



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

William A. Currin, Mayor

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

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

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)

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:33 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent: 1 - Dr. Williams

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Ms. Andrus, Production Assistant; Mr. Comeriato, Public Works Director; Mr. Gerbracht, Production Assistant; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Paluscsak, Hudson Cable TV Manager; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [15-0001](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments:

[December 17, 2014 Special Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT](#)

[December 17, 2014 Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT](#)

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

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Correspondence and Council Comments

Council President DeSaussure established the 2015 Ad Hoc Finance Committee of Council, and he appointed the following Council members to one-year terms: Dan Williams, Alex Kelemen, and Keith Smith. He said that the Committee will be tasked with working with the City Manager to identify opportunities to restructure the City's administration to accomplish and identify methods to achieve highest service at lowest cost to the City and to continue the work of the 2014 Ad Hoc Finance Committee.

Mr. DeSaussure announced the following changes in Council member assignments for 2015:

Park Board: Dennis Hanink, Council Liaison

Board of Zoning & Building Appeals: Keith Smith, Council Liaison

Architectural & Historic Board of Review: Hal DeSaussure, Council Liaison

Mr. DeSaussure said that all other Council liaison and representative assignments will remain unchanged from 2014, details of which are provided in the Council meeting minutes of January 15, 2014, and December 3, 2014 .

Mr. DeSaussure said that he had attended a funeral last week of a recent Hudson High School woman graduate who had tragically died from a heroin overdose. He reported that since 2012, the community has lost three recent Hudson graduates, and over the last four months there have been four other people in Hudson who have died from heroin overdoses. He said that the prevalence of heroin addiction is high in Hudson and in northeast Ohio, and he encouraged discussion and attention to this problem, so as to realize its scope for our community, and to strive to address this crisis of epidemic proportions. He asked the City Manager to work with the safety forces and asked citizens to provide input regarding a solution. Mr. Wooldredge agreed and said that alcohol and other drug abuse is also a serious problem. Mr. Basil agreed and suggested that the "Keep Hudson Safe Initiative" can address these problems. Mr. Hanink agreed and said that substance abuse is an ongoing issue, brought to the community's attention in recent years by the Schools' administration. Mayor Currin said that there is a call for the community to address drug and alcohol abuse problems responsibly, to come together, to provide support, to seek solutions, and to create and maintain a culture of health and well-being in Hudson.

Mr. Smith said that, given current decreased oil prices and low interest rates, he has asked the City Manager to consider expanding the roads program, adding trails, and adding cart paths at the golf course.

Mr. Wooldredge noted that the utility billing delinquency figures provided in the November Financial Report have substantially increased in the last few months, and he asked what this may be related to. Ms. Howington said that she will work with the Finance Director and will provide a report to Council.

7. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington thanked Mr. Paluscsak and Hudson Cable TV staff, who worked very hard over the holidays to complete a project to upgrade cameras and microphones in the Town Hall meeting room. Mr. Paluscsak spoke about the new equipment, control room, and graphic enhancements. He thanked Mr. Gary Dixon, who was volunteering his time this evening and using his audio expertise to balance equipment in the room. He thanked Mr. Comeriato, Mr. Munn, and Public Properties Division staff for assisting with maintenance work and painting, he thanked Mr. Gerbracht and other HCTV staff for assisting with equipment installation, he invited Council members to visit the new control room after the meeting, and he thanked Council for their financial support. Mayor Currin expressed appreciation for Mr. Paluscsak's leadership to provide public recordings of local government meetings.

Ms. Howington noted that the State of the City Report will be provided at end of January.

Ms. Howington said that Council members had requested an Economic Development Year-End Report, and she noted important elements of successful economic development and the varied approaches used by the City. Mr. Wiedie provided an overview of 2014, which included 26 new Hudson businesses with more than 70 new jobs, successful business retention efforts, a vibrant downtown, the transition of the Evaporator Works from office space to retail, and 100% occupancy of First & Main office space. He noted that Phase II of the Downtown Project will provide additional office space. He spoke of the City's outreach program to realtors, developers, and regional economic development partners, the marketing and broadband initiatives. He said that the Economic Development Year-End Report will be available via the City's website.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that Council enter into executive session to consider a personnel matter concerning the appointment of a Board or Commission. Mayor Currin recessed the meeting at 8:09 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wooldredge

Mayor Currin reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

8. Appointments

A. Charter Review Commission

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that the following citizens be appointed to the 2015 Charter Review Commission, pursuant to Section 13.02 of the Charter: Marcia Boote, 311 West Streetsboro St.; Robert Cain, 2882 Middleton Rd.; Ann Coleman, 6758 St. Regis Blvd.; Robert Drew, 66 E. Streetsboro St.; Andrew Duff, 34 Church St.; Randall Nye, 6902 Hunting Hollow Ln. E.; and George Roth, 105 E. Streetsboro St. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wooldredge, and Mr. Basil

9. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, and Mr. DeSaussure

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Basil, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, and Mr. Hanink

- A. [15-1](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITH THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND FOR THE PROSPECT STREET / STATE ROUTE 91 PROJECT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This project will be bid in the spring of 2015. In the southwest quadrant of the intersection the City needs a small permanent right of way take to allow for the radius of the walk and along the south side of Prospect Street we need a temporary construction easement to allow for grading. These are minor takes and have no adverse effect on the overall function or operation of the residual property.

Attachments: [St. Marys Property Acquisition](#)
[Resolution No. 15-1](#)

This Resolution was approved on the consent agenda.

10. Legislation

- A. [14-153](#) **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INTERCONNECTION POLICY FOR THE CONNECTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS TO THE CITY OF HUDSON'S POWER GRID THROUGH AUTHORIZATION OF A MODEL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AND FEES THEREFOR.**

Executive Summary: The Hudson Public Power staff has been working in cooperation with electrical design Engineers and the City's legal department to establish a formal interconnection policy and agreement to allow residents and/or businesses to interconnect privately owned solar power generation systems to the Hudson Public Power grid thereby allowing the customer to return unused solar generated electricity back to the power grid and realizing an account credit for the metered return amount (kWh). Public Works staff wishes for City Council to adopt the proposed policy for implementation.

Attachments: [Interconnection Application](#)
 [HPP Interconnection Policy Fees](#)
 [HPP Solar Pannel Interconnection Agreement](#)
 [Net Metering Rate Schedule for Solar Power Interconnection](#)
 [Ordinance No. 14-153](#)
 [Ordinance No. 14-153 \(As amended 12-17-14\)](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of this Ordinance, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Smith, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Smith, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, and Mr. Kelemen

B. [14-166](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND DEED FOR THE SALE OF FORFEITED PROPERTY AT 7870 RAVENNA ROAD; THE SHARING OF SALE PROCEEDS WITH THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT AND THE CITY OF TWINSBURG; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This Resolution would authorize the sale of the former Hilltop Motel property, Parcel No. 30-04681, the deed for which has been transferred to the City of Hudson and the sale of which has been directed by court orders.

Attachments: [Court Order for Transfer & Sale of Forfeited Property at 7870 Ravenna Road](#)
 [Map of 7870 Ravenna Road](#)
 [Resolution No. 14-166](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of this Resolution, which constituted its second reading.

Mr. Keleman said that an offer to purchase has been made, and the prospective buyer has contacted him, urging Council's decision this evening. Mr. Kelemen expressed concern that delaying a vote on this Resolution may jeopardize the sale. He did not see a need for an appraisal. Discussion followed regarding the property's value, marketing efforts, current conditions, and unique zoning.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Smith, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, and Mr. Smith

Nay: 1 - Mr. Basil

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wooldredge

Nay: 2 - Mr. Basil, and Mr. Hanink

11. Presentations

A. [15-0002](#)

Presentation: Administration Department Review

Executive Summary: The City Manager will review operations of the Administration Department, as well as the Economic Development and Communications Departments.

Attachments:

[Memo - Performance Management & Departmental Reviews](#)

[Presentation - Performance Management Overview 2014](#)

Ms. Howington provided an overview of performance management and a review of the City's Administration Department, including the City Manager's Office, as well as the Economic Development and Communications Departments.

This matter was presented to Council.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 9:30 p.m.

William A. Currin, 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.