



# City of Hudson, Ohio

## Meeting Minutes - Final 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*

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Tuesday, July 9, 2013

7:30 PM

Town Hall

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### 1. Call to Order

*Mr. Kelemen entered the meeting at 7:39 p.m.*

**In Mayor Currin's absence, President of Council Basil called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:32 p.m.**

**Present** 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

*Staff in Attendance: Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Munn, Public Works Superintendent; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council.*

### 2. Correspondence and Council Comments

*As Council Liaison to the Economic Growth Board, Mr. Wooldredge reported on the meeting of June 27, 2013, noting the following projects and anticipating that Council members will receive a formal update in the near future: metrics analysis; revenue and real estate build-out analyses for District 6 (modified per Council's request) and District 8; and the marketing program. He announced a marketing theme "business welcome, workforce ready." He said that the annual business awards breakfast will be held on December 5, 2013, at the Jo-Ann Stores Conference Center, a collaborative effort among the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Economic Development Corporation, and the Economic Growth Board.*

*Mr. Basil said that he attended the Downtown Phase II meeting on June 28, 2013, along with Council members Williams and Wooldredge. He said that the meeting was organized by the Hudson Economic Development Corporation among interested citizens. He anticipated that Phase II will ultimately proceed in a manner similar to Downtown Phase I. He asked that Community Development staff prepare for consideration a Request For Proposals (RFP) and discussed plans for Council appointment of a citizens' group. Mr. DeSaussure suggested and others agreed that this committee be appointed as soon as possible and be involved in RFP process. Mr. Richardson anticipated a draft RFP will be prepared by the end of July.*

*Mr. Hanink and Mr. Wooldredge asked for clarification regarding the \$5 million bond issuance for the road reconstruction program, authorized with passage of Ordinance No. 13-81 on June 5, 2013. Mr. Basil explained that legal counsel has advised that City Council should re-pass Ordinance No. 13-81 at the July 17, 2013, meeting.*

### 3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

#### A. [13-94](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR TWO SNOW PLOW TRUCKS (CABS AND CHASSIS) AND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SNOW REMOVAL AND SALTING EQUIPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

***Executive Summary:*** Per the approved 2013 fleet capital replacement budget the Public Works Department has obtained competitive pricing for the purchase of two (2) replacement snow plow truck cab and chassis . The replacement cab and chassis will be purchased from Valley Freightliner Trucks of Cleveland. Each replacement unit will need to be outfitted with snow plow and dump bed equipment. The associated equipment will be purchased and installed by Henderson Truck Equipment- Ohio.

***Attachments:*** [Fleet Replacements Price Chart- 2013](#)  
[Resolution No 13-94](#)

*Staff recommended City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Valley Freightliner Trucks of Cleveland, 4985 W. 150th St., Brookpark, Ohio, in the amount of \$162,471.00, for the purchase of two (2) 2014 Freightliner 108SD Cab & Chassis. Staff further recommended City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Henderson Truck Equipment-Ohio, 2177 State Route 19, Bucyrus, Ohio, in the amount of \$133,216.00, for the purchase and installation of snow removal equipment to be installed on both replacement cabs & chassis.*

*Mr. Hanink suggested that background information regarding replacement cycles for equipment be provided and would be helpful for Council to understand during upcoming Budget discussions. Mr. Schroyer agreed to have the information provided and said he believed snow plows are replaced on a 10 to 12-year cycle.*

**Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the July 17, 2013, Council meeting agenda.**

#### B. [13-95](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARRON ASPHALT PAVING, INC. FOR THE 2013 ASPHALT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

***Executive Summary:*** On June 5, 2013 council authorized the issuance of \$5 million in bonds to pay for the improvements of city streets by reconstructing, resurfacing, widening, improving, grading, draining, curbing, paving, constructing storm sewers and related drainage facilities and making other improvements as designated in the plans of city streets over the next 3 years.

Attachments:     [Street List](#)  
                          [Bid Tabulation](#)  
                          [Resolution No 13-95](#)

*Staff recommended that City Council approve this resolution authorizing the City Manager to award and enter into a contract with Carron Asphalt Paving, Inc., and requested an emergency clause to be added to this legislation in order to maintain the public health and welfare.*

*Mr. Hanink questioned Perrin Asphalt Company's withdrawal of their bid for this project. Mr. Sheridan explained that Perrin Asphalt's bid was \$150,000 lower than the next bid, and the vendor cited Ohio Revised Code provisions for withdrawing their bid.*

**Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the July 17, 2013, Council meeting agenda.**

C.           [13-96](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH OWNERS AT 1975 NORTON ROAD.**

**Executive Summary:** The resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into an access and utility easement agreement with property owners at 1975 Norton Road so that development proposed on the north half of that property can receive access and utilities over an existing reservation strip at the end of Georgetown Road.

Attachments:     [KGK Office Building Prelim Site Plan](#)  
                          [Hudson South Reservation Strip](#)  
                          [Resolution No 13-96](#)

*Staff recommended that Council approve this easement agreement.*

**Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the July 17, 2013, Council meeting agenda.**

D.           [13-97](#)

**A RESOLUTION AWARDED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOTMENTS TO PHASES II AND III OF THE HUDSON STATION DEVELOPMENT AT ATTERBURY BOULEVARD AS A PROJECT OF SPECIAL MERIT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Executive Summary:** The resolution would recognize the revised plan for Hudson Station as a project of special merit and award four residential growth management allotments to provide allotments for all of the units to be constructed.

Attachments:     [Planning Commission Recommendation 6/10/2013](#)  
                          [Hudson Station Town Homes](#)  
                          [Resolution No 13-97](#)

*Staff recommended that Council approve this resolution, finding Hudson Station a project of special merit and awarding four growth management allotments accordingly.*

*Dr. Williams questioned the designated right of way, set aside for a possible future connection under the railroad tracks to First & Main from Atterbury Boulevard. Mr. Richardson responded that there is no encroachment on that area in plans for Phases 2 or 3. He agreed to research and verify property records before Council acts on this resolution. Responding to Council inquiries, Mr. Richardson briefly described plans for Phase 2.*

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Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the July 17, 2013, Council meeting agenda.

E. [13-98](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AKRON FOR FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLATION AND ROAD RESURFACING OF PORTIONS OF MIDDLETON AND DARROW ROADS AS PART OF THE AKRON WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Executive Summary:** As part of the M.O.A. the City of Hudson agrees to fund a portion of this project including the installation of 5 new hydrants along Middleton Road and the resurfacing portion of the project on Middleton Road from SR 91 to Stow Road and along the east edge of Darrow Road from Middleton Road to the Twinsburg Township line.

**Attachments:** [Resolution No 13-98](#)

*Staff recommends that City Council approve the recommendation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (M.O.A.) with the City of Akron, Ohio for the cost to install fire hydrants and resurfacing of the Middleton Road and Darrow Road Water Main Rehabilitation Project. The City staff is also requesting that an emergency clause be added to the legislation in order to protect the public welfare and safety.*

*Responding to Council inquiries, Mr. Sheridan provided additional information regarding work being performed on the Akron waterline, as well as the hydrant installation and resurfacing work, including the expected timeframe and project details. He noted that the City of Hudson will oversee the project.*

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the July 17, 2013, Council meeting agenda.

4. **Legislation and Other Discussion Items**

A. [13-0108](#)

**A DISCUSSION CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO COMPLETE THE BRANDYWINE CREEK BALANCED GROWTH WATERSHED PLAN**

**Executive Summary:** Staff will present the status of the Brandywine Creek Balanced Growth Watershed Plan. The City committed to participation in the plan in 2007. Staff is seeking authorization to participate in the completion the plan and appointments to fill the City's seats on the planning committee.

**Attachments:** [2007 Agreement](#)  
[Information Sheet Final](#)

*Mr. Richardson provided background information regarding this collaborative effort among the Brandywine Creek Watershed Partners and encouraged Council's support for continued participation in the process of completing a proposed balanced growth plan for adoption by participating communities. Discussion included the benefits of the plan, financial incentives, and a timeline for its completion and adoption, as well as property and development rights and environmental/conservation issues. Mr. Hanink supported the plan, saying that it could be instructive for the City of Hudson in relation to the Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan. Council members also discussed the importance of watershed standards, water quality, and protection of infrastructure to provide for a competitive advantage in the region. Mr. Kelemen expressed concerns regarding the committee's influence in other future*

matters, as well as enforcement issues. Mr. Hanink said the committee's primary effort is to identify development and conservation areas and best practices. Mr. Basil asked that the City Solicitor clarify implications of the agreement.

Mr. Richardson asked that Council formally appoint two new committee members to represent Hudson as replacements due to transitions in staffing and board appointments since 2007. Discussion followed, and there was consensus among Council members to appoint Mr. Richardson, as the new Community Development Director, to replace Mr. King on the committee; to appoint a representative from the Environmental Awareness Committee; and to maintain other representative and alternate appointments.

The next committee meeting is scheduled on July 29, 2013, and will be hosted by the City of Hudson.

**This item was considered by Council.**

**B.**        [13-0109](#)

**A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF A SIDEWALK AND PROPOSED TRAILS PLAN AND LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN**

**Executive Summary:** Staff is prepared to discuss a draft sidewalk and trails plan and changes to City ordinances that will implement the plan. Staff is seeking Council's comment on the proposed plan.

**Attachments:**        [Sidewalks & Proposed Trails Map - Revised](#)

Staff asked that Council discuss this matter and provide direction.

Mr. Basil said that the draft Sidewalk and Proposed Trails Plan was developed in a coordinated effort among Community Development, Engineering, Parks, and Geographic Information Systems staff. He said that it provides an overview, and he recognized that some pavement level details are not available at this time. Mr. Schroyer said that staff's goal was to consolidate existing plans and provide a focused overall connectivity plan, including various components.

Mr. Richardson said that the idea for this plan was borne out of a proposal for a Pedestrian Linkages Fund. While the Planning Commission rejected the proposed fund, he said that members suggested that City Council look at a larger view of sidewalks generally and how they best serve our citizens. He reviewed the plan's components and spoke conceptually regarding how the plan could provide the basis for changes to the Land Development Code. He also noted that the Codified Ordinances should be reviewed concerning bicycle requirements.

Mr. Sheridan estimated the cost to complete sidewalks along State Routes 303 and 91 at \$3 million, and he proposed Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) funding be pursued for related intersection projects. He noted the proposed plan does not include bike lanes or shared roads. It was also noted that completion of these sidewalks was a priority for Safe Routes Hudson. Concerning the overall plan, Mr. Sheridan suggested that the City should communicate to residents regarding existing connections, as well as proposed connectivity plans.

Discussion followed regarding connectivity to schools and the downtown, plan implementation, possible funding sources including Issue 3 revenue, aesthetics of sidewalks vs. multi-purpose trails, involvement of the Park Board and Safe Routes Hudson in planning efforts, obtaining feed-back from neighborhood organizations, seeking efficiencies during the budgeting process, and analysis of the Land Development Code. Mr. Hanink provided an example of a connectivity map from Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Mr. Schroyer suggested creating connectivity zones, then establishing priorities. Mr. Basil agreed

*and directed staff to meet with Mr. Kelemen and continue work on the Connectivity Plan.*

**This item was considered by Council. A Connectivity Plan and financing will be discussed further at a future Council workshop meeting.**

**5. Other Items Added to Agenda**

*None.*

**6. Adjournment**

**There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:43 p.m.**

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**David A. Basil, President of Council**

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**Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council**