



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
Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

7:00 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive Session to start at 7:00 p.m.; Regular meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:00 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 Mr. Sutton

Absent: 2 - Mrs. Heater and Ms. Schlademan

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mayor Anzevino and Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Mr. Foster, to enter into executive session to interview an applicant for the Military and Veterans' Commission. Mayor Anzevino recessed the meeting at 7:01 p.m. after the motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Ms. Schlademan entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Anzevino reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Heater

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Ms. Vadas, Acting City Solicitor; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; and Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant.

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [23-0028](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [March 7, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

[March 14, 2023 Council Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)

There being no changes, a motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Mr. Foster

6. Public Comments

Ms. Kathy Gerrard, 2370 Danbury Ln., spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters, and provided information about the League's April 12th Roundtable entitled "Climate Threats to Hudson: Learning from the Experience of Others". The event will take place in the Hudson High School Media Center, 7:00-8:30pm.

Ms. Cathy Soles, Akron, Ohio, spoke on behalf of Save Summit Strays. She spoke about how the Summit County Animal Control has limited hours for volunteer training and viewing of the dogs. She also stated that volunteers have not been able to get back into the facility since before the pandemic and it is understaffed. Save Summit Strays is circulating a petition to put the issue on the ballot. Ms. Soles can be reached at Cathy Soles on Facebook.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Sutton provided a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee update. They met last week to review survey questions and will have another workshop on March 22, 2023.

Mrs. Kowalski stated that following the EAC presentation last week, she also asked the HCTV Advisory Committee to provide goals to Council. Mrs. Kowalski also met with Congresswoman Emilia Sykes regarding the Norfolk Southern railroad situation and an update on the city's application submission.

Mr. Banweg provided an Economic Growth Board update. He also congratulated the Hudson lacrosse team win and thanked all the applicants for the Military and Veterans' Commission.

Mr. Foster also met with Congresswoman Sykes and State Representative Weinstein to review the Norfolk Southern issue. He also mentioned the water line project that the City applied for and thanked applicants who

interviewed for the Military and Veterans' Commission.

Mayor Anzevino thanked Girl Scout Daisy Troop #91154 and thanked sixth grade students and parents. He also mentioned the Birdsong Art Project occurring downtown in the spring and referred residents to the City website.

8. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan thanked the Council members who reached out to Norfolk Southern to get back to staff and noted that the City submitted an application for the Nicholson Road water line.

He also provided a Park Board update, which included discussion of the inclusive park, which will be presented at the April 11 workshop.

Mr. Sheridan stated that Council is on recess for two weeks but City Hall offices are open.

9. Discussion Items

A. [23-0027](#) Feasibility Study Request for a Second Redundant Electric Feed to the Allstate Insurance Company Facility.

Brief Description: At the March 14, 2023, City Council Workshop, staff presented a request from the Allstate Insurance Company to have the City perform a feasibility study to establish the feasibility of HPP providing a secondary electric feed to the Allstate Facility. This study will review the best option to supply a redundant feed, reviewing costs, and the option that would also provide the most benefit to our system and other customers within this area of Hudson.

Attachments: [HPP-Allstate Distribution Feasibility Study_rev1](#)
[Allstate Letter - Feasibility Study Cost 3/16/23](#)
[Allstate Data 2023](#)

Mr. Sheridan reached out to Allstate and the company said they would pay for the feasibility study. Mr. Sutton clarified that our commitment is just the feasibility study and nothing else at this point.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to appoint Nathan Cook to a one-year term; Bill Lockwood and John Liesen to two-year terms; and John Niemczura and Ben Baran to three-year terms. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Mr. Foster

Mr. Foster also named Mr. Banweg as the Council liaison to the Military and Veterans' Commission.

11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Kowalski

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 6 - Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Ruffer

A. [23-0029](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the February 2023 Monthly Financial Report**

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

Attachments: [February 2023 Financial Report](#)

Motion No. 23-0029 was approved on the consent agenda.

B. [23-38](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT.**

Brief Description: This project consists of the replacement of guardrail in various locations throughout the City in 2023.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-38](#)

Resolution No. 23-38 was approved on the consent agenda.

C. [23-39](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDUCTED UPDATE TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS TRAVEL PLAN AND IF SELECTED, ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is accepting applications for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan update assistance. If selected, ODOT would conduct the study via an ODOT Task Order Consultant on behalf of the city, to update the City's current Safe Routes to School Travel Plan from 2011. There would be no cost to the City for this updated study.

Attachments: [STP+Ordinance+-+ODOT+Consultant \(4\)](#)
[Resolution No. 23-39](#)

Resolution No. 23-39 was approved on the consent agenda.

- D. [23-40](#) **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE FOR A PURCHASE MADE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: Council authorization is required for payment of the invoice shown on this Resolution in excess of \$3,000, for which a commitment was made before a Purchase Order was generated.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-40](#)
- Resolution No. 23-40 was approved on the consent agenda.
- E. [23-41](#) **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE VEHICLES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: Per the 2023 City Budget Public Works requests authorization to replace three existing fleet vehicles. With no Government fleet purchasing programs being offered this year, based on our research, staff would like to purchase the vehicles from a local dealer inventory when and if the vehicles are located and available. These vehicles will be purchased outright at or less than the budget amounts in the five-year capital budget. This resolution will sunset six (6) months from the date of passage by City Council. The information that we are receiving is that the State of Ohio should have the State Bid process in place next year when vehicle inventories are back to their pre-pandemic volumes.
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 23-41](#)
- Ordinance No. 23-41 was approved on the consent agenda.
- F. [23-42](#) **A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE STATE OF OHIO TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO INCREASE RAIL SAFETY AND OVERSIGHT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: In a call to action, the Ohio Municipal League is garnering support for rail safety at the federal and state level by passing this resolution to urge Congress to address rail safety.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-42](#)

Resolution No. 23-42 was approved on the consent agenda.

12. Legislation

- A. [23-29](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR DARLYNE ROLLER, 696 TEREX ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO.**
Brief Description: Mrs. Roller has submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for

approximately 9 acres of property located at 696 Terex Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [Roller renewal application 2-2-23](#)
 [696 Terex Rd site location map](#)
 [696 Terex Road CD Inspection 2.13.23](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice Roller 696 Terex Rd](#)
 [Resolution No. 23-29](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Mr. Foster, that Resolution No. 23-29 be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer and Ms. Schlademan

B. [23-34](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR CLYDE RARDIN, 2790 RAVENNA ST, HUDSON, OHIO.

Brief Description: Mr. Clyde Rardin has submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for approximately 17.91 acres of property located at 2790 Ravenna Street in Hudson.

Attachments: [2790 Ravenna St Application](#)
 [2790 Ravenna St CD Inspection 2.15.23](#)
 [2790 Ravenna Street Locaton Map](#)
 [Resolution No. 23-34](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Mr. Sutton explained to residents that Council was suspending the rules requiring three readings due to the timeline required for passage of this piece of legislation.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that this Resolution be adopted with rule suspension. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Banweg

C. [23-35](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR KENNETH AND JOYCE KURLA, 1975 & 1983 NORTON RD AND 1936-1940 GEORGETOWN, HUDSON, OHIO.

Brief Description: Kenneth and Joyce Kurla have submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for approximately 36.51 acres of property located at 1975 and 1983 Norton Road and 1936-1940 Georgetown Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [Application](#)
[1975 Norton Road CD Inspection 2.22.23](#)
[Site location Map](#)
[Public Hearing Notice - Kuryla](#)
[Resolution No. 23-35](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 23-35, which constituted its second reading.

- D. [23-36](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR VINCENT ROMAN, 7005 WALTERS ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO.**
Brief Description: Mr. Vincent Roman has submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for approximately 10.03 acres of property located at 7005 Walters Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [7005 Walters Rd Application](#)
[7005 Walters Road CD Inspection 2.22.23](#)
[7005 Walters Site Location Map](#)
[Public Hearing Notice - Roman](#)
[Resolution No. 23-36](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 23-36, which constituted its second reading.

- E. [23-37](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-112 TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST TO COMPLETE THE SR 91 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PID NO. 106136) WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HUDSON TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FUNDS THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The City's initial project cost was \$175,000, however due to increased construction administration and Norfolk Southern Railroad fees, ODOT is requesting an additional \$29,840.00, for a total cost of \$204,840.00. The project will include the removal and replacement of the existing bridge under SR 91 just south of Ravenna Street which is being funded by ODOT. As part of the project, the City has requested widening of the sidewalk along the west side of SR 91 to better accommodate a future multi-purpose path along this section of roadway.

Attachments: [SR 91 Sidewalk Exhibit](#)
[City Cost Increase Summary](#)
[Resolution No. 22-112; passed 9/20/2022](#)
[Resolution No. 23-37](#)
[Resolution No. 23-37 \(as Revised 3-14-2023\)](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Mr. Foster

Mr. Foster provided background on the project and that ODOT is requiring approval by the end of the month.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that this Resolution be amended and substituted for the revision dated March 14, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Mr. Foster

Mr. Sutton stated that while he applauded staff for finding these opportunities and ODOT for working to decrease the cost, his constituents would rather have funds allocated elsewhere, like connectivity, and will not support it.

Mr. Banweg respected Mr. Sutton's opinion, but believes this is a target of opportunity and good long-term planning.

Mrs. Kowalski reiterated that feedback from the residents was originally negative, but when she explained more about the project and talked them through the cost, they then felt it was a good plan for connectivity and ultimately supported it.

Mr. Foster respected and agreed with Mr. Sutton's perspective, but felt this opportunity would not appear again, so he would support it.

Ms. Schlademan added that a big and necessary portion of the project is replacing the bridge and widening the sidewalk is a small portion, so she would support it.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that this Resolution be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Mr. Sutton

F. [23-43](#)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF HUDSON'S VOLUNTEER FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)

Brief Description: The Resolution amends the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) by increasing the amount of contributions for the volunteer EMS personnel. This request is being requested at this time in order to make the EMS personnel equal with the volunteer Fire Firefighters, and the change requires a formal adoption of the amendment by City Council.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-43](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 23-43, which constituted its first reading.

G. [23-44](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TRC

**ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION FOR THE DEMOLITION AND
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL MITIGATION OF 94 OWEN BROWN
STREET.**

Brief Description: This project authorizes a professional services contract with TRC Environmental, Inc. to perform technical support to the City including review of existing information, preparation of demolition specifications and drawings for bidding as well as bidding and bid evaluation assistance.

Attachments: [94 Owen Brown Phase I ESA_DRAFT_FINAL](#)
[City of Hudson Owen brown demo 02222023](#)
[Standard Consultant Agreement - Final 8.10.22](#)
[Resolution No. 23-44](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 23-44, which constituted its first reading.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the meeting at 8:13 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.