



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council Workshop

David A. Basil, Mayor

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., President of Council (At-Large)

Dennis N. Hanink, Council Member (Ward 1)

Alex D. Kelemen, Council Member (Ward 3)

Keith W. Smith, Council Member (Ward 4)

Casey M. Weinstein, Council Member (Ward 2)

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

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

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Saturday, January 23, 2016

8:00 AM

Ellsworth Meadows Club House

Special Workshop - Council Retreat

1. Call to Order

President of Council DeSaussure called to order the special workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 8:00 a.m.

Present 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Other Officials in Attendance: Mayor Basil.

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; and Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager for Operations.

Council members briefly discussed the Downtown Phase II Project.

2. Strategic Plan Discussion

The following subjects were discussed:

- 1.) *Long-term vision statement with focus on connectivity and economic development.*
- 2.) *Working with other government agencies to promote economic development.*

Goals were identified in the following areas:

- 1.) Public Improvements: *Public Works facility; Municipal Services Center facility; Connectivity Plan; and Road Program.*
- 2.) Economic Development: *focus on retention; use Chamber more; realign Economic and Community Development Departments; and planning for former Youth Development Center property.*
- 3.) Financial: *Income Tax credit changes.*
- 4.) Service Program: *combine parks and golf operations; and escalate business activities of all enterprise funds.*

Specific goals were prioritized as follows:

- 1.) *Broadband 2016 Expansion*
- 2.) *Municipal Services Center & Public Works Facilities*
- 3.) *Fund New Revenue Sources:*
 - A.) *Road Program*
 - B.) *Connectivity Plan*
 - C.) *Infrastructure Improvements and Maintenance*
- 4.) *Former Youth Development Center Property Planning*
- 5.) *Downtown Phase II Development Project*
- 6.) *Economic Development Retention Efforts*
- 7.) *Parks & Golf Course*
- 8.) *Finance Budget Process*
- 9.) *Transportation / Parking Improvement and Planning*

Additional Council comments:

- 1.) *Encourage LEED construction city-wide.*
- 2.) *Consider financial incentives that the City can entertain on their own (apart from Schools).*
- 3.) *Consider traffic study for downtown and city at-large.*

Elected officials and administrative staff conducted an in-depth review of the City's Strategic Plan, and Council members expressed a desire to schedule a similar retreat in May, 2016.

3. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. DeSaussure adjourned the special Council workshop meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., President of Council

Jane Howington, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council.

Upon approval by City Council, this official written summary of the meeting minutes shall become a permanent record in accordance with Codified Ordinances, Section 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.