



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager
John Kolesar, City Solicitor
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council
Elizabeth Slagle, Acting Clerk of Council

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Council meeting to begin at 7:30 p.m. Council workshop to immediately follow.

Regular Council Meeting:

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Anzevino, President of Council Foster 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 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer and Ms. Schlademan

Absent: 2 - Mrs. Heater and Mr. Sutton

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Kolesar, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Acting Clerk of Council; Mr. Griffith, Management/Budget Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Powell, Assistant Public Works Director.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [23-0066](#)

Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

Brief Description: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for City

Council's review and approval.

Attachments: [July 18, 2023 Combined Meeting & Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, that the Minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer and Ms. Schlademan

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mrs. Kowalski thanked volunteers, Destination Hudson, and City staff who participated to make HUDSONmART a wonderful event. Other Council members agreed that the event was very well-received by the community and expressed appreciation for the artisans and vendors, as well.

Mrs. Kowalski also asked that Council consider the following items at a future workshop: establishing a Baby Box at EMS; and review of pedestrian safety at the Atterbury/303W intersection.

Mr. Banweg provided an update regarding the Economic Growth Board: planning for the annual business breakfast is underway; some of the downtown business vacancies are from positive stories, with some long-time business owners retiring or moving, not being driven out. With the possibility of Council consolidating economic development related boards, he posed that some seats on the EGB remain temporarily vacant, and he urged that Council appoint EGB members who possess a diverse representation of business interests. In addition, he expressed concerns received from residents regarding drivers not yielding to pedestrians at yellow flashing light crossings in the downtown, and he suggested that staff research what warrants a legitimate crosswalk and any possible negative effects of too many crossings, such as a false sense of security for pedestrians and diluting the downtown ambiance.

Mr. Foster said that the Hudson Officials for Mutual Endeavors (HOME) Committee will meet on August 2.

7. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan provided the following updates:

- *The Police Chief will take delivery tomorrow of five new police interceptor vehicles, which will greatly benefit the Police Department. He noted that funding was previously approved by Council, and the vehicles have been on back-order over the past five years, due to supply shortages.*
- *Upcoming events for the week: Touch a Truck, Pack the Pond, and the Hudson-Landsberg Biergarten.*
- *Traffic signal improvements to the Atterbury Blvd./303W intersection will be discussed at August 15th Council workshop.*

Mr. Kosco addressed Mr. Banweg's concerns regarding improving safety at crosswalks with flashing lights in school zones and the downtown area. He said that current crosswalk locations were based on recommendations and studies performed by traffic safety consultants. Mr. Banweg asked for a review of their effectiveness prior to moving forward with installation of any additional flashing light crossings, as he was curious if the benefit is lost with too many such crossings. Mr. Sheridan referred to the City's crosswalk policy. He suggested posting cautionary instructions for pedestrians, as well as obtaining reviews on this matter from local colleges. Discussion followed, including limiting the number of such crosswalks, visibility, and seasonal hours of darkness. Staff also addressed Council concerns regarding the pedestrian crossing at the Darrow Road/Colony Drive intersection and agreed to provide a general report to Council regarding crosswalks to address the concerns raised.

Mr. Kosco announced that the City has been awarded an Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Grant and will present recommendations for use of this funding in the near future.

8. Appointments

Mr. Foster reviewed current openings on the Economic Growth Board, Board of Tax Review, and Tree Commission. He said that Council is in the process of conducting additional interviews.

Mr. Foster appointed Mr. Ruffer to serve on the Carbon Study (Greenhouse Gas Inventory) Subcommittee, to replace Mr. Banweg. The full subcommittee consists of Mr. Ruffer, along with previously appointed Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Kowalski.

9. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, 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: 5 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Banweg

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Banweg and Mr. Foster

- A. [23-0067](#) **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 Curry Queen LLC, 118 W. Streetsboro Street, Suites 5 & 6, Hudson.**

Brief Description: The Clerk is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority dated July 14, 2023, 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 August 14, 2023.

Attachments: [Hyperlink - Permit Types \(see Retailer/Restaurant/Bar\)](#)
[Notice to Legislative Authority](#)

Motion No. 23-0067 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [23-89](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR THE RATING OF ASPHALT ROADS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.**

Brief Description: This contract would allow Pavement Management Group (PMG) to review the City's roads and provide a road rating that is utilized by staff when determining which roads will be resurfaced in upcoming Annual Resurfacing Programs.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-89](#)

Resolution No. 23-89 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [23-90](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 410.11, SCHEDULE XI OF THE TRAFFIC CODE TO AMEND THE LIST OF STREETS DESIGNATED AS PARKING TIME LIMITED IN DESIGNATED PLACES AND SECTION 410.10 SCHEDULE X OF THE TRAFFIC CODE TO AMEND THE LIST OF STREETS DESIGNATED AS PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES IN DESIGNATED PLACES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This Ordinance amends the Traffic Code to address a change in parking on both sides of the roadway on E. Barlow Road between Ogilby Drive and Terex Road and along the west side of the roadway on N. Hayden Parkway near two school entrances and the school board building.

Attachments: [N Hayden Pkwy Exhibit](#)
 [Barlow - Exhibit](#)
 [Ordinance No. 23-90](#)

Ordinance No. 23-90 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

10. Legislation

- A. [23-91](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1421, “EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL,” OF THE BUILDING 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 2018, the City adopted Codified Ordinance Chapter 1421, “Erosion and Sediment Control”, in order to comply with the EPA’s requirements. As the Ohio EPA has updated its NDPES requirements, the City must amend its Chapter 1421 to meet the latest EPA’s standards.

Attachments: [Exhibit A Chapter 1421 - Erosion and Sediment Control - Redlined 6-29-2023](#)
 [Ordinance No. 23-91](#)

Mr. Foster read the title of Ordinance No. 23-91, which constituted its first reading.

- B. [23-92](#) **AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE INSTALLATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF NO TURN ON RED SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF MIDDLETON ROAD AND STOW ROAD PER CHAPTER 414.03(C)4 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Per Chapter 414.03(c).4, this Ordinance would allow for the installation and enforcement of NO RIGHT TURN ON RED signs at the

intersection of Middleton Road and Stow Road.

Attachments: [7 Yr Crash Data Summary - Middleton-Stow Intersection](#)
[Middleton Stow Crash Map](#)
[Stow Middleton Crash Reports 2021-2023](#)
[Stow Middleton NTOR Memo 072723](#)
[Ordinance No. 23-92](#)

Mr. Ruffer said that he had received a number of comments and inquiries about the proposed signage. Mr. Foster stated that discussion of this Ordinance was scheduled during the workshop session immediately following this meeting.

Mr. Foster read the title of Ordinance No. 23-92, which constituted its first reading.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Foster adjourned the Council meeting at 8:02 p.m.

A ten-minute recess followed.

Regular Council Workshop:

12. Call to Order

President of Council Foster called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 8:12 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 5 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer and Ms. Schlademan

Absent: 2 - Mrs. Heater and Mr. Sutton

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Griffith, Management/Budget Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Powell, Assistant Public Works Director.

13. Correspondence and Council Comments

None.

14. Discussion Items

- A. [23-0068](#) Update on the E. Barlow Road, Terex Road and Hudson Industrial Parkway Intersections Study**
Brief Description: City Staff would like to discuss with City Council and the Mayor, the final draft report for the E. Barlow Road, Terex Road and Hudson

Industrial Parkway Intersection.

Attachments: [Terex at Barlow & Hud Ind Pkwy Exhibit](#)

[Summary of Findings Phase 2 3-1-23 Partial 7-21-23 Update](#)

Mr. Kosco provided an update regarding recommendations for improvements to the intersection of E. Barlow Road, Terex Road, and Hudson Industrial Parkway. He reported that Mr. Sutton had canvassed the neighborhood, taking an informal survey, with residents wanting a cul-de-sac on E. Barlow Rd., to do nothing, or to install a round-about. He said that a traffic signal was not deemed warranted at this time, and he recommended a realigned intersection with a round-about. While this will be expensive, he said that the City could apply for funding assistance through AMATS. Mr. Foster said that Council would benefit from additional resident input regarding the recommendation to install a round-about. Responding to Mr. Ruffer's question, Mr. Kosco noted that, after a speed limit reduction and pavement striping on Terex Road, there have been no recent accidents at this intersection,

This matter was discussed.

B. [23-0069](#) Discussion of a battery storage system proposal for the City's municipal electric system.

Brief Description: Council President Foster would like to discuss with City Council and the Mayor the consideration of a battery storage system proposal for the City's municipal electric system.

Attachments: [Battery Storage Explained](#)

Mr. Foster said that he was approached by a company that can lower peak usage transmission fees for municipal companies by installing battery systems. He asked that Council provide input in response to this proposal, which could save money for Hudson Public Power users by reducing the electric transmission fees and would also lower HPP's carbon footprint. Discussion followed regarding a managed battery system, with a possible solar array, in a joint project with the Schools at the East Side Substation. Mrs. Kowalski said that she would support exploring such a model through a Request for Proposals, as is standard practice. Mr. Sheridan recommended that a feasibility study and verification of costs be performed prior to releasing an RFP. There was consensus among Council members to proceed.

This matter was discussed.

15. Proposed Consent Agenda Items for August 15, 2023, Council Meeting

A. Receipt of July 2023 Financial Report

This report will be available at the August 15, 2023, Council meeting.

This item was forwarded for consideration at the August 15, 2023, Council meeting.

B. [23-93](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE STOW ROAD AND HINES HILL ROAD QUIET ZONE PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: As part of the upcoming "Stow Road and Hines Hill Road Quiet Zone Project" the Norfolk Southern Railway Company requires a Maintenance Agreement be executed prior to any construction for each roadway.

Attachments: [Hudson - Hines Hill Quiet Zone Project Draft Agreement 6.2.23](#)
[Hudson - Stow Road Quiet Zone Project Draft Agreement 6.2.23](#)
[Resolution No. 23-93](#)

Mr. Kosco announced that Norfolk Southern and the City have finalized a Maintenance Agreement, which allows for a Right of Entry Agreement, necessary for the contractor to perform the work. He said that the contractor is ready to move forward with the project.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the August 15, 2023, Council meeting.

- C. [23-94](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-19 TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST TO BID AND AWARD THE STATE ROUTE 303 WATER TRANSMISSION LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The City's initial project cost was \$2,600,000, however due to increased construction costs, staff is requesting an additional \$450,503.50, for a total cost of \$3,050,503.50. The project will involve the replacement of the existing water transmission main and water service connections within the right-of-way along SR 303 from the City of Hudson Water Plant to Boston Mills Road.

Attachments: [Exhibit 8-1-23](#)
[Resolution No. 23-94](#)

Mr. Kosco provided an update regarding cost differences involved with this project.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the August 15, 2023, Council meeting.

- D. [23-95](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-76 ESTABLISHING SECTION 1040.081 IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO REQUIRE NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO UTILIZE CITY WATER SERVICES, AND PROVIDING CITY COUNCIL FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL.**

Brief Description: This Ordinance would amend the water buffer map.

Attachments: [Water Buffer Update - Exhibit A](#)
[Ordinance No. 23-95](#)

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the August 15, 2023, Council meeting.

- E. [23-96](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-50 REGARDING AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH EVERSTREAM SOLUTIONS, LLC TO INCREASE BANDWIDTH CAPABILITY**

Brief Description: Amending Resolution 23-50, enacted on April 18, 2023 to correct an error in the effective date. The enacted version of Resolution 23-050 inadvertently contained an effective date of January 1, 2024, contrary to the original intent to have the amendment to the contract go into effect

immediately.

Attachments: [Velocity coterm upgrade to 10G \(002\)](#)
[Resolution No. 23-96](#)

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Mr. Ruffer suggested that Council consider the No Turn On Red at the Stow/Middleton Roads intersection only during school hours. Mr. Banweg and Ms. Schlademan supported staff's recommendation to gather new data after school is in session to help in determining the necessity of this signage. Mr. Foster said that this Ordinance is scheduled for three readings, but Council action may be postponed pending receipt of the new data. There was consensus among Council members to proceed as such.

Ordinance No. 23-92 was forwarded for further consideration at the August 15, 2023, Council meeting.

17. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

Per Mrs. Kowalski's request during Council's regular meeting earlier in the evening, discussion of a Baby Box for EMS will be added to a future Council workshop agenda.

18. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Foster adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

Elizabeth Slagle, Acting Clerk of Council

Christopher W. Foster, President of Council

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Meeting Minutes and Workshop Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Slagle, Acting 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) and Section 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.