



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

David A. Basil, Mayor

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

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

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

Dennis N. Hanink, Council Member (Ward 1)

Alex D. Kelemen, Council Member (Ward 3)

Lisa Radigan, Council Member (Ward 2)

J. Daniel Williams, Council Member (At-Large)

Jane Howington, City Manager

Matthew J. Vazzana, City Solicitor

R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

7:15 PM

Town Hall

Special Meeting & Regular Workshop

1. Special Meeting: Call to Order

Mayor Basil called to order the special meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:19 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: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Mr. DeSaussure entered the special meeting at 7:27 p.m., and Ms. Bigham entered at 7:31 p.m.

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Ms. Fernandez, Management Analyst; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; and Mr. Stifler, Economic Development Director.

4. Public Hearing

- A. [19-93](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A NEW AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR CASE-BARLOW BICENTENNIAL FARM, 1931 BARLOW ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO.**

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 [Resolution No. 19-93](#)

Mayor Basil opened the public hearing for Resolution No. 19-93 at 7:21 p.m.

Mrs. Julie Lindner spoke on behalf of the Case-Barlow Bicentennial Farm Board of Trustees in support of Resolution No. 19-93. She provided a history of the Farm, noting its significant agrarian past, current agricultural uses, programs and events, and restoration efforts. She explained that the agricultural uses meet the required income threshold, and she spoke of renovations planned for the barn. As stewards of the property, she said that the Board desires to maintain the Farm's historic character and to ensure structural integrity of the barn building for functionality and safety.

There being no other comments, Mayor Basil closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

A public hearing was held for Resolution No. 19-93.

5. Public Comments

Mr. Ron Strobl, 24 Owen Brown Street, commented on the full-page ad concerning Downtown Phase II in the July 7, 2019, edition of the Hudson Hub-Times. He said that the current proposed plan does not include retail, which seems to be what those who placed the ad are in favor of. He urged Council to move forward with the residential section of Downtown Phase II.

Mr. Jack George, 7590 Woodspring Lane, said he appreciated the City's Parks and the work of the Park Board, but he requested justification of the Skateboard Park Renovations Project. He urged Council to conduct a survey to obtain community input on preferred spending priorities for Parks funds. He also asked for return on investment information.

Mr. Leonard Lampert, 940 Westhaven Drive, expressed frustration with the confusion that the Downtown Phase II Project has brought. He said that the Testa Companies have done a good job as the developer, have been responsive, and have provided many alternatives. He said he would have preferred the new City Hall location to be part of Downtown Phase II. He also noted that the final plan for the Phase II area will be market-driven, and he suggested the City should plan utility construction in phases as the project develops. Finally, he suggested that buildings H3 and H4 be reconfigured, with green space to the north side of these buildings moved into the housing area.

Mrs. Rhonda Grainger, 2415 Norton Road, urged Council to listen to residents' input. She expressed disappointment that Council made the decision to spend \$10 million that now needs to be recouped. She said that she expects better decisions in the future.

6. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of items 6A-C of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan,
Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to approve items 6A-C of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

- A. [19-94](#) **A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY’S INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY FROM VARIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE MAKING OF ROADS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: Acquisition of these parcels is necessary for the improvement of SR 91 North from Brandywine Drive to Middleton Road in association with the SR 91 North Turn Lane Improvement Project (PID 93822).

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Resolution No. 19-94](#)

Resolution No. 19-94 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [19-95](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY FUNDS (“CMAQ”) PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (“AMATS”) TO CONSTRUCT ADAPTIVE SIGNALS OUTSIDE OF DOWNTOWN SYSTEM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This legislation is necessary to apply to AMATS for federal funds.

Attachments: [Signal System Map](#)
[Resolution No. 19-95](#)

Resolution No. 19-95 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [19-96](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VIZMEG LANDSCAPE, INC. FOR THE LABOR, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARK AT THE OLD SCHOOL GREEN AT 34 NORTH OVIATT STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: This project involves the removal of the existing parking lot, aprons, basketball court and playground equipment, the regrading of the existing site, stormwater work, installation of new walks, new playground equipment, and landscaping at the former Hudson Elementary School.

Attachments: [Bid Tabulation](#)
[Resolution No. 19-96](#)

Resolution No. 19-96 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- D. [19-97](#) **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 05-311; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- Brief Description:** The HCTV Advisory Committee and HCTV staff request Hudson City Council to take a position against the FCC's proposed Cable Act rule amendment that could defund PEG channels: Federal Communication Commission Docket No. 05-311.
- Attachments:** [HCTV Funding Threat - email from Chair of HCTV Advisory Committee](#)
[Resolution No. 19-97](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 19-97, which constituted its first reading.

Mrs. Bigham asked that Resolution No. 19-97 be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bigham, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 19-97. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. DeSaussure

Mrs. Bigham asked for more information and reasoning regarding the need for Resolution No. 19-97. Mayor Basil said that the Mr. Zaklanovich, Chair of the Community Television Advisory Committee, brought this matter before Council on behalf of the Committee and HCTV. Mr. Zaklanovich provided information and urged Council support of the Resolution. Discussion followed regarding HCTV funding, for which franchise fees provide approximately \$300,000 annually. There was consensus in support of the proposed Resolution. Mr. Kelemen suggested that HCTV funding be considered more fully in the long-term and that funding options be included in the City's Strategic Plan.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bigham, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Resolution No. 19-97. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

7. Legislation

- A. [19-82](#) **A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SUMMIT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- Brief Description:** A local government must have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to 44 CFR part 201.6 to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project grants. To comply with 44 CFR part 201.6, Hudson may create their own plan or participate in a multi-jurisdictional plan. As such, Hudson participates in a multi-jurisdictional plan with Summit County. Participating in the multi-jurisdictional plan requires Hudson City Council to pass a Resolution adopting the Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Attachments: [2018 Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)
[Summit County Resolution No. 2019-119 Adopting Plan \(passed 4-1-2019\)](#)
[FEMA Letter to Summit County 4-12-19](#)
[Request from Summit County Emergency Mgt. Agy. 5-7-2019](#)
[Resolution No. 19-82](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 19-82, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to pass Resolution No. 19-82. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Ms. Radigan, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Kelemen

B. [19-92](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR STAGE 1 OF THE ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: Staff seeks City Council approval to develop a design RFP and solicit traffic consultant proposals for Stage 1 of the Adaptive Signal Implementation.

Attachments: [Adaptive Signals Report \(5-21-19\)](#)
[Resolution No. 19-92](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 19-92, which constituted its second reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 19-92. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen and Ms. Radigan

Nay: 1 - Mrs. Bigham

Mr. DeSaussure urged Council support for this initial stage of the Adaptive Traffic Signal Project, which will streamline traffic signaling in the downtown area by changing timing of existing traffic lights. Mr. Sheridan explained the three stages of the Project; and he clarified the scope of Resolution No. 19-92 for Stage 1, to authorize starting on the design of the signal timing and to enhance our existing traffic signal system with additional detectors and signal re-timing, with implementation planned by fall 2019. Discussion followed regarding the overall project. Mr. Wooldredge asked for a staff memo, providing details of each stage, along with associated costs of design and construction, as well as the recommended implementation schedule.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to pass Resolution No. 19-92. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan and Dr. Williams

C. [19-93](#)

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Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 19-93, which constituted its first reading.

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 19-93. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Nay: 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

Mr. Wooldredge urged Council support for passage of Resolution No. 19-93, and Mayor Basil agreed. Discussion followed regarding Council's right to deny the Agricultural Use District should the status change in the future. Mr. Vazanna confirmed that the Resolution provides for such action. Mr. DeSaussure expressed support for the Resolution but said he didn't see the need to pass it on the same evening as the public hearing.

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Resolution No. 19-93. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

8. Special Meeting: Adjournment

Mayor Basil made the following announcements:

- *The regular City Council meeting of July 16th has been cancelled, and a special legislative meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 30th for the purpose of considering items postponed from the regular meeting.*
- *City Council will conduct a regular workshop meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd.*

There being no further business, Mayor Basil adjourned the special Council meeting at 8:19 p.m.

9. Regular Workshop: Call to Order

President of Council Wooldredge called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 8:25 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Ms. Radigan, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mayor Basil; Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Ms. Fernandez, Management Analyst; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; and Mr. Stiffler, Economic Development Director.

10. Correspondence and Council Comments

Ms. Bigham stated that she has heard from numerous residents regarding the condition of the roads. She thanked City staff for taking care of the pot holes and said she feels the City has made some progress towards improving the roads, and she hoped that efforts will continue. She also recognized the Hudson Diamonds 10 and under softball team, who are currently playing a championship game, and wished them well. She further stated that some residents have expressed concerns regarding the ball fields at Barlow Farms Park, and she wanted to make staff aware that a group of citizens will be attending the next Park Board meeting to voice their concerns.

Mr. Wooldredge stated that during the budget process, Council will see a proposal for a significant increase to the Road Budget in the coming years, with the objective being to raise the overall City road rating. Discussion followed. Mr. DeSaussure commented regarding the road repair program, and Mr. Hanink commented regarding the condition of the main arterials and the timing of repair projects. Ms. Howington stated that staff will be bringing forward a plan at the workshop of July 23, 2019, that will address Council's concerns and priorities regarding the Road Program, with follow-up discussions scheduled at the workshops in August.

Mr. Kelemen provided an update regarding the Tree Commission. He further stated that the dead trees along North Main Street have been replaced for a second time with a different species. He noted that these trees were planted as part of the North Main Street - Downtown Corridor Improvements Project.

Ms. Radigan provided an update regarding the Environmental Awareness Committee. She stated that a water refill station was recently purchased with proceeds from the sale of the Keep Hudson Beautiful water bottles, and that it will be utilized at upcoming special events.

11. Discussion Items

A. [19-0063](#) Discussion on Downtown Phase II: Follow-up

Brief Description: Testa Company and the City Council will be discussing proposals about moving forward based on community and resident input.

Attachments: [Downtown Phase II - 7-9-19 Workshop Discussion](#)

Mr. Wooldredge reviewed the history of the process for Downtown Phase II, and he stated that Joel Testa has provided 2 new plan options, reflecting changes in response to citizen input, as well as comments from Council members and staff. He further stated that substantial changes have been made, including reductions in residential density by 29-38% and office/commercial density by 18%, as well as various other changes. Council discussion followed regarding the 2 new plan options, and there was consensus to refer Option 1 to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

This matter was discussed and referred to Planning Commission.

B. [19-0062](#) Update regarding project schedule for Hines Hill railroad crossing preemptive warning signs

Brief Description: Staff will provide an update regarding the estimated time frames for system installation and implementation of early warning signs for the Hines Hill Railroad Crossing. This item was previously discussed on May 14, 2019.

Attachments: [Hines Hill RR Crossing Project Final Gantt](#)

Ms. Howington said that staff will be moving forward with installing an early warning signal at the Walters Road intersection, and a second one will be installed at a later date at the Hines Hill/Valley View intersection. She explained that these will not be installed simultaneously due to the need for different units at each

intersection, and staff is still researching the unit for the Hines Hill/Valley View location. Mr. Comeriato stated that the unit at Walters Road is anticipated to be installed in mid to late September 2019.

This matter was discussed.

12. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

None.

13. Regular Workshop: Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 10:10 p.m.

David A. Basil, Mayor

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

Jane Howington, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore (for workshop)

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Operations Manager - Professional Services.

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, and Section 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.