



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

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, July 20, 2021

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

Mayor Shubert called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 1 - Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mrs. Andrus-Grider, HCTV Production/Operations Assistant; Mrs. Chapman, Business Operations Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Ms. Fernandez, Data Management Analyst; Mr. Jordan, Community Development Dept. Intern; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Sugar, City Planner.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [21-0059](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [July 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[July 13, 2021 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

5. Public Comments

The following residents spoke concerning Resolution No. 21-75 to support the Hudson DEI Alliance and its mission to facilitate community dialog on diversity, equity and inclusion:

- *Mr. Eric Blemaster, 4 Brandywine Drive, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*
- *Mrs. Jennifer Clapper, 2247 Olde Farm Lane, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*
- *Mr. Mark Kesic, 7632 Sugarbush Trail, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*
- *Ms. Alethea Ganaway, 5735 Ogilby Drive, spoke in support of the Resolution.*
- *Ms. Kathy Luman, Hudson resident, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*
- *Dr. James Greenwood, 115 Coolidge Street, member of Hudson DEI Alliance, spoke in support of the organization, its mission, and the Resolution.*
- *Mrs. Gerry Kenney, 6884 Stow Road, spoke in opposition to the Resolution and proposed to partner with others to explore a biblically-based alternative (statement attached to record copy of these minutes).*
- *Ms. Diana Keating, 6124 Stone Road, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*
- *Mr. Mike Donovan, 2073 Stoney Hill Drive, spoke in support of the Resolution.*
- *Rabbi Michael Ross, of Temple Beth Shalom, 50 Division Street, spoke in support of the Resolution and urged people to seek dialog, rather than debate, and listen with an open heart to build trust, relationships, and community.*
- *Ms. Joanna Menolasino, 150 N. Hayden Parkway, spoke in support of the Resolution.*
- *Ms. Karen Metier, 6712 Pinebrooke Drive (Ward 1), spoke in opposition to the Resolution and the Hudson DEI Alliance, stating that the organization does not fairly represent all stakeholders.*
- *Mr. Bill Klausman, 2746 Blue Heron Drive, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*
- *Reverend Jonathan Dodson, 20 Colony Drive, Hudson Ministerial Association President, spoke in support of the Resolution.*
- *Mr. Matthew Clapper, 2247 Olde Farm Lane, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*
- *Mrs. Andrea Bucey-Tikkanen, 1480 Groton Drive, spoke in support of the Resolution.*
- *Mrs. Renee Telling, 7334 Arborwood Drive, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*
- *Mr. John Stone, 273 East Streetsboro Street, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.*

Other comments:

- *Ms. Sharon Tullio, 1480 Winslow Drive, spoke on behalf of herself and her neighbors of the many problems created by cottonwood tree debris and urged Council to consider a regulation, similar to what other communities have established, that would designate the cottonwood tree as a nuisance species.*
- *Ms. Diane Demuyne, 6406 Ridgeline Drive, writer for Hudson Life Magazine, said that the Hudson community is not racist, and she asked listeners to ponder how the Hudson community would respond if they experienced an emergency event in their lives. She said that the Hudson community is supportive of all in need.*

6. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mrs. Kowalski provided an update from the July 14th Architectural & Historic Board of Review meeting.

Mr. DeSaussure thanked everyone for coming together, sharing their thoughts, and being part of a dialogue. He asked staff to speak with Akron Water concerning the dangerous construction zone on Hudson-Aurora Road, noting that the metal plates are dangerous, especially on rainy days, and traffic tends to move into the oncoming lanes to avoid the construction. In follow-up to this month's Park Board meeting, he said they are looking at invasive species in the parks and will be doing an invasive species management study.

Mr. Foster spoke regarding current issues resulting in Hudson receiving negative press lately. He acknowledged that Hudson Schools are dealing with issues, and he spoke of bullying problems. He also spoke of a reportedly racist incident that occurred last year. Having researched it, he played a recording of the 911 call to police and noted that prior to the incident, the Police Department had specifically sent residents a message, asking them to report any questionable incidents, and he said that was the impetus for the 911 call,

not racism.

Ms. Schlademan thanked Mr. Wonsick, Mr. Kosco, and Ohio Department of Transportation representatives for the recent open house to inform the public regarding an upcoming bridge replacement project that will involve closure of State Route 91. She thanked everyone who spoke regarding Resolution No. 21-75 and shared that she will ask Council to postpone this item, allowing time for the Hudson DEI Alliance to pursue alternate funding.

Ms. Bigham said that many constituents have requested that noise walls be constructed near the Ohio Turnpike and State Route 8. She said that Mr. Kosco researched this possibility with Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Turnpike Commission and reported that there are no noise walls planned at this time, and local communities would have to fund such projects.

Mrs. Bigham also read a letter from Mr. Jeff Keil, 2096 Edgeview Drive, in opposition to the DEI initiative, stating that America is the most diverse nation in the world and has made great strides since the civil rights era. He urged members of the Board of Education and Council to focus on the jobs they were elected to do and to stop injecting politics and social justice initiatives into classrooms and Council chambers (letter attached to record copy of these minutes).

Mayor Shubert read a letter from Mrs. Virginia Young, 7679 Sugarbush Trail, in opposition to Resolution No. 21-75, questioning the wisdom of those who have concluded that the community is racist, opposing City funding of the Hudson DEI Alliance, and expressing concerns about conflicts of interest for Council members (letter attached to record copy of these minutes).

7. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington reported that the City is experiencing delays in receiving materials and supplies, due to nationwide shortages and logistics challenges. She said that receipt of the new police vehicles has been delayed; however, the City did receive the outdoor furniture that was ordered for the downtown, and it will be installed in the next few weeks.

8. Discussion Item

A. [21-0060](#) Recreation Facilities Inventory

Brief Description: Based on Council discussion and direction from the May 25, 2021, Council workshop, staff has prepared an inventory of recreational facilities within and in close proximity to the city.

Attachments: [Memo to Council](#)
[Existing Recreation Facilities](#)

At City Council's request, staff presented an inventory of all recreational facilities and amenities in and around Hudson. Based on the research data, there are: 37 facilities in or near Hudson; 8 multi-purpose recreation centers; 2 country clubs; 6 gyms; 7 fitness clubs; 9 single use facilities - martial arts, dance, swim, indoor soccer, etc.; 4 pools (neighborhood pools with access restricted to neighborhood residents); and Hudson Community Education & Recreation (recreational programming through Hudson City Schools, with no open gym hours, etc.). Mr. Sugar provided an overview, and Mr. Jordan explained underlying data, relevant classifications, and facility types. Ms. Fernandez provided a drive-time analysis of facilities with multi-purpose amenities, and Mrs. Chapman demonstrated an interactive map. The information presented is available via the Data Hub on the City's website (see Recreational Amenities Study - July 2021).

Council members thanked staff for the research and presentation. Mr. Sutton commented that the information provided answers to the supply question, but the demand question remains to be answered. Mrs. Kowalski expressed interest in exploring a City recreation center and asked that discussion be scheduled for a future

workshop.

This matter was presented.

9. Appointments

None.

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, 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: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Shubert announced passage of Consent Agenda items after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Bigham

- A. [21-0061](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the June 2021 Monthly Financial Report**
Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.
Attachments: [June 2021 Financial Report](#)

Motion No. 21-0061 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [21-79](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-143, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2021.**
Brief Description: This Ordinance will amend the 2021 budget for additional and/or amended appropriations as listed in the attached Exhibit A.
Attachments: Exhibit A - Q2 Approp 2021
[Ordinance No. 21-79](#)

Ordinance No. 21-79 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [21-80](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE SCADA SYSTEM FOR HUDSON PUBLIC POWER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: City staff is requesting approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Advanced Control Systems for the purchase and installation of upgraded software and hardware for the Electric Department's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, including system security and redundancy components.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 21-80](#)

Resolution No. 21-80 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [21-81](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS FOR THE ROSLYN AVENUE AND EAST STREETSBORO STREET CROSSWALK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.**
Brief Description: The project will include the installation of pedestrian signal improvements, including a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at Roslyn Avenue and E. Streetsboro Street. This project was discussed with Council in early 2021 and is being included in upcoming appropriations.

Attachments: [Project Location Map](#)
 [Resolution No. 21-81](#)

Resolution No. 21-81 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [21-82](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-39 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**
Brief Description: The projects include new sidewalk installations along the following roadways in Hudson as described in the 2021 Capital Budget: Herrick Park Drive (Lascala to SR 91); SR 91 (Garden Lane to the Twinsburg Twp. Line); SR 91 (Just north of Norton Road to Corporate Drive); and SR 303 (Nicholson Drive to W. Case Drive).

Attachments: [Resolution No. 21-82](#)

Resolution No. 21-82 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [21-83](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS PROGRAMMED BY THE AKRON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (AMATS) TO CONSTRUCT THE DOWNTOWN ADAPTIVE SIGNALS SYSTEM.**
Brief Description: This legislation is necessary to apply to AMATS for federal funds to assist with funding the Downtown Adaptive Signals System. The estimated project cost is \$2,896,174. The CMAQ funding request will be for, \$2,316,939 (80%), and the City would be responsible for the remaining \$579,234 (20%).
Attachments: [Adaptive Signal Map - Feb 2021](#)
 [Resolution No. 21-83](#)

Resolution No. 21-83 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. Legislation

- A. [21-72](#) **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, EASEMENTS, AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE ESTATES AT CANTERBURY ON THE LAKES SUBDIVISION.**
Brief Description: Subdivision improvements have been installed and public right-of-way has been dedicated at the Estates of Canterbury on the Lakes (Chestwick Lane). The applicant is requesting that City Council accept the dedication of these improvements and right-of-way.
Attachments: [Estates of Canterbury City Engineer Acceptance](#)
 [Estates at Canterbury Phase Exhibit](#)
 [Ordinance No. 21-72](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 21-72, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Foster, to pass Ordinance No. 21-72. Mayor Shubert announced passage of this Ordinance after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. DeSaussure

- B. [21-73](#) **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, EASEMENTS, AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE NOTTINGHAM GATE ESTATES PHASE IV AND V SUBDIVISIONS.**
Brief Description: Subdivision improvements have been installed and public right-of-way has been dedicated at the Nottingham Gate Estates Subdivision Phase IV and V. The applicant is requesting that City Council accept the dedication of these improvements and right-of-way.

Attachments: [Nottingham Gate IV and V City Engineer Acceptance](#)
[Nottingham Gate Estate Phasing Exhibit](#)
[Ordinance No. 21-73](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 21-73, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to pass Ordinance No. 21-73. Mayor Shubert announced passage of this Ordinance after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Foster

C. [21-74](#)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 648.12 OF THE CITY'S GENERAL OFFENSES CODE REGARDING CONSTRUCTION WORK AT NIGHT.

Brief Description: Section 648.12 was adopted in 1992 and was superseded after merger with the adoption of the Land Development Code. Section 1207.10, Performance Standards, (a)(3)E regulates the permissible hours for the use of construction equipment or performing construction operations in Hudson, except for temporary conditions approved by the City Manager.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 21-74 \(As Revised 7-6-2021\)](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 21-74, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mrs. Kowalski, to pass Ordinance No. 21-74. Mayor Shubert announced passage of this Ordinance after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Kowalski

D. [21-75](#)

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HUDSON DEI ALLIANCE AND ITS MISSION TO FACILITATE COMMUNITY DIALOG ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION. (as revised 7-20-2021)

Brief Description: This Resolution provides support for the Hudson DEI Alliance and its mission.

Attachments: [Overview from K. Schlademan \(7-13-2021\)](#)
[Res. No. 20-76, Condemning Racism & Encouraging Fair & Equal Treatment for All \(6-16-2020\)](#)
[Community Dialogue Proposal \(6-3-2021\)](#)
[Facilitator Training - ACF Project Overview and Budget](#)
[Hudson DEI Alliance Proposal YWCA 2021](#)
[BDMF Grant Application \(5-6-2021\)](#)
[Resolution No. 21-75 \(as revised 7-20-2021\)](#)

Mayor Shubert read Resolution No. 21-75 in its entirety, as revised 7/20/2021, which constituted its third reading.

Mr. DeSaussure said that Resolution No. 21-75 (as revised) provides Council support of the Hudson DEI Alliance in principal, but not in funding. He was in favor of postponing the Resolution, to provide additional time for Council to better understand it and make a more informed decision. Mr. Sutton agreed that more time would be beneficial; however, he preferred the withdrawal of Resolution No. 21-75 and consideration of a new Resolution at a later date. Mr. Foster spoke in opposition of the Resolution, as did Mrs. Bigham. Ms. Schlademan spoke in support of the Resolution and the importance of community dialogue.

A motion was made by Ms. Schlademan, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, that action on Resolution No. 21-75 be postponed to the Council Meeting of October 19, 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, that Resolution No. 21-75 be withdrawn from further consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Foster

Nay: 2 - Mrs. Kowalski and Ms. Schlademan

E. [21-78](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO PHASE III OF THE VETERANS TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Brief Description: This Resolution would authorize an increase of \$73,150 to redesign the Veterans Trail Phase 3 project including environmental permitting and coordination, trail design, and drainage design work above the original design contract with Michael Baker International from 2018 of \$279,000.00.

Attachments: [Veterans Trail Phase 3 Revised Exhibit \(5-26-21\)](#)
[Resolution No. 21-78](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 21-78, which constituted its second reading.

F. [21-84](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1201 “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” 1205, “ZONING DISTRICTS - CITY OF HUDSON ZONING MAP,” 1206, “USE REGULATIONS,” 1207 “ZONING DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN STANDARDS,” 1213 “DEFINITIONS,” AND APPENDIX D “ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STANDARDS” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.

Brief Description: Proposed amendment to the Land Development Code regulations associated with agricultural use standards. The amendments combine applicable standards for agricultural uses accessory to a residential dwelling into a consolidated ordinance to clarify existing regulations and further support small scale hobby farming.

Attachments: [Memo to Council 7.6.21](#)
[Memo to Council 5.13.21](#)
[Ordinance No. 21-84](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 21-84, which constituted its first reading; and pursuant to the Land Development Code, this Ordinance was referred to the Planning Commission.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Shubert adjourned the Council meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Craig A. Shubert, 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.