



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Workshop

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, June 8, 2021

6:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

President of Council Wooldredge called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 6:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

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

Absent: 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mayor Shubert; and Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council.

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mrs. Kowalski, to enter into executive session to consider a personnel matter concerning the appointment of public officials and to interview applicants for the City's Park Board and Tree Commission. Mr. Wooldredge recessed the workshop at 6:31 p.m. after the motion was approved by voice-vote.

Mrs. Bigham entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Wooldredge paused the workshop at 7:15 p.m and reconvened it at 7:30 p.m. for Council's regular order of business.

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mayor Shubert; Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leedham, Innovation & Technology Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; and Mr. Sugar, City Planner.

3. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Sutton provided an update on his Open Forum, held on June 7, 2021. Topics included proposed townhomes, proposed dog park, connectivity, construction on Main Street, and stormwater issues. He asked for an executive session at the next meeting for Council to discuss potential property acquisition to alleviate stormwater issues in Ward 3.

Mrs. Bigham read a letter from Mr. Chris Banweg encouraging an end to the hatred and division in Hudson. She also read two other letters from Mr. Jeff Keil and Celeste Fland in opposition to spending taxpayer dollars on a diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative or on critical race theory.

Ms. Schlademan provided an update on the Environmental Awareness Committee meeting, held on June 7, 2021. Topics included a recycling education grant and a Green on the Green event to be held on September 4, 2021.

Mayor Shubert provided an update on a meeting he attended on June 7, 2021, with Governor DeWine and 9 other Mayors; topics discussed included: broadband expansion, police reform, sewer and water accessibility, income tax revenue transfers to cities of residence relating to individuals working from home if different from their employment city, and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. He further provided an update on a meeting he had with the Ohio Department of the American Legion regarding Hudson Post 464.

4. Discussion Items

A. [21-0047](#) Presentation of the AMP organization and the Prairie State Energy Campus

Brief Description: American Municipal Power representatives will present a brief history of the AMP organization and its relationship with the City of Hudson. The AMP staff will also present information regarding the Prairie State Energy Campus.

Attachments: [Hudson Project Update 060821](#)

Mr. Comeriato introduced representatives in attendance from American Municipal Power, which included Pam Sullivan, Rachel Gerrick, Scott Kiesewetter, and Adam Ward. They presented a brief history of the AMP organization and its relationship with the City of Hudson. AMP staff provided information regarding the Prairie State Energy Campus. Council asked questions about the future of Prairie State and expressed its concerns about the outstanding debt liability that the City would hold should the plant be shut down prior to the term of the debt. Council asked staff to come back with strategies for what to do should this occur, a possible exit strategy from Prairie State, and how it would impact the City financially.

This matter was discussed.

- B. [21-0048](#) **Community Dialogue Proposal**
Brief Description: Councilwoman Schlademan has submitted the attached proposal for Council consideration.

Attachments: [Community Dialogue Proposal 6-3-2021](#)
[BDMF Grant Application 5-6-2021](#)
[Hudson DEI Alliance PROPOSAL YWCA 2021](#)
[Facilitator Training - ACF Project Overview and Budget](#)

Ms. Schlademan introduced the Community Dialogue Proposal. Discussion followed regarding a proposal to hire a consultant to encourage dialogue to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. Some members of Council questioned using taxpayer dollars for this effort, while others expressed the need to take first steps toward having these difficult discussions. Legislation will appear on the next Council meeting agenda for the standard three readings.

This matter was discussed.

5. Proposed Consent Agenda for June 15, 2021, Council Meeting

- A. [21-0051](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the May 2021 Monthly Financial Report**
Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.
Attachments: [May 2021 Financial Report](#)

This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- B. [21-0052](#) **A Motion Directing the Clerk to Send Notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control Indicating No Request for a Hearing Regarding a New Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for Hudrest LLC, DBA La Terraza Mexican Restaurant, 130 West Streetsboro Street, Hudson.**
Brief Description: The Clerk is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority dated May 26, 2021, from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning Council's opportunity to request a hearing regarding this permit. The City's response must be postmarked no later than June 28, 2021.
Attachments: [Hyperlink - Ohio Division of Liquor Control, Permit Classes](#)
[Notice to Legislative Authority for Liquor Permit](#)

This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- C. [21-66](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE HUDSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF A TARGETED DIGITAL MARKETING CAMPAIGN AIMED AT PROMOTING HUDSON AS A DESTINATION FOR DINING, SHOPPING AND SERVICES.**
- Brief Description:** The Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Merchants of Hudson, Destination Hudson, and a representative from the City of Hudson will oversee the continuation of a targeted digital marketing campaign through an additional contribution of \$20,000 from the City of Hudson.
- Attachments:** [Letter to council - Digital Marketing Campaign Funding \(5-27-2021\)](#)
 [Economic Growth Board - Letter of Support 6.4.21](#)
 [Resolution No. 21-66](#)

Mr. Sutton asked if there was an end date for the City supplying funds for this. There was brief discussion.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- D. [21-67](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD SERVICE LINES FOR THE NORTH OVIATT STREET WATER SERVICES REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**
- Brief Description:** This project will involve the replacement of lead service lines to the homes on N. Oviatt Street between E. Streetsboro Road and Aurora Road.
- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 21-67](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- E. [21-68](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE HISTORIC HEADSTONE PRESERVATION PROJECT AT THE OLD HUDSON TOWNSHIP BURYING GROUND.**
- Brief Description:** This project consists of the repair and restoration of historic headstones and monuments at the City's Old Hudson Township Burying Ground. This project will be funded with \$30,000 from generous local donations and grant funding and \$20,000 from Cemeteries.
- Attachments:** [Resolution No. 21-68](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

F. [21-69](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY TO SUMMIT COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING OF BUS SHELTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON.**

Brief Description: The City Staff has spent the last several months meeting with Metro RTA, the Summit County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), and determined the four (4) locations described below in Hudson for the installation of new Bus Shelters in Hudson in order to provide a safer environment for our Metro RTA transit riders within Hudson.

Attachments: [Bus Shelter Construction Estimated Budget](#)
 [2019 City of Hudson Ridership by Stop \(5-28-21\)](#)
 [Letter from Jo-Ann Stores - Bus Shelter Funding 5-25-2021](#)
 [2020 Consolidated Plan](#)
 [Resolution No. 21-69](#)

Mr. Sutton asked where the bus shelters would be located. Mr. Sheridan stated that they would be located at Hudson Crossings at SR 303, Jo-Ann Stores, Little Tikes at Barlow Farm Park, and Hudson Industrial Parkway.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

G. [21-70](#) **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE “LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (245).”**

Brief Description: This Ordinance establishes a new fund to account for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) federal funding the City anticipates receiving.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 21-70](#)

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

6. Proposed Legislation for June 15, 2021, Council Meeting

- A. [21-54](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF HUDSON TO AMEND SECTIONS 1205.10(a), 1205.10(d), 1205.10(e), AND 1206.01 TO PERMIT SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED DWELLINGS, TOWNHOMES, AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS AS ALLOWED USES WITHIN THE DISTRICT 7 OFFICE OVERLAY ZONE.**
- Brief Description:** Consideration of proposed Land Development Code Text Amendment to amend the City's Land Development Code, Section 1205.10, District 7: Outer Village Commercial Corridor and Office Overlay Zone, and Section 1206.01, Table of Permitted and Conditional Uses by Zone District, to permit single family attached dwellings, townhomes, and planned developments as allowed uses within the District 7 Office Overlay.

Attachments: [Staff Memo \(6-7-2021\)](#)
[Letter from David Mitchell \(6-8-21\)](#)
[Letter from Marilyn Sulentic \(6-7-2021\)](#)
[Public Hearing - letters from residents \(Council 6-1-2021\)](#)
[Notice of Public Hearing \(Council 6-1-2021\)](#)
[Trip Generation Analysis \(4-22-2021\)](#)
[PC Recommendation D7 overlay LDC Text Amendment \(4-12-2021\)](#)
[Public Hearing - letters from residents \(Planning Commission 4-12-2021\)](#)
[PC Staff Report - April 12th Meeting](#)
[PC Staff Report - March 8th Meeting](#)
[Draft Text Amendment](#)
[Ordinance No. 21-54](#)

Ordinance No. 21-54 was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- B. [21-65](#) **AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF HUDSON A PROPOSAL BY HUDSON CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND SECTIONS 3.01 AND 4.01 OF THE CHARTER OF HUDSON CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR.**

Brief Description: Councilman Foster has proposed amendments to the City's Charter to implement term limits for members of City Council and the Mayor.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 21-65](#)

Ordinance No. 21-65 was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- C. [21-71](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1201 “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” 1202 “ADMINISTRATIVE AND REVIEW ROLES,” 1203, “DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES,” 1205, “ZONING DISTRICTS - CITY OF HUDSON ZONING MAP”, 1206, “USE REGULATIONS,” AND APPENDIX D “ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STANDARDS” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE 2021 LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE.**
- Brief Description:** As part of regular reviews of the Land Development Code, City staff has recently reviewed and updated a list of proposed amendments to continue some commercial focus items but also to incorporate some proposed amendments focused on efficiency and addressing noted requests from Council and residents.
- Attachments:** [2021 LDC Update - Council Memo 5.12.21](#)
 [Ordinance No. 21-71](#)

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- D. [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](#)

Mr. Sutton asked why this has taken so long to have dedicated. Mr. Sheridan stated that the development has been completed, and the City reached out to the developer to get this dedicated.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- E. [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](#)

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

- F. [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](#)

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the June 15, 2021, Council meeting.

7. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

Mr. Sutton requested an executive session on June 15, 2021, regarding property acquisition as it relates to storm water management. Mr. Wooldredge asked staff to include this matter in the executive session for that meeting date.

8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:35 p.m.

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

Jane Howington, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Business 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 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.