



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Workshop

William A. Currin, Mayor

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

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

Dennis N. Hanink, City Council Member (Ward 1)

Alex D. Kelemen City Council Member (Ward 3)

John W. Jeffers, City Council Member (Ward 4)

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

William D. Wooldredge, City Council Member (At-Large)

Anthony J. Bales, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:33 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room and turned the meeting over to President of Council Basil.

Present 3 - Mr. Basil, Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent 4 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Jeffers and Dr. Williams

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Bales, City Manager; Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hilbish, Information Systems Manager; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Kelemen inquired as to the procedure the City is following regarding Ordinance No. 12-127, the zoning boundary map amendment proposed by Collection Auto Group. He also questioned the proposed conservation easement and property maintenance responsibilities. Mr. Bales explained that the land proposed as a conservation easement would be environmentally protected in perpetuity, and the property owner will maintain responsibility. He noted that he had contacted the Western Reserve Land Conservancy regarding the property, but he was not certain of the organization's interest due to its relatively small size.

Discussion followed regarding the scheduling of Council's public hearing for Ordinance No. 12-127. Mr. Bales explained that the Planning Commission recommended that Council approve the zoning boundary map amendment, as proposed by Collection Auto Group. He said that Council must advertise its public hearing at least 30 days prior. In accordance with the City Solicitor's advice, Mr. Bales proposed that an ad be placed in the September 30, 2012, edition of the Hudson Hub-Times for a public hearing on November 7, 2012. City Council supported scheduling the public hearing on November 7, 2012, and providing for additional readings of Ordinance No. 12-127 on October 3 and 17, 2012, allowing for Council action on November 7, 2012, subsequent to the public hearing.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 12-128, regarding bond issuance for the former Youth Development Center property, Mr. Bales announced that both rating agencies, Moody's and Standard & Poor's, renewed the City's AAA rating, and bonds valued at \$4.735 million were issued at a 2.13% interest rate for a 20-year term, with a

3-year call.

Mayor Currin announced that the Summit County's Mayor's Association will conduct an economic development trade mission to China in 2013. He said that a representative from Hudson is invited to attend, and the Mayor's Association has offered to pay half of the estimated \$6,000 cost.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

A. [12-138](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STORAGE AREA NETWORK AND VIRTUAL MACHINE SERVER**

Attachments: [Res. No. 12-138](#)

Staff requested authorization to obtain bids for the purchase of a storage area network (SAN) and virtual machine (VM) server to allow for the completion of Phase 2 of this project (see attached Staff Report, Version 1). Mr. Bales explained that Phase 1 of this project was very successful. Mr. Hilbish thanked Council members for their support.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the October 3, 2012, meeting agenda.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

A. [13-22](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1205, "ZONING DISTRICTS" AND CHAPTER 1207, "ZONING DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN STANDARDS," OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS-IN-LIEU OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PEDESTRIAN AND NON-VEHICULAR CIRCULATION SYSTEMS**

Attachments: [Ord. No. 13-22](#)
[Staff Report for March 11 Planning Commission Mtg.](#)
[Planning Commission Decision 3-11-2013](#)

Staff explained that this legislation would create a Pedestrian Linkages Fund, as recommended by the Connect Hudson Plan, a result of the Safe Routes Hudson Initiative (see attached Staff Report and draft Ordinance). With adoption of this Ordinance, Mr. Bales said that if the existing Code requires sidewalks for a given property, the City could provide the developer with an alternate option of paying into a Pedestrian Linkages Fund, instead of requiring construction of sidewalks. He suggested modification of language in the draft Ordinance, offering an incentive to developers to exercise this option. Mr. Kelemen agreed that some financial advantage would be desirable. Staff will prepare a recommendation for language modification. Mr. Kelemen asked that staff also provide a connection plan for the City, showing areas best suited to sidewalks and bike paths.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on a future City Council meeting agenda for a first reading and referral to the Planning Commission.

**B. [12-125](#) A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF HUDSON STRATEGIC PLAN
DATED AUGUST 5, 1998, AND AMENDED APRIL 7, 1999, APRIL 5, 2000,
JUNE 12, 2001, JUNE 5, 2002, JUNE 4, 2003, OCTOBER 20, 2004, AND
OCTOBER 19, 2005**

Attachments:

[Res. No. 12-125](#)

[2012 Strategic Plan Draft](#)

[2012 Strategic Plan Final Report 10-3-12](#)

[2013-2017 Strategic Plan - Final Adopted 10-3-12](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve a Resolution amending the current City of Hudson Strategic Plan. (See supporting materials attached to record copy of these minutes). In follow-up to earlier discussions, City Council members reviewed proposed amendments to the draft Strategic Plan.

Mayor Currin asked that City Council members consider amending the City's mission statement, adding that the community values 'a vision for the future.' Council members supported this modification.

Regarding Objective 1.1.2, Mr. Kelemen asked if inclusion of a Downtown Phase 2 Redevelopment would commit funds for this effort. As with any project included in the Strategic Plan, Mr. Bales explained that staff will commit to studying this project, possibly hiring a consultant, presenting proposals to Council, and developing a long-term strategy, based upon Council's definitive objectives and direction. He said that funding for projects included in the Strategic Plan will be determined, and priorities will be assigned by City Council during the Five-Year Financial Plan and Budget process.

Mr. Basil proposed revising Objective 3.3.1 to reflect the following: "Ensure that Hudson continues to attract, develop and retain a highly skilled, highly educated workforce...." Others supported this change.

Council members discussed objectives for Topic Area 3.5, Financial Resources and Fiscal Sustainability, including integrating the process for annual Budget and Five-Year Plan updates with periodic evaluation of the Strategic Plan performance and progress; and maintaining conservative financial planning and practices.

With Council's approval of amendments to the Strategic Plan, Mr. Schroyer will coordinate with staff the development of action plans and tasks for each objective.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the October 3, 2012 meeting agenda.

5. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 8:46 p.m.

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council