents while staff is researching a solution that will be enforceable. Mayor Shubert thanked the residents of East Hudson Hills for their comments.

6. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Sutton thanked residents for sharing their experiences and said that it is very helpful for Council to hear directly from them. He urged all Hudson residents who are concerned regarding short-term rental properties to attend the November 12th workshop.

Mr. Sutton also reported on Monday's special Park Board meeting regarding the Connectivity Plan and said that the Board will provide a recommendation to Council.

7. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington said the economic development project off of Boston Mills Road closed today, Fleet Response now owns the property, and clearing and construction will commence shortly. She thanked Chief Tabak for police response and his contributions in explaining the recent short-term rental event.

- A. [20-0139](#) **Financial Update**
Brief Description: Staff presentation of updated financial information to City Council, with a focus on the income tax revenue and other key revenue areas that

have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

Attachments: [Financial Update - Oct 2020](#)

Mr. Knoblauch provided a financial update, explaining the impacts of the COVID-19 epidemic and providing the attached report. Mr. Wooldredge congratulated staff on steering the City through these difficult times. Ms. Howington said that staff worked very hard to anticipate and defer expenses during the epidemic. She noted that a revised 2021 Draft Budget will be provided, and staff requests direction regarding Council's priorities involving connectivity, stormwater and roads; to be discussed at the next workshop.

This matter was presented.

8. Discussion Items

None.

9. Appointments

Mr. Wooldredge said that the City is accepting applications for the Cemetery Board, Community Television Advisory Committee, Board of Zoning & Building Appeals, Environmental Awareness Committee, and Planning Commission. He urged interested residents to apply by October 30th.

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Foster, to suspend the rule requiring three readings of legislation on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

- A. [20-0137](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the September 2020 Monthly Financial Report**
Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.
Attachments: [September 2020 Financial Report](#)

Motion No. 20-0137 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. Legislation

- A. [20-118](#) **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$740,000 OF TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONTAX REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE**

ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 4.0 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF OWEN BROWN STREET AND MORSE ROAD.

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the refinancing of existing financial obligations of the City. It allows for the rollover of note proceeds used to pay for the former Windstream property at 100 Owen Brown Street, purchased as part of the Downtown Phase II Project.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 20-118 \(As Introduced 10-6-2020\)](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 20-118, which constituted its second reading.

- B. [20-119](#) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$7,725,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5810 HUDSON DRIVE BY CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING (i) A NEW SALT STORAGE FACILITY AND (ii) A NEW BUS MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FACILITY AND CLEARING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING THE SITE.**

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the refinancing of existing financial obligations of the City. It allows for the sale of notes to finance the cost of the new bus garage and salt storage facility.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer's Certificate](#)
[Ordinance No. 20-119 \(As Introduced 10-6-2020\)](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 20-119, which constituted its second reading.

- C. [20-120](#) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,975,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING EQUIPMENT AS PART OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL BROADBAND SERVICES SYSTEM PROJECT.**

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the permanent financing of the installation of the broadband services system (Velocity Broadband).

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer's Certificate](#)
[Ordinance No. 20-120 \(As Introduced 10-6-2020\)](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 20-120, which constituted its second reading.

- D. [20-121](#) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,970,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S**

WATER SYSTEM AND THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT BY CONSTRUCTING A BRINE WELL.

Brief Description: This ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds to permanently finance the brine well at the water plant.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer's Certificate](#)
[Ordinance No. 20-121 \(As Introduced 10-6-2020\)](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 20-121, which constituted its second reading.

- E. [20-122](#) **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$990,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING, REMODELING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A BUILDING, AND ACQUIRING, CLEARING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING ITS SITE, FOR USE AS A NEW CITY HALL TO HOUSE MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND FUNCTIONS.**
Brief Description: This ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds to permanently finance the City Hall Project.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer's Certificate](#)
[Ordinance No. 20-122 \(As Introduced 10-6-2020\)](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 20-122, which constituted its second reading.

- F. [20-123](#) **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$675,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM BY CONSTRUCTING WATER MAINS.**
Brief Description: This ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds to permanently finance the Hudson Drive Waterline Improvement Project.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer's Certificate](#)
[Ordinance No. 20-123 \(As Introduced 10-6-2020\)](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 20-123, which constituted its second reading.

- G. [20-124](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20-101 TO REFLECT CERTAIN CHANGES REQUESTED BY THE SUMMIT COUNTY DEPUTY FISCAL OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: This legislation will amend Resolution No. 20-101, a Resolution of Necessity previously adopted by this Council on September 15, 2020, to reflect certain changes requested by the Summit County Deputy Fiscal Officer. The proposed amendments do not change the intent or purpose of the Resolution of Necessity for

the renewal of the existing Library Levy.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 20-101 \(as adopted 9-15-2020\)](#)
 [Resolution No. 20-124](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 20-124, which constituted its first reading.

- H.** [20-125](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH MOMENTUM TELECOM, INC. FOR WHOLESALE VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICES.**
Brief Description: Council authorization is required to amend the existing contract for wholesale VoIP (phone) services, with the cost of the services borne by subscribing Velocity Broadband customers. Staff has renegotiated more competitive pricing and modified terms to ensure the highest level of service can continue to be provided to Velocity Broadband customers.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 20-125](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 20-125, which constituted its first reading.

- I.** [20-126](#) **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION NOT TO IMPLEMENT THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION SYSTEM DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021.**
Brief Description: The City is not abandoning the Growth Management Allocation System, but because of no appreciable population change, the system would not be implemented for 2021.
Attachments: [GMA Annual Report to City Council 10.14.20 for year 2021](#)
 [Notice of Public Hearing on 11-4-2020](#)
 [Resolution No. 20-126](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 20-126, which constituted its first reading.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Shubert adjourned the Council meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

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 220.03(d), Rules.