



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor
Christopher W. Foster, President of Council (Ward 2)
Christopher A. Banweg, Council Member (At-Large)
Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)
Karen E. Heater, Council Member (At-Large)
Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)
Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager
Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor
R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Special Meeting

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino 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: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; and Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [22-0107](#)

Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [December 6, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[December 13, 2022 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Mrs. Heater, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022, Council Meeting, and the December 13, 2022, Council Workshop.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kowalski, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, to amend the December 6, 2022, Council meeting minutes to add, "Ms. Kowalski stated, on the record, that all legislation she brought forward for Council to consider related to campaign finance was done so in accordance with the law, with the appropriate notice, and in accordance with the Hudson Charter and the Council rules. Ms. Kowalski further spoke in opposition to the proposed censure based on the documentation Mr. Foster provided." The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Ms. Schlademan

Nay: 4 - Mr. Foster, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Mrs. Bigham

The motion to approve the minutes as submitted passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Banweg

Nay: 2 - Mrs. Kowalski and Ms. Schlademan

5. Public Comments

Mr. William Wooldredge, 22 Laurel Lake Dr., former Councilmember and Economic Growth Board member, spoke in support of Mrs. Kowalski.

Mr. Ban, 1515 Stonington, spoke about Council's priorities, questioned why Resolution No. 22-172 had an emergency designation, and wondered if a resident would be censured if they brought an issue to the City Solicitor to be investigated.

Ms. Rosanne Thomas, 2573 Brunswick Ln., stated that the December 6, 2022, Council meeting agenda was in violation of Open Meeting Laws due to the lack of subject matter under "Discussion Items".

Mr. Brian Goetz, 16 College St., distributed materials regarding the City Charter, discussed the events that transpired at the December 20, 2022, meeting, and spoke in support of Mrs. Kowalski.

Ms. Mimi Becker, 47 Laurel Lake Dr., spoke in support of Mrs. Kowalski.

Ms. Pat Simons, 8 Oxford Rd., spoke about the campaign finance ordinance and in support of Mrs. Kowalski.

Mr. Jim Squyres, 157 Elm, stated that campaign finance is not a dead issue and urged council to work together.

Ms. Anita Creehan, 7 Morning Song Lane, spoke in support of Mrs. Kowalski.

Ms. Jamie McKinney, 9 Stratford Rd., stated she thought the issue of the censure was a Councilmember investigating a resident, not whether everyone agreed with campaign finance, and agreed with the action.

6. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mrs. Heater thanked City staff for the winter storm cleanup and getting electricity back on quickly. She extended sympathies to other cities impacted by storms.

Mrs. Kowalski spoke about the censure, how it has impacted her, and her intention to fight it.

Mr. Sutton provided residents with an update about the Ad Hoc Committees for Infrastructure and Broadband. He also stated that his December 20th absence was known in advance due to a family commitment and addressed some public comments.

Ms. Schlademan read letters from residents Amy Burke, Jane Howington, Danielle Coombs, Sid Nelson, and Don Reed into the record. She also suggested reopening the application process for boards and commissions, due to the number of vacancies.

Mr. Banweg thanked Hudson Fire, Police, and EMS; Hudson Power, and snow plows for keeping the roads clear. He also provided a timeline of events and reasons for the censure of Mrs. Kowalski.

Mayor Anzevino discussed the background of events that occurred on December 20.

Mr. Foster spoke about goals for the Environmental Awareness Committee, responded to a letter that Ms. Schlademan read into the record from Don Reed, and agreed that the board and commission application should be open until January 10 for Environmental Awareness Committee, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, and HCTV.

Further discussion followed about the privileged documents that were waived at the December 6 meeting and an email thread sent to Council.

7. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan stated that the City applied for federal funds for the Hines Hill grade separation and is currently waiting to see if the application was approved. He also stated that the bridge over Veterans Way was required by Norfolk Southern; an at-grade crossing was not permitted.

Mr. Comeriato explained that the emergency designation for Resolution No. 22-172 was to hold the price and order before December 31, 2022.

8. Discussion Items

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, to approve the cancellation of the January 3, 2023, Council meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Heater, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. Foster

Nay: 1 - Mrs. Kowalski

9. Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, to appoint Mr. Roberto Sorgi to a full-term on the Cemetery Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Heater

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Kowalski

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Ms. Schlademan

A. [22-0108](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the November 2022 Monthly Financial Report**

Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [November 2022 Financial Report](#)

Motion No. 22-0108 passed on the Consent Agenda.

B. [22-166](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-125, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2022.**

Brief Description: This Ordinance will amend the 2022 budget for additional and/or amended appropriations as listed in the attached Exhibit A.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - 4th quarter appropriations](#)
[Ordinance No. 22-166](#)

Ordinance No. 22-166 passed on the Consent Agenda.

C. [22-167](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. CATHERINE COOK TO SERVE AS THE CITY OF HUDSON'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2023; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 3709.07, City Council must approve the City Manager's appointment of a City of Hudson representative to serve on the Summit County Public Health (SCPH) Board of Health.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-167](#)

Resolution No. 22-167 passed on the Consent Agenda.

D. [22-168](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S COMMISSION FOR DEFENSE OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN THE STOW MUNICIPAL COURT; AND**

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: The City enters into an annual agreement with the Summit County Public Defender's Commission for the defense of indigent defendants. This Resolution authorizes such an agreement during the year 2023.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Summit Legal Defenders Hudson City Contract 2023](#)
[Resolution No. 22-168](#)

Resolution No. 22-168 passed on the Consent Agenda.

E. [22-169](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE 2023 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

Brief Description: The projects include new sidewalk installations along the following roadways in Hudson as described in the 2023 Capital Budget: Stow Road (Hudson Springs Park to SR 303); SR 303 (N. Hayden Parkway to Stow Road); SR 303 (Stow Road to Stone Road); Middleton Road (Valley View Road to SR 91), Owen Brown Street (Lennox to Morse) and Franklin Street (Aurora Road to School Property).

Attachments: [2023 Sidewalk Projects Map](#)
[Resolution No. 22-169](#)

Resolution No. 22-169 passed on the Consent Agenda.

F. [22-170](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT FOR A PADDLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT ON BEHALF OF HUDSON PARKS.**

Brief Description: The Ohio Department of Natural Resources awards the Paddling Enhancement Grant funding for the purpose of improving and developing recreational boating access for hand-powered watercraft at public facilities. The City could receive 100% of the cost of an ADA compliant boat launch at Hudson Springs Park. No match is required.

Attachments: [Sample Resolution](#)
[BoardSafe Quotation - Hudson Ohio 11-21-22](#)
[Resolution No. 22-170](#)

Resolution No. 22-170 passed on the Consent Agenda.

G. [22-171](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER FOR GOLF COURSE USE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Authorization for the City Manager to increase funding for the purchase of golf course chemicals and fertilizer.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-171](#)

Resolution No. 22-171 passed on the Consent Agenda.

- H. [22-172](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR AN AERIFIER FOR GOLF COURSE USE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Authorization for the City Manager to enter into contract with Century Equipment to replace an aerifier for Ellsworth Meadows Golf Club.

Attachments: [Sourcewell 031121-TTC - Price Information](#)
 [Aerifyer Quote 2022](#)
 [Pro Core](#)
 [Resolution No. 22-172](#)

Resolution No. 22-172 passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. **Legislation**

- A. [22-154](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 230.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES SETTING FORTH THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER.**

Brief Description: The ordinance will clarify the monthly finance reporting requirements as directed in the City code.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 22-154](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, that this Ordinance be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

- B. [22-164](#) **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF HUDSON MILITARY AND VETERANS' COMMISSION, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 297 TO PART TWO - ADMINISTRATION CODE, TITLE EIGHT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON.**

Brief Description: The ordinance would establish the Hudson Military and Veterans' Commission, due to the significant United States Armed Forces population of veterans, active-duty members, reservist members, and young military families.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 22-164](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 22-164, which constituted its second reading.

- C. [22-165](#) **AN ORDINANCE RE-DESIGNATING THE TITLE "FINANCE**

**DIRECTOR” IN ALL RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES.**

Brief Description: The legislation corrects discrepancies in the Codified Ordinances, where terms other than “Finance Director” are utilized.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 22-165](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 22-165, which constituted its second reading.

12. Adjournment

After a motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

Aparna Wheeler, 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.