



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council (At-Large)

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., Council Member (At-Large)

Christopher W. Foster, Council Member (Ward 2)

Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)

Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)

Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Jane Howington, City Manager

Matthew J. Vazzana, City Solicitor

R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Shubert, President of Council Wooldredge 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.

Mr. Wooldredge expressed condolences to Mayor Shubert and his family for the loss of his wife, Sherri Moyer. Later in the meeting, during Council Comments, Council members joined in expressing their sincere condolences and offering thoughts and prayers for Mayor Shubert and his family.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [21-0067](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [August 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[August 24, 2021 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

5. Proclamations

A. [21-0068](#) Special Recognition of Constitution Week 2021

Brief Description: Mayor Shubert will proclaim the week of September 17 - 23, 2021, as "Constitution Week" in Hudson, in recognition of this important document. Representatives of the David Hudson Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be present to accept this Proclamation on behalf of the organization.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Ms. Brenda Pflaum expressed appreciation and accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the David Hudson Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

On behalf of Mayor Shubert, Mr. Wooldredge read this Proclamation, recognizing Constitution Week during September 17 - 23, 2021.

B. [21-0069](#) Special Recognition of State of Mind: Hudson Week

Brief Description: A free speaker series about mental health issues that face our community's youth is planned during the week of October 4th, 2021. This initiative has been coordinated by Leadership Hudson Class of 2019, and members will be present to accept this Proclamation and provide details.

Attachments: [Hyperlink - Facebook - State of Mind: Hudson](#)
[Proclamation](#)

*Mr. Wooldredge noted that the Hudson community is very fortunate to have supportive assistance from Peg's Foundation to help in addressing mental health issues. Vice President Charles Fenske accepted this Proclamation on behalf of Leadership Hudson Class of 2019. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for their past and present support and spoke about the importance of regarding mental health as similar to physical health, (details regarding planned events are available via the **State of Mind: Hudson** Facebook page).*

On behalf of Mayor Shubert, Mr. Wooldredge read this Proclamation, recognizing State of Mind: Hudson Week during the week of October 4, 2021.

6. Public Comments

Mrs. Karen Farkas, 7286 Glastonbury Drive, Chair of the Environmental Awareness Committee, spoke on behalf of herself and Vice Chair Joseph Ortiz about the benefits of the City changing to a single hauler or an opt-out program for refuse and recycling in the community, instead of continuing with the City's Preferred Hauler Program, for which the current contract expires in 2022. She also suggested surveying residents

regarding trash hauling and recycling (see statement attached to record copy of these minutes).

Mr. Ron Brubaker, 7593 Partridge Meadows Drive East, spoke regarding TASCforce LLC's advocacy for the Veterans Trail. He thanked Council members for their past support and asked the City to continue its efforts on making this "rails to trails" project a reality through Hudson. He explained that, at present, the County is only considering a trail that does not continue into Hudson (see statement attached to record copy of these minutes).

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Wooldredge thanked everyone in the community who was involved in making the Celebrate Hudson weekend a great success. He also expressed appreciation to Councilmen Sutton and Foster for their contributions.

Mr. Foster thanked Mr. Brubaker for his efforts and expressed disappointment with the letter from Summit County concerning Veterans Trail. He noted that he had reviewed the video archive of the August 24th workshop, having been absent. He also thanked all who were involved with Celebrate Hudson.

Mr. Sutton also thanked everyone involved in Celebrate Hudson and said the community-focused events were very successful. He provided an update from the August Tree Commission meeting: Hudson Garden Club had a successful Garden Tour and plans to donate \$5,000 to the City for trees; the Commission is in the process of updating the recommended tree list to identify native species; members are interested in opportunities to participate in an upcoming City event; and the City Arborist provided an update regarding pruning of right-of-way trees. In addition, Mr. Sutton asked for an update on the Railroad Quiet Zone Project, as well as all current construction projects.

Mrs. Bigham extended condolences to Mayor Shubert and his family, offering thoughts and prayers.

Mr. DeSaussure also expressed condolences, thoughts and prayers for Mayor Shubert. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Brubaker's efforts in support of the Veterans Trail Project. He commented regarding the City's Preferred Hauler Program, urging Council to maintain this program, which gives residents a choice to contract with the hauler they prefer.

Ms. Schlademan said that the Celebrate Hudson weekend was wonderful for the community. She was receptive to discussing the City's Preferred Hauler Program at a future workshop, and she thanked Mr. Brubaker for his efforts regarding the Veterans Trail. Finally, she noted that this year's "Green on the Green" event has been postponed until spring 2022.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington thanked City Council for their acknowledgement of staff's contributions in support of Celebrate Hudson, which required a great deal of work in a very short timeframe. She thanked all staff, volunteers, and corporate sponsors who helped make it a successful weekend and wonderful end of summer for the community. She commented that the events would not have been possible without all of the volunteers.

She reviewed the timetable for upcoming budget discussions, beginning later in September, and legislation to adopt the 2022 Budget and Five-Year Plan (2022-2026). She noted that comparisons to 2019 will be provided, as fiscal years 2020 & 2021 were very unusual years, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. Discussion Items

A. [21-0070](#) Akron Secondary Trail Project (Akron to Hudson) Update

Brief Description: The City Staff will update City Council on the recent change to the Akron Secondary Trail Project (Akron to Hudson).

Attachments: [Veterans Trail Update \(Akron to Hudson\) Letter from Summit City](#)
[Akron Secondary Line Railroad Map](#)

Staff provided an update on the Akron Secondary Trail Project from Akron to Hudson (also known as the Veterans Trail), a project that is supported by many Hudson residents. A recent letter (attached) received by the City from the County Executive indicated that only Phase 1 of the "rails to trails" plan would move forward, and this phase does not include the portion that extends to Barlow Road in Hudson. City of Hudson officials were not invited to any of the County meetings to discuss the plans. Council members felt strongly that the trail should extend through Stow and Hudson. While the letter stated that the County had not been provided information about funding and maintenance from Hudson for that portion of the trail, the City was never asked for that information. Council directed staff to respond with a letter to the entities involved, Summit County and Metro RTA, expressing the City's desire to have the trail extend into Hudson, and Council further directed staff to pursue an application for grant funding for the stretch into Hudson. Council members were also concerned that a member's public records request has been unanswered by the County and Metro RTA.

This matter was discussed.

B. [21-0071](#) Village of Peninsula Ohio Waterline Extension Discussion

Brief Description: The City Staff would like to update City Council on the recent request by the Village of Peninsula, Ohio, and Summit County regarding the extension of water service to part of the Village of Peninsula.

Attachments: [Peninsula Water - Service Area Map and Project Cost Estimate](#)
[Peninsula Water - letter from Mayor Schneider 08.27.2021](#)

Staff updated City Council on a recent request by the Village of Peninsula and Summit County to extend Hudson's water service to part of the Village of Peninsula. Summit County officials recently asked if the City of Hudson would consider providing water service to Peninsula, while the County works to improve the Village's sanitary sewer system that will be under an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) order if not corrected in the near future. Per the proposal, the County would cover the cost of extending the water service and would adhere to Hudson's design standards, while the City of Hudson would maintain the waterline in the future. The County would assess the benefiting Peninsula property owners for the cost of extending the water lines, there would be of no cost to the City of Hudson therefor, and any maintenance needed in the future would be covered by the user fees collected from Peninsula customers. There was consensus among Council members, directing staff to research and report on how adding the proposed Peninsula customers would affect the aquifer, what downside or risk would be involved for the City, and a model assessment of the number of customers, etc., and how it would impact service to Hudson customers.

This matter was discussed.

10. Appointments

None.

11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Foster, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of legislation on the Consent Agenda, except for Resolution No. 21-90, which was removed for separate consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve the Consent Agenda, except for Resolution No. 21-90, which was removed for separate consideration. Mr. Wooldredge declared items on the Consent Agenda passed after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

- A. [21-0072](#) **A Motion Directing the Clerk to Send Notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control Indicating No Request for a Hearing Regarding a Stock Transfer for a Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for Otani Hudson LLC, DBA Otani Restaurant and Pub, 180 W. Streetsboro Street, Hudson.**

Brief Description: The Clerk is in receipt of the attached Notice to Legislative Authority dated August 5, 2021, from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning the opportunity to request a hearing regarding this permit.

Attachments: [Notice to Legislative Authority - Otani \(Permit No 6594818\) 8-5-2021](#)
[Hyperlink - Permit Classes](#)

Motion No. 21-0072 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [21-91](#) **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES MADE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Council authorization is required for payment of the invoices shown on this Resolution, each in excess of \$3,000, for which commitments were made before Purchase Orders were generated.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 21-91](#)

Resolution No. 21-91 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- B. [21-90](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO PRESERVATION OFFICE AND TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT THEREFOR.**
- Brief Description:** The City of Hudson has been awarded a Certified Local Government Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to fund Consultant Services for the Historic District Expansion National Register Nomination. The City's match is \$0.
- Attachments:** [Certified Local Govt. Grant Award Letter and Contract](#)
[Resolution No. 21-90](#)

Mr. DeSaussure requested that Resolution No. 21-90 be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 21-90. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. DeSaussure

Responding to Mr. DeSaussure's question, Ms. Howington explained the certification process necessary for expanding the City's Historic District. She said that the subject grant will fund a consultant, who will assist in this process.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, to pass Resolution No. 21-90. Mr. Wooldredge declared Resolution No. 21-90 passed after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Foster

12. Legislation

- A. [21-92](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT AREA AGREEMENT WITH "PROJECT CRUNCH"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- Brief Description:** "Project Crunch" is currently looking to purchase 35 acres at Season's Greene to build a 200,000 - 250,000 square foot centralized robotic warehousing storage and fulfillment center located at Patriot Parkway and Seasons Road.
- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 21-92](#)

Mr. Wooldredge read the title of Resolution No. 21-92, which constituted its first reading.

- B. [21-93](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER’S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.**
 Brief Description: This Resolution authorizes an amendment to City Manager Jane Howington’s employment agreement to provide a merit increase in salary.
 Attachments: [Resolution No. 21-93](#)

Mr. Wooldredge read the title of Resolution No. 21-93, which constituted its first reading.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council meeting at 8:42 p.m.

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

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.