



City of Hudson, Ohio

Council 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

Tuesday, April 23, 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 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Williams

Absent 1 - Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Bales, City Manager; Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Public Works Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mrs. McMaster, Associate Planner; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Kelemen asked that Council consider discussion of proposed upcoming topics regularly each month at a meeting or workshop.

Mr. Basil said that the next Ward 2 Open Forum is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on April 30, 2013, at the Barlow Community Center.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

A. [13-62](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-169 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2013.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance will amend the original budget for 2013 to include expenditures that were previously not included. A summary of the requested

amendments are attached.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - 1st Quarter Appropriations 2013](#)
 [Ordinance No. 13-62](#)

Staff recommended that Council pass this Ordinance, amending 2013 appropriations.

Dr. Williams requested a summary of the total costs incurred for the move of City offices to the Municipal Services Center. Mr. Hanink asked about usage of the digital message board, and Mr. Bales said that the equipment is portable and will be used throughout the City.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the May 1, 2013, meeting agenda.

C. [13-63](#)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 1060.01 AND 1060.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING CEMETERY AND COLUMBARIUM CHARGES AND SUPERSEDED BY SECTION 1060.04.

Executive Summary: Codified Ordinance sections 1060.01 and 1060.03 listing the cemetery rates for goods and services and pricing for columbarium niche space respectively, are no longer needed as they are superseded by section 1060.04 - annual increases.

Attachments: [Cemetery Ordinances](#)
 [Ordinance No. 13-63](#)

Staff recommended that City Council authorize the repeal of Codified Ordinance Sections 1060.01, Cemetery Charges, and 1060.03, Columbarium Niche Prices, as they are no longer needed and are superseded by Section 1060.04.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the May 1, 2013, meeting agenda.

D. [13-64](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A HUDSON PUBLIC POWER VEHICLE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

Executive Summary: Hudson Public Power has replaced an old aerial lift bucket truck, and would like to sell the old truck. The City of Streetsboro has expressed interest in purchasing this truck. Staff wishes City Council to consider Streetsboro's request to purchase a 1999 GMC C7500 truck with 2-man Altec aerial lift for \$14,000.00.

Attachments: [Used Bucket Truck Cost Value Survey](#)
 [Ordinance No. 13-64](#)

Staff recommended that City Council allow the City Manager to sell this truck to the City of Streetsboro, Ohio, for the sum of \$14,000, "as is" with no expressed or written warrantee.

Mr. Basil asked for details regarding the cost value survey provided, noting that some comparable 1999 vehicles have been valued at more. Mr. Bales explained that the vehicle was damaged in a fire that occurred at Hudson Public Power approximately two years ago. Mr. Comeriato explained that considering the condition of the truck, \$14,000 was a fair price. He said that staff also valued the opportunity of regionalism efforts by selling the truck to a neighboring municipality. Mr. Kelemen inquired where the proceeds would be deposited and why an auction was not required for the sale of this asset, and Mr. Bales said that funds from the sale would be deposited into the Electric Fund, and an auction is not required for a sale to another municipality.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the May 1, 2013, meeting agenda.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

A. [13-68](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A RESERVATION STRIP ON PINE GROVE DRIVE TO BECOME PART OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ACCEPTING A NEW RESERVATION STRIP FROM LDA LAND GROUP, LLC.

Executive Summary: The Resolution would release the existing reservation strip where Pine Grove presently ends which would allow Pine Grove Drive to be extended as proposed on the final plat of Pine Grove Estates Phase I.

Attachments: [20130405 Existing Reservation Strip](#)
[20130405 Aerial](#)
[20130405 Proposed Reservation Strip](#)
[Resolution No. 13-68](#)

Mr. Basil recused himself from discussion of this matter, and he left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Ordinance. Mr. Richardson confirmed that the Planning Commission had approved of this matter, noting also that Phase 2 has been introduced for Planning Commission's consideration.

Mr. Basil re-entered the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the May 1, 2013, meeting agenda.

B. [13-69](#)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION FOR THE 2013-2014 ANNUAL ALLOCATION PERIOD UNDER SECTION 1211.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Executive Summary: The ordinance would establish the Annual Growth Management Allocation at 100 for the 2013-2014 allocation period as recommended by the City Manager and Planning Commission.

Attachments: [4-8-2013 PC Decision for GM Annual Allocations 2013-2014](#)
[Ordinance No. 13-69](#)

Staff recommended that Council conduct its first reading and schedule a public hearing for the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Basil thanked Mr. Richardson and Mrs. McMaster for their work in preparing the annual report. Mr. Richardson explained that staff recommends maintaining a total of 100 allotments for the next growth management allocation period, August 2013 through July 2014, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Mr. Basil stated that the number of allocations is not driven by demand, but rather by the ability for the City's infrastructure to support additional growth. Mrs. McMaster said that the vast majority of allotments in 2012 were awarded to the Trails of Hudson, but the developer is still in need of allotments to complete Phase 2. Mr. Bales confirmed that the City's infrastructure will support the recommended allocations. Dr. Williams supported the recommendation. Mr. DeSaussure agreed, complimenting staff and saying that the report is a useful resource. Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Smith agreed, as did Mr. Hanink, who commented that the City needs to support these efforts with an updated stormwater plan, as well as updated water and sewer infrastructure information. Mr. Hanink said that Council will be interested in staff's build-out assessment. Mr. Bales noted that the City is currently close to a build-out level at current, at a level less than originally predicted, due to a substantial amount of land being

purchased for parks and protected use. Mayor Currin said that the annual report contains information that is very useful for Council's informed decisions. He spoke of the value of Hudson's growth management program. Mr. Basil also valued the program and supported the recommendation. He agreed that a review and update of infrastructure plans are needed. Mr. Basil thanked staff for the thorough report, an instructive analysis, which is available for public review online.

Council members and Mayor Currin supported the recommendation of Planning Commission and staff, and legislation will appear on the May 1, 2013, meeting agenda for a first reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

C. [TMP-0393](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO CHANGE AN EXISTING STREET NAME

Executive Summary: Several recent requests to rename streets have been made prompting Council to consider the criteria for naming streets and the procedure to do so. Staff has prepared a draft to accomplish this which it will refine following Council's input.

Attachments: [20130521 MR honorary street names](#)

Staff solicited Council comments regarding proposed policies and procedures to change an existing street name. Council members discussed criteria for such policies and considered parameters and potential expenses for existing businesses and residents. There was consensus that Council should have discretion concerning decisions impacting businesses. Mr. Richardson will prepare this item for further workshop discussion, and a proposed renaming of Franklin Street to be named after Ada Cooper Miller will be discussed concurrently.

This item will be discussed further at the May 21, 2013, Council Workshop.

D. [13-65](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAUMANN ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The proposed work consists of the removal and abatement of asbestos containing materials (ACM) from structures, demolition of 18 structures including the removal of foundations, removal, disposal of the demolition debris and below-ground utilities proximate to the structures, abatement of environmental hazardous materials and restoration of grading and stabilization of the areas disturbed by the building demolition activity at the former Youth Development Center.

Attachments: [Bid Tabulation - YDC Demo](#)
 [EDG Contractor Recommendation](#)
 [Resolution No. 13-65](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution and requested an emergency clause be included to maintain the public health, safety and welfare and to complete this work before the repaving of Hines Hill Road during the current construction season.

Mr. Sheridan explained that bids received were lower than the estimate. He said that staff and a consultant have recommended this contractor. Discussion followed. He noted four addendums on the project and explained that the bidder will recycle approximately two thirds of the building materials. He said that access to the site will be limited during the demolition, and the contractor will restore on-site roadways upon project completion.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the

May 1, 2013, meeting agenda.

- E. [TMP-0402](#) **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FINANCING OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (YDC) DEMOLITION.** There will also be consideration given to accelerating the reconstruction of various roads in the city.

Executive Summary: In accordance with the 2013 Five Year Plan, staff is recommending the City finance the demolition of the buildings at YDC over ten years. We have also analyzed the possibility of financing the reconstruction of various roads to shorten the time to complete the projects in 3 years.

Staff recommended that Council approve financing the demolition of the former Youth Development Center facilities and asked that they also consider financing an accelerated road reconstruction program. Council members considered financing options, timing, and applicable fees and interest rates.

There was consensus among Council members supporting the issuance of a short-term one-year note, to pay for YDC demolition costs, followed by refinancing with bond issuance in early 2014. Council members were also in favor of financing an accelerated road reconstruction program with a bond issuance that includes an early call provision, in the first quarter of 2014 to coincide with the YDC bond.

- F. [TMP-0349](#) **Discussion: Consideration of establishing an official City-wide date for Halloween trick or treat.**

Executive Summary: Traditionally, the City of Hudson has not established an official date for City-wide Halloween Trick or Treating. Last year, when Hurricane Sandy barreled onto the East Coast, Hudson, as well as cities across Northeast Ohio, braced for the storm to hit on Halloween. Due to safety concerns, many cities cancelled their scheduled Trick or Treating, and Hudson residents looked to the City Administration to cancel and reschedule the event as well. Since the City does not establish an official City-wide Trick or Treat date, and neighborhoods and homeowners' associations do not provide us with information about their scheduled dates/times, we could not "cancel or reschedule" an event that was not officially set, causing much confusion among citizens, as well as safety concerns.

Staff recommended that City Council consider establishing an official date for Halloween Trick or Treating. Ms. Roberts explained that establishing one date would facilitate the provision of patrols to help ensure children's safety and allow the City to cancel and move the event during emergency situations. Discussion followed. This matter will not require legislation.

There was consensus among Council members in support of the administration establishing the annual date and hours for Trick or Treating in the City. Mayor Currin expressed support, as well. Staff will communicate the established date to the community.

5. Other Items Added to Agenda

None.

6. Adjournment

There being no other discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the workshop meeting at 9:40 p.m.

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council