



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

William A. Currin, Mayor

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., City Council President (At-Large)

David A. Basil, City Council Member (Ward 2)

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)

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:37 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

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

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Public Works Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Robbins, Police Chief; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [14-0096](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments:

[December 3, 2014 Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT](#)

[December 6, 2014 Special Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT](#)

[December 9, 2014 Council Workshop - Minutes DRAFT](#)

There being no changes, the above minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Honorary Resolutions

- A. [14-167](#) **A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMBERS AND COACHES OF THE 2014 HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL EXPLORER FOOTBALL TEAM IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR UNDEFEATED 10-0 REGULAR SEASON RECORD, THEIR WINNING THE NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE VALLEY DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP, THEIR ACHIEVING THE OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S DIVISION ONE FOOTBALL REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP VIA VICTORY COMPUTER POINTS EARNED, THEIR BEING NAMED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATED PRESS AS THE REGULAR SEASON STATE OF OHIO DIVISION ONE FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IN HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY REACHING THE FINAL FOUR IN THE OHIO STATE DIVISION ONE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS, AND ENDING THEIR FABULOUS SEASON AT 13-1.**

Executive Summary: This Resolution honors the achievements of the 2014 Hudson High School Explorer Football Team and their coaching staff; and it further recognizes all of Hudson's students who participate on athletic teams and with academic clubs/groups.

Attachments: [Hudson High School 2014 Fall Sports Recap](#)
[Res. No. 14-167](#)

Council members Basil, DeSaussure, and Williams congratulated the Hudson High School Explorer football team and coaches for their notable achievements; spoke of the character of our student athletes, and thanked citizens for their support. Mayor also commented regarding the community's support, cooperation and partnership, and the importance of education in Hudson.

Mr. Phillip Herman, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Ron Wright, High School Teacher and Football Coach, accepted the Resolution and thanked Council Members and Mayor Currin. Mr. Wright thanked fellow coaches, the community, and student athletes, and he said that he is very proud to lead our young people in academics and athletics. Mr. Herman said that this Resolution is a symbol of the City's support for the Schools. He reported the winning records of the cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, tennis and volleyball teams, and noted their academic achievements, as well. He thanked teachers, parents, and the community for their ongoing support.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

None.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

9. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that Council enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter concerning the appointment of public officials to serve on the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Mayor Currin recessed the meeting at 7:56 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, and Mr. Basil

Mayor Currin reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

10. Appointments

A. Boards, Commissions, and Committees

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that Mr. David Lehman and Mr. John Dohner be re-appointed to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals to serve additional terms (1/2/2015 - 1/1/2019); that Mr. Roberto Sorgi be appointed to serve a full term on the Cemetery Board (1/1/2015 - 12/31/2018); that Mr. Jack Brookhart be appointed to fulfill an unexpired term on the Environmental Awareness Committee (for a term ending 12/31/2016); and that Mr. John Funyak be appointed to serve a full term on the Cable Television Advisory Committee (1/25/2015 - 1/24/2018). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, and Mr. DeSaussure

Mr. DeSaussure announced that the deadline for Planning Commission applications has been extended to January 23, 2015.

11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

Mr. DeSaussure explained to visiting students that rules require three readings of legislation, but a procedure to suspend the rules in order to allow for passage upon first reading is permitted by local laws.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Dr. Williams, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, and Mr. Hanink

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, and Mr. Kelemen

- A. [14-0095](#) **A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE NOVEMBER 2014 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.**
Executive Summary: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.
Attachments: [November 2014 Financial Report](#)

This motion was approved on the consent agenda.
- B. [14-155](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, DURING THE YEAR 2015, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS OR TO UTILIZE THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL COMPETITIVE PURCHASING PROGRAMS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, SERVICES, EQUIPMENT, AND VEHICLES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER TO BE DETERMINED BY COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: This annual Resolution allows the Public Works Department to advertise for bids, obtain competitive pricing, and recommend contract awards for those items, contracts and projects that will exceed \$25,000 based on the 2015 approved budget.
Attachments: [Exhibit A - 2015 PW Contracts](#)
[Resolution No. 14-155](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.
- C. [14-156](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY'S PUBLIC UTILITY OPERATIONS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS.**
Executive Summary: This resolution requests permission allowing the Public Works Department to make purchases of supplies, parts and materials in the operational area of the municipal utilities that will exceed \$25,000 based on the 2015 approved budget.
Attachments: [2015 Utilities Materials Purchase - Exhibit A](#)
[Resolution No. 14-156](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.
- D. [14-157](#) **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL TO CONTINUE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS AND JOB CREATION GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF SUMMIT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The duly appointed Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) met on November 17, 2014, reviewed each Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and Job Creation Grant Agreement, reviewed each business' compliance with each agreement, and made certain recommendations to City Council whether to continue, modify or terminate said agreements.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 14-157](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.

E. [14-158](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL REGARDING A MODIFICATION OF THE JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUDSON AND BEAUTY SYSTEMS, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The duly appointed TIRC met on November 17, 2014, reviewed the Job Creation Grant Agreement with Beauty Systems, LLC, reviewed Beauty Systems compliance with the agreement, and made a recommendation to this Council to modify said agreement due to Beauty Systems inability to meet certain obligations in the agreement.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 14-158](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.

F. [14-159](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVANCES OF LOCAL TAXES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34, requires all local authorities entitled to advancement of funds must submit a resolution authorizing advances of local taxes each year. This resolution entitles the City to receive tax advances from Summit County for 2015.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 14-159](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.

G. [14-160](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-164 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2014.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance will amend the original budget for 2014 to include expenditures that were previously not included. A summary of the requested amendments are attached.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - 4th Qtr Appropriations](#)
[Exhibit A - 4th Qtr Appropriations - AMENDED](#)
[Ordinance No. 14-160](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the consent agenda.

- H.** [14-161](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S PAY RANGE STRUCTURE ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 13-156, PASSED DECEMBER 18, 2013; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: This Ordinance authorizes an annual salary adjustment for the City's non-bargaining unit employees. The pay steps provided in the Pay Range Structure chart attached to the Ordinance have each been adjusted by a factor of 1.02 over the 2014 Pay Range Structure figures.
Attachments: [2015 Pay Range Assignments and Structure](#)
 [Resolution No. 14-161](#)

This Ordinance was approved on the consent agenda.
- I.** [14-162](#) **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF HUDSON IN 2015 TO SELL BY INTERNET AUCTION PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER PROPERTY REFERENCED IN REVISED CODE §721.15 WHICH ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR ARE OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH THEY WERE ACQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: Staff is requesting permission to use govdeals.com to dispose of unneeded, obsolete or unfit equipment. This is a required annual renewal of agreement for Govdeals online auction services.
Attachments: [Govdeals Agreement 2015](#)
 [Resolution No. 14-162](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.
- J.** [14-163](#) **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: Council authorization is required for payment of the invoice(s) shown on this Resolution in excess of \$3,000 for which a commitment was made before a Purchase Order was generated.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 14-163](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.
- K.** [14-164](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, LOCAL 588, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO SAID AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: This legislation seeks approval of the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement that was negotiated by the City Manager with the Utility Workers Union of America Local 588 and authorization for the City Manager to enter into said agreement.
Attachments: [Resolution No.14-164](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- L. [14-165](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE LEASES WITH THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED USERS OF THE CITY'S TOWN HALL: THE HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION, THE HUDSON FIRE MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, AND DESTINATION HUDSON VISITOR AND EDUCATION CENTER.**
- Executive Summary:** Staff is recommending acceptance of a proposal for the Use of Town Hall submitted jointly by the Hudson Fire Department Association, the Hudson Fire Museum and Historical Education Society and Destination Hudson Visitor & Education Center. Under this proposal, the use of the first floor will include a fire museum, the Destination Hudson offices and a multi-use room. Future plans may include the development of public restrooms, but this element is not proposed as part of the initial plan.
- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 14-165](#)
- Mr. DeSaussure invited Mr. Ted Olson, President of Destination Hudson Board, to comment. He said that the Board is excited to move the Destination Hudson Visitors Center to the first floor of Town Hall and expand into an education center. He said that Destination Hudson's mission is to make Hudson a local and regional destination, and that relocating the visitor's center, along with the Hudson Fire Association Museum and Education Center, to this highly visible location on the Green is a great use of this important building. Councilman Wooldredge supported this endeavor and wished the organizations well with fund raising efforts. He questioned the City's costs for the relocation, and Ms. Howington explained that renovations in the front area of Town Hall will not be implemented immediately. She said that work will be completed in phases in partnership with the organizations with possible grant funding, there are no increased costs at this time, and that costs will be reduced upon occupation, with the organizations sharing in the cost of utilities. Mr. DeSaussure commented that when City offices left Town Hall, Council sought a meaningful use of the first floor of this facility, and he felt that the selection of a community information and activity center is a perfect fit.*
- A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that this Resolution be adopted by suspending the rules, as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, and Mr. Smith

12. Legislation

- A. [14-138](#) **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING IN CONCEPT THE CITY OF HUDSON FIVE YEAR PLAN 2015-2019**
- Executive Summary:** This resolution adopts the City's Five Year Plan for 2015-2019.
- Attachments:** [Five Year Plan 2015 - 2019](#)
[Resolution No 14-138](#)
- Mr. Wooldredge commented that the Five-Year Plan and the 2015 Budget were very well done, and changes made this year have made this an easier process. He commented that some major projects are not included and could impact future Budgets significantly. In*

addition, he said that \$150,000 per year of unknown expense reductions have been included in the Five-Year Plan.

Mayor Currin read the title of this Resolution, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Williams

B. [14-139](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance establishes the City's budget for 2015.

Attachments:

[Ordinance No 14-139](#)

[Ordinance No. 14-139 \(As amended 12-17-14\)](#)

Mr. DeSaussure clarified that with passage of this Ordinance, Council will approve the 2015 Budget for the City.

Mayor Currin read the title of this Ordinance, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

C. [14-140](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMPACT GROUP FOR CONTINUING THE MARKETING INITIATIVE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This project involves the award of a contract for marketing services to continue the implementation of the Economic Development Marketing Plan as approved by Council.

Attachments:

[City of Hudson Proposal](#)

[Resolution No 14-140](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of this Resolution, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Basil, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, and Mr. Basil

D. [14-141](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE 2014-2015 "SUMMIT COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR JOB CREATION AND RETENTION AND TAX REVENUE SHARING."

Executive Summary: Approval of this resolution would allow for Hudson's participation in the Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Sharing Agreement for the

period from October 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Attachments: [2014-2015 Version - Jobs Preservation MOU - Tracked Changes](#)
[Resolution No 14-141](#)

Dr. Williams said that the agreement is an exchange of revenue between cities, and disagreed with it philosophically. Mr. Basil said that the agreement will level the playing field on tax incentives/abatements, provides stability to the economy, and builds trust among signatory communities. Mr. Kelemen said that terms with Akron Water are what drove the proposed changes, and the situation with Akron underscores that we have a long way to go. Mr. Wooldredge said the agreement tries to compensate for a problem that originates with the State legislature. Mr. Hanink said that he would prefer an agreement among communities against poaching. Mr. DeSaussure said that this agreement has increased the amount of dialogue among signatory communities, and it fosters communication and cooperation.

Mayor Currin read the title of this Resolution, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Smith, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, and Mr. DeSaussure

Nay: 3 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, and Dr. Williams

E. [14-153](#)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INTERCONNECTION POLICY FOR THE CONNECTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS TO THE CITY OF HUDSON'S POWER GRID THROUGH AUTHORIZATION OF A MODEL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AND FEES THEREFOR.

Executive Summary: The Hudson Public Power staff has been working in cooperation with electrical design Engineers and the City's legal department to establish a formal interconnection policy and agreement to allow residents and/or businesses to interconnect privately owned solar power generation systems to the Hudson Public Power grid thereby allowing the customer to return unused solar generated electricity back to the power grid and realizing an account credit for the metered return amount (kWh). Public Works staff wishes for City Council to adopt the proposed policy for implementation.

Attachments: [Interconnection Application](#)
[HPP Interconnection Policy Fees](#)
[HPP Solar Pannel Interconnection Agreement](#)
[Net Metering Rate Schedule for Solar Power Interconnection](#)
[Ordinance No. 14-153](#)
[Ordinance No. 14-153 \(As amended 12-17-14\)](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of this Ordinance, which constituted its second reading.

F. [14-166](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND DEED FOR THE SALE OF FORFEITED PROPERTY AT 7870 RAVENNA ROAD; THE SHARING OF SALE PROCEEDS WITH THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT AND THE CITY OF TWINSBURG; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This Resolution would authorize the sale of the former Hilltop

Motel property, Parcel No. 30-04681, the deed for which has been transferred to the City of Hudson and the sale of which has been directed by court orders.

Attachments: [Court Order for Transfer & Sale of Forfeited Property at 7870 Ravenna Road](#)
 [Map of 7870 Ravenna Road](#)
 [Resolution No. 14-166](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of this Resolution, which constituted its first reading.

Staff provided details regarding property conditions and court proceedings. Council members reviewed this matter and requested that staff obtain a property appraisal.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge to adopt this Resolution by suspending the rules. Discussion followed regarding a subsidiary motion to table the Resolution, after which Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Wooldredge agreed to withdraw the initial motion.

13. Executive Session

Mayor Currin wished everyone happy holidays.

He reminded everyone that Hudson City Council meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning in 2015, and that Council will be in recess until the meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that Council enter into executive session to discuss property acquisition. Mayor Currin recessed the meeting at 9:09 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, and Mr. Hanink

14. Adjournment

Mayor Currin reconvened the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 10:00 p.m.

William A. Currin, Mayor

Elizabeth Slagle, 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.