



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Workshop

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor
Michael W. Bird, President of Council (Ward 4)
Kyle Brezovec, Council Member (At-Large)
Samantha D'Eramo, Council Member (At-Large)
Patricia L. Goetz, Council Member (Ward 1)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)
Amanda Weinstein, Council Member (At-Large)
Dan White, Council Member (Ward 2)

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

President of Council Bird called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 7 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Brezovec, Ms. D'Eramo, Dr. Goetz, Mr. Sutton, Dr. Weinstein and Mr. White

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mrs. Behnke, Economic Development Manager; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Ferda, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Varnes, Fire/EMS Chief.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Dr. Goetz provided an update on the Architectural and Historic Board of Review meeting that was held on April 7, 2026.

Dr. Weinstein provided an update on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on April 13, 2026.

Mr. Brezovec read an email from Tom Mayor regarding District 11 into the record.

Dr. Bird reminded residents that early voting has begun for the Library Board and the May primary election, and he noted that local income taxes must be filed with RITA. He also asked staff to share Kinetic's public contact information so residents in Ward 4 can reach out regarding the work currently underway.

3. Discussion Items

A. [26-0023](#) District 11 Discussion

Brief Description: Discussion of District 11 with City Board Members who served on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Attachments: [District 11 Zoning Proposal Discussion 04.14.2026](#)
[City Council Memo - Public Feedback Summary 4.10.26](#)
[Transcribed Comments 4-10-26](#)

Ms. Rebecca Leiter, Ms. Jesse Obert, Ms. Fink Henry, Mr. Todd Zedak, and Mr. Bob Kahrl, members from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, presented information related to District 11. Information presented included general makeup of the Committee and goal, timeline of the various tasks the Committee completed, focus groups that were held, explanation of survey responses that provided the values of the community, and explanation of language within the plan regarding the SR 91 corridor from Stoney Hill to Norton Road. There were Council questions pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan, how it relates to the former Joann property, and the intended uses.

This matter was discussed.

B. [26-0024](#) Fire and EMS Department Overviews

Brief Description: Chief Jerry Varnes is scheduled to update the Council on the Fire and EMS Department's 2026 operational status and respond to formal inquiries regarding department performance.

Attachments: [EMS Org Chart 2026](#)
[Fire Org chart 2026](#)
[EMS and Fire Information for Council 4-14-26](#)
[Senior Care Facilities comparison](#)

Chief Varnes presented an overview of the EMS and Fire Departments that included response times, personnel, certifications, remodel update, and overview of calls and transports from senior care facilities. General discussion and questions followed.

This matter was discussed.

C. [TMP-8567](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY ON ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS.

Brief Description: The City of Hudson seeks to establish a transparent, accountable, and legally compliant process for accepting financial or in-kind contributions from nonprofit organizations wishing to support city-sponsored public projects.

Attachments: [City Nonprofit Donations and Funding Policy](#)
[Nonprofit Donation Form](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Sheridan provided an explanation on this Resolution. General discussion followed.

This matter was discussed.

4. Proposed Consent Agenda for April 21, 2026, Council Meeting

- A. [TMP-8592](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the March 2026 Monthly Financial Report**
Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.
Attachments: [March 2026 Financial Report](#)

Mr. Knoblauch provided an overview of the March financial report.

This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- B. [TMP-8566](#) **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY'S FEDERAL FUNDS AND GRANT POLICIES.**
Brief Description: The City received a recommendation in the audit report from the Ohio Auditor of State to formally establish and maintain policies for the handling of federal grants.
Attachments: [Exhibit A: Federal Funds Policy](#)
[Draft Ordinance](#)

Mr. Knoblauch provided an explanation on the policy.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- C. [TMP-8595](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 25-165, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS.**
Brief Description: This Ordinance will amend the 2026 budget for additional and/or amended appropriations as listed in the attached Exhibit A.
Attachments: [Res. No. 26-12 Inclusive Playground Restroom](#)
[2026 1st Appropriation Exhibit A](#)
[Draft Ordinance](#)

Mr. Knoblauch provided an explanation on some of the appropriation items.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- D. [TMP-8565](#) **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE CITY MANAGER TO THE STATE OF OHIO'S BIENNIAL CAPITAL BUDGET.**
Brief Description: The State of Ohio awards funding for eligible community projects that involve acquiring, building, improving, or equipping facilities that provide a statewide public benefit, such as in higher education, mental health, parks and recreation, conservation, or cultural and sports facilities. In

2026, the City of Hudson submitted three projects.

Attachments: [Staff Report - State Capital Budget Requests - Grant Affirmation](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Griffith provided an explanation on this grant application.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- E. [TMP-8579](#) **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE CITY MANAGER TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR A PRIORITY ONE AND SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT.**

Brief Description: The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, awards Priority 1 and Supplemental grant funding for equipment, training, and research. The City could receive \$4,000 in grant funding for EMS equipment.

Attachments: [Priority One and Supplemental Grant Guidance](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Griffith provided an explanation on this grant application.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- F. [TMP-8581](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VETRO, INC. FOR FIBER MAPPING SOFTWARE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This legislation would replace our current one-year Vetro Fiber Mapping software licensing agreement with a three-year agreement, incurring no change in price for the length of the term.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Knoblauch provided an explanation on this software utilized by Velocity Broadband.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation for April 21, 2026, Council Meeting

- A. [26-51](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 1446, STREET BANNERS.**

Brief Description: Proposed update to Chapter 1446 Street Banners.

Attachments: [Exhibit A Ch 1446 Street Banner Redline](#)
[Banner Guidelines - Draft](#)
[Banner Locations](#)
[Ordinance No. 26-51](#)

Ordinance No. 26-51 was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- B. [26-53](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH RDL ARCHITECTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT SITE PLAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The concept plan will illustrate the community's interests for the Clinton Crossing property and will be submitted for Concept Plan Review at Planning Commission as a City-led application, followed by future preliminary and final plan reviews that would be completed and submitted by a developer. See the attached staff memo for details.

Attachments: [Council Memo - CC Design Firm Selection - 3.10.26 Workshop](#)
[Resolution No. 26-53](#)

Resolution No. 26-53 was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- C. [26-64](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW THE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS BY THE CLERK.**

Brief Description: The ordinance would allow the Clerk of Council to fix obvious clerical mistakes in legislation and meeting minutes.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-64](#)

Ordinance No. 26-64 was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- D. [TMP-8552](#) **AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 226 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE LIMITS AND REGULATIONS.**

Brief Description: This Ordinance would repeal Chapter 226 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson, which establishes local campaign contribution limits for City candidates and their campaigns.

Attachments: [Draft Ordinance](#)

Dr. Weinstein provided an explanation regarding this proposed Ordinance and stated that this would put the City in line with other peer communities. Discussion followed.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- E. [TMP-8447](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 220.03, 220.031, AND 220.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON REGULAR AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS AFTER CONSIDERATION AT A WORKSHOP.**

Brief Description: This amendment rescinds the prior rule requiring the affirmative support of at least four City Council members at a Workshop in order for a resolution or ordinance to proceed to a regular or special City Council meeting agenda.

Attachments: [Draft Ordinance \(1-13-26 Workshop\)](#)
[Draft Ordinance \(revised for 4-14-26 Workshop\]](#)

A general overview of the reason for this Ordinance was provided. Concerns were raised that Section 220.031 does not allow items to be added to the agenda, and there was disagreement with allowing the City Manager to introduce legislation as outlined in Section 220.06. Mr. Sheridan stated that he will speak to Mr. Pitchford regarding this language.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the April 21, 2026, Council meeting.

- F. [TMP-8593](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TWO OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON TO CREATE CHAPTER 216, PUBLIC RECORDS.**
Brief Description: With this legislation, the City of Hudson seeks to exercise its Home Rule Authority under Article XVIII, Sections 3 and 7 of the Ohio Constitution, and promulgate its own public records policy. Under this policy, the City may not disclose a crime victim's or a minor's identity in records produced in response to a public records request.
Attachments: [Draft Ordinance](#)

Dr. Weinstein provided an explanation on reason for this Ordinance.

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- G. [TMP-8567](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY ON ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS.**
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6. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

Dr. Bird stated that the following Proclamations will appear on the April 21, 2025 Council agenda: Lemonade Day Month, Public Service Recognition Week, Arbor Day and Western Reserve Academy 200th Anniversary.

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Dr. Bird adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Michael Bird, President of Council

Thomas J. Sheridan, 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.