



City of Hudson, Ohio

Council 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)

Keith W. Smith, 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 Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, February 26, 2013

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to President of Council Basil.

Present 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Bales, City Manager; Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Carter, Fire Chief; Mr. Comeriato, Public Works Director; Mr. Graham, EMS Director; Mr. Paluscsak, HCTV Station Manager; Mr. Powell, Public Works Superintendent; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mrs. VanBlarcum, Communications Access Coordinator; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Wooldredge said that he had received several calls from neighbors, expressing concerns regarding the proposed fence relative to the proposed License Agreement for 188 Hudson Street, Resolution No. 13-21.

Mayor Currin thanked citizens, elected officials and staff who attended and participated in the Keep Hudson Safe Initiative Open Forum. He said that an enormous amount of support is available for those in need, as well as for citizens' protection. He said that dialogue will continue concerning this community effort, and the City will continue to participate fully in keeping Hudson safe. He noted that a DVD recording of the event is available via the Hudson City Schools website. He encouraged citizens to take an active roll in keeping Hudson safe, saying "If you hear something, see something, know something, then say something." He noted that proactivity is our biggest safeguard versus reactivity.

Mr. Basil concurred with Mayor Currin's comments and strongly urged citizens who were not able to attend the forum to watch the presentation and make note of the resources available.

Mr. Basil also commented regarding the proposed License Agreement for 188 Hudson Street, saying that he and the City Manager had discussed procedural measures for notification to adjourning land owners, and that Community Development Department staff is currently reviewing the matter.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

- A. [13-26](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY (“LPA”) FEDERAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2012 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (“SRTS”) PROGRAM (PID 93606); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This project will include the installation of sidewalk on Glen Echo Drive from Hudson-Aurora Road to Victoria Parkway, and on Middleton Road from Winterberry Drive intersection to the end of the existing walk at Ellsworth School with work including ADA ramps, grading, striping as needed, plus a crosswalk at Middleton; also installation of electronic school crossing signals along N. Hayden Parkway and purchase of 8 bike racks to be located on school properties.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-26](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution.

Council members supported staff’s recommendation, and legislation will appear on the March 6, 2013 meeting agenda.

- B. [13-27](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE FOR ADDITIONAL STONE NEEDED TO SURFACE THE NEWLY EXPANDED CITY SERVICE YARD AT 95 OWEN BROWN STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: During the summer and fall of 2012, at the request of City Council, the Public Works Department began work on removing dirt and construction debris from the service yard located at 95 Owen Brown Street (HPP facility). During the final phase of work on the project the Public Works staff used additional stone to surface the newly expanded service yard which put expenditures for construction stone over \$25,000 which requires City Council approval.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-27](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution.

Mr. Hanink said that area residents have been very pleased with progress on this project and said that he is especially pleased with the grading, which will move sheet flow towards the creek, improving stormwater issues. Mr. Basil was also pleased with the project results, and he thanked Mr. Comeriato for efficient use of resources and for performing work in-house. Mr. Smith concurred.

Council members supported staff’s recommendation, and legislation will appear on the March 6, 2013 meeting agenda.

- C. [13-28](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER**

TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE FINAL DESIGN, BID SPECS, AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT TASKS FOR THE DARROW ROAD (HUDSON DR. TO NORTON RD.) STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Executive Summary: In 2012 the Public Works Department retained the professional consulting services of Peters, Tschantz and Associates to evaluate the roadway lighting conditions on Darrow Road (from Barlow Rd. to Norton Rd.). Based on the consultant's evaluation, the Public Works Department would like to enter into a professional services contract (value \$67,600) with the consultant to provide for the final design, bidding, construction, and project management of the project.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-28](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution.

Mr. Kelemen asked that this lighting project include the area of Collection Auto Group, south of the Barlow Road intersection, and other Council members agreed. Mr. Comeriato explained that the lighting project for State Route 91 has been planned in phases, for budgeting purposes. There was consensus among Council members to include the subject area in the initial phase. Mr. Schroyer said that staff will review costs and discuss extending the project scope with the consultant. Mr. Kelemen also inquired regarding the timing for lighting in the area of the Stoney Hill Drive intersection, and Mr. Comeriato explained that this area is planned for 2014.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the March 6, 2013 meeting agenda.

D. [13-29](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GPS INSIGHT FOR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM VEHICLE FLEET MONITORING SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: In 2006 the Public Works Department started using global positioning equipment (GPS) and monitoring services via GPS Insight to monitor and manage vehicles. The project has been phased in over the past six years to include all Public Works Dept. Vehicles. With the final phase of Public Works Department vehicle installations being completed in late 2012, the estimated annual monitoring charges are expected to eclipse \$25,000 thus requiring City Council's approval.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Top 5 GPS Tracking Features to Guarantee the Most Efficient Fleet](#)
[Res. No. 13-29](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution.

Responding to Mr. Hanink inquiry, Mr. Comeriato explained that only Public Works Department vehicles have been included in the program, noting that the monitoring services have resulted in fuel savings and is an excellent management tool. There was consensus among Council members to expand the program to other departments and to establish a City-wide idling policy.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the March 6, 2013 meeting agenda.

E. [13-30](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE

FOR BIDS FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR FOR THE SAFETY CENTER.

Executive Summary: With support from Engineering and a consulting engineer, specifications have been developed for the replacement and installation of a backup emergency power generator for the Safety Center (Fire and EMS). We are requesting permission to go to bid.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: [Res. No. 13-30](#)

Staff recommended that Council approve this Resolution.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the March 6, 2013 meeting agenda.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items**A. [TMP-0317](#)****Hudson Cable TV Station Managers report to Council**

Executive Summary: As part of the on-going presentations by City departments, Kerry W Paluscsak, HCTV Station Manager will present a brief history of Hudson Cable, what challenges the operation has today and present some ideas on where the operation is going.

Attachments: [HCTV Manager's Report to Council 2013-02-26](#)

Mr. Paluscsak provided a history of Hudson Cable TV, spoke of the benefits of HCTV's community partnership with Hudson City Schools, provided an overview of operations and programming hours, and discussed issues raised by Mr. Kelemen regarding budget, operations, goals, expanding access, community impacts, relation with Time Warner Cable, and the role of the Cable TV Advisory Committee. Mr. Zaklanovich, Committee Chair, also provided input to the discussion.

Topic was discussed.

B. [TMP-0314](#)**2013-2017 Hudson Strategic Plan - Draft Action Plan Review**

Executive Summary: Following the adoption of the City's Strategic Plan (October, 2012), the City Administration worked with city staff to create a draft Action Plan. The draft Action Plan identifies the specific steps that will be taken to achieve the strategic objectives and goals.

Attachments: [2013-17 Strategic Plan - Action Plan Draft for 2-26-13 Workshop](#)

Mr. Basil asked that Council members provide direction to administrative staff regarding the draft Action Plan for the 2013-17 Strategic Plan, explaining that review will be ongoing and is an iterative process. Discussion followed regarding Goal 1 objectives and tasks relating to creation of a more vibrant and connected residential community.

Topic was discussed.

5. Other Items Added to Agenda

None.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:59 p.m.

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council