



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor
Christopher W. Foster, President of Council (Ward 2)
Christopher A. Banweg, Council Member (At-Large)
Michael W. Bird, Council Member (Ward 4)
Patricia L. Goetz, Council Member (Ward 1)
Karen E. Heater, Council Member (At-Large)
Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager
Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

6:45 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive Session to begin at 6:45 p.m.; followed by Regular Council Meeting at 7:30.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 6:45 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 5 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 2 - Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Kowalski

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Goetz, to enter into executive session to interview applicants for boards and commissions. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz and Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. to enter into executive session and resumed the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kowalski and Mrs. Heater entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Hutchinson, Assistant Public Works Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Varnes, Fire/EMS Chief.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bird, to change the order of the agenda to move Report of the Manager before Public Comment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Banweg

Nay: 1 - Mr. Sutton

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [25-0047](#)

Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [April 8, 2025 Combined Council Meeting & Workshop Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Dr. Bird

6. Proclamations

- A. [25-0048](#) **Special Recognition of Senator Casey Weinstein for His Support for the City of Hudson**
Brief Description: Mayor Anzevino will recognize Sen. Weinstein's efforts in securing funding for the Inclusive Playground
Attachments: [Sen. Casey Weinstein Proclamation](#)

Several Councilmembers thanked Senator Weinstein for his efforts in securing funding for the inclusive playground. Senator Weinstein accepted the proclamation and made comments.

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

- B. [25-0049](#) **Special Recognition of Lemonade Day**
Brief Description: Mayor Anzevino will proclaim May 3-4, 2025 as "Lemonade Day" in Hudson, recognizing Seton Catholic School's participation in the program.
Attachments: [Lemonade Day 2025](#)

Principal Alestock of Seton Catholic School and students accepted the proclamation and made comments.

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

- C. [25-0050](#) **Special Recognition of Arbor Day 2025**
Brief Description: Mayor Anzevino will proclaim April 25, 2025 as "Arbor Day" in Hudson.
Attachments: [Arbor Day 2025](#)

Mr. Sutton stated that a tree would be planted at Veterans Way Park and residents can sign the back of the brick that will be placed in front of the tree. Mr. Hutchinson accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

9. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan turned over the Report of the Manager to Chief Varnes to provide an overview of the house fire that occurred on Friday, April 11th. He stated that there were certain circumstances that required him to contact the State Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives. Chief Varnes also stated that no matter how the City of Hudson fire station was staffed, it would not have made a difference to the outcome of this fire.

Chief Varnes also reported on 20 fires between January 2024 to the most recent one on Friday, stating that apart from two that were a total loss, the other 18 were "saves".

Councilmembers thanked Chief Varnes and his staff for their efforts.

Discussion followed about waterlines, the surveying of five neighborhoods where the majority of homeowners did not want to pay the additional cost, as well as the placement of fire hydrants.

7. Public Comments

Ms. Katrina Whited, 6041 Willow Lake Dr., stated that her company poured the concrete at Mr. Foster's home and if a permit was required and not pulled, then it was an accident and not nefarious in any way.

Mr. Todd Zedak, 16 Hudson Common, praised the Hudson Fire Department and publicly stated his support for the firefighters.

Mr. Anthony Ravida, 1746 Edgar Dr., raised concerns about several issues.

8. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Foster provided a Planning Commission update.

Mrs. Kowalski announced Earth Day celebrations on Saturday, April 19th on the Clocktower and Gazebo Greens from 11am-3pm, as well as her and Dr. Goetz's April 30th open forum at the library at 6:30pm.

Dr. Goetz stated that the Hudson Inclusive Park is still taking donations and made comments about being respectful.

Responding to a public comment, Mr. Banweg clarified that Council decided to patch Walters Road, not fund the resurfacing.

Mayor Anzevino congratulated the Hudson High School drama club on its production of "Hedestown" and stated he would be attending the MAPSS meeting on Tuesday, April 22nd.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to appoint William Lockwood and John Liesen to full terms on the Military and Veterans' Commission, Matthew Babika to a partial term on the Military and Veterans' Commission, and Jessie Obert to a partial term on the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird and Mr. Foster

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Kowalski

11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to suspend the rule requiring three readings for the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster and Dr. Goetz

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

A. [25-0051](#) A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the March 2025 Monthly

Financial Report

Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [March 2025 Financial Report](#)

Motion No. 25-0051 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [25-66](#) A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-106 TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE DILLMAN DRIVE BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT (PID 119823).**
- Brief Description:** Work will include new bridge structure, guardrail replacement and roadway replacement at the Dillman Drive bridge. The bridge is located on a tributary to Tinkers Creek named the Wagar Ditch within the Dillman Estates subdivision. Staff is requesting an increase in funding in the amount of \$28,340.80.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-66](#)

Resolution No. 25-66 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [25-67](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF A PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL #3001552, FOR THE EXCHANGE OF APPROXIMATELY .14405 ACRES WITH A CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL #3001315; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in exchanging approximately .14405 acres of parcel located at 5431 Hudson Dr., identified by the Summit County Auditor as Parcel #3001315 with the Owner of a parcel located at 5411 Hudson Dr., identified by the Summit County Auditor as Parcel 3001552. The land is currently owned by Rebecca Fischer and Jacob Fischer.

Attachments: [Land Swap Exhibit](#)
[Resolution No. 25-67](#)

Resolution No. 25-67 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [25-68](#) A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FOR AN EMS PRIORITY ONE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT ON BEHALF OF HUDSON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND ACCEPTING, IF AWARDED.**

Brief Description: The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, provides a grant to assist EMS with purchase of approved training and equipment. Estimated funding is determined in June, based on the amount of funding available for the program. No matching funds

are required.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-68](#)

Resolution No. 25-68 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [25-70](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24-127, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS.**
Brief Description: This Ordinance will amend the 2025 budget for additional and/or amended appropriations as listed in the attached Exhibit A.
Attachments: [1st Appropriation Exhibit A \(revised for 4-15-25\)](#)
 [Ordinance No. 25-70 \(revised for 4-15-25\)](#)

Ordinance No. 25-70 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [25-71](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-22 EXTENDING THE INSTALLATION OF “MELODY” FOR AN ADDITIONAL 18 MONTHS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: The Mayor and staff wish to extend Melody’s (large bird sculpture) and the 365-Day Kindness Garden stay on the Park Lane/Merino Green by 18 months, alongside the return of 150 smaller birds art exhibit in Spring/Summer 2026. The project continues to promote a sense of community through kindness.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-71 \(revised for 4-15-25\)](#)

Resolution No. 25-71 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

12. Legislation**A. [25-21](#) AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE ORDER AND RULES OF A PUBLIC HEARING.**

Brief Description: The Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson make reference to, but do not define “Public Hearing.” This ordinance establishes an order of business and reasonable limitations on discussion for all public hearings before any official City body, whether it be City Council or any other board, committee or commission.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-21 - Planning Commission Report and Recommendations](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-21 \(as introduced\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-21 Exhibit A \(4-22-25\)](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-21, which constituted its second reading.

B. [25-56](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TEN, "STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO AMEND CHAPTER 1016 USE OF PUBLIC WAYS BY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CABLE TELEVISION PROVIDERS.

Brief Description: This Ordinance will amend the City’s Codified Ordinances relating to regulations applying to use of public ways by service providers and cable television providers in the City’s public right-of-way, found in Chapter 1016, “Use Of Public Ways by Service Providers and Cable Television Providers,” of the Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Ordinance Amending CO Chapter 1016](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-56](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-56, which constituted its third reading.

Mr. Foster stated that, due to communication from certain organizations, he would make a motion to postpone to a date certain of May 20th so that there could be a legal review with legal counsel, not City Council.

Mr. Sutton felt that the organizations were lobbying and would vote no.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that Ordinance No. 25-56 be postponed to a date certain of May 20, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Kowalski

Nay: 1 - Mr. Sutton

C. [25-65](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. SECTION 929.02 FOR JOANN POULTON, 5457 STOW ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO; AND DECLARING

AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: Joann Poulton has submitted a renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for an alpaca farm operation on 14.37 acre parcel at 5457 Stow Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [Application - 5457 Stow Rd](#)
[5457 Stow Road CD Inspection 3.10.25](#)
[Map of 5457 Stow Road](#)
[Resolution No. 25-65](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 25-65, which constituted its second reading.

D. [25-69](#) **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL TO CONTINUE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS AND JOB CREATION GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF SUMMIT.**

Brief Description: The City has established a Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) to periodically review each existing Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and Job Creation Grant Agreement for compliance and to make recommendations to continue, modify or terminate each of the agreements. The duly appointed TIRC met on March 14, 2025, reviewed each CRA and Job Creation Grant Agreement and made certain recommendations to City Council.

Attachments: [TIRC Minutes 3.14.2025](#)
[Resolution No. 25-69](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 25-69, which constituted its first reading.

13. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bird, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Invited to the executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, outside counsel, the City Manager, and the Community Development Director. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bird, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Invited to the executive session were all members of Council except Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton, the Mayor, the City Solicitor, the City Manager, and the Community Development Director. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater and Mr. Banweg

Abstain: 2 - Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 9:41 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting at 9:54 p.m.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the regular meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

Aparna Wheeler, 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.