



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council Workshop

David A. Basil, Mayor

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council (At-Large)

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., Council Member (At-Large)

Dennis N. Hanink, Council Member (Ward 1)

Alex D. Kelemen, Council Member (Ward 3)

Casey M. Weinstein, Council Member (Ward 2)

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

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

6:45 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

President of Council Wooldredge called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 6:46 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

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

Staff and others in Attendance: Mayor Basil; Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Hutchinson, Assistant Public Works Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Finance Director; Mr. Kosco, Assistant City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Powell, Assistant Public Works Director.

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Dr. Williams, to enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to consider the appointment and employment of public officials with respect to members of the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board and the Environmental Awareness Committee. Mr. Wooldredge recessed the meeting at 6:47 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Excused: 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

Mr. Wooldredge reconvened the Council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. DeSaussure entered the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

3. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Wooldredge offered a moment of silence in remembrance of the officers that died in the line of duty in Westerville, Ohio, and also extended his appreciation to the safety forces. He also provided an update on Velocity Broadband and stated that an independent financial analysis is being completed and will be e-mailed out to all Council members and discussed at the March 13, 2018 Council workshop.

4. Discussion Items

A. [18-0012](#) Discussion of the City Brine Well Project

Executive Summary: The Brine Well Project is scheduled to go out to bid in March 2018. City Council requested staff bring the project back for discussion prior to commencing the bidding process.

Attachments: [ROI Calculations - Brine Well](#)
[Brine Well Construction 12-1-17](#)

Mr. Comeriato introduced the project and provided an update on the Brine Well Project. Discussion followed and included, cost of the project, factoring truck replacement into the rate of return report, cost difference of a brine truck compared to a regular plow truck, separation of brine for drinking water and brine for roads, funding of the project, water fund balance, and impact of brine on the roadways. There was consensus for staff to complete a new rate of return report showing two separate projects, brine for water and brine for roads. This topic will return to the February 27, 2018 Council workshop.

This matter was discussed.

B. [18-0013](#) Discussion of the City's Power Supply Portfolio and Associated Guidelines

Executive Summary: In response to Council member comments, and at the request of the Council President, staff wishes to discuss the alignment of the City's power portfolio with the current portfolio guidelines, and opportunities to bring more renewable power resources into the portfolio mix in the future.

Attachments: [POWER PURCHASE GUIDELINES DOCUMENT with comments](#)
[Power Portfolio Discussion Terms 2017](#)
[Power Charts 2017-18](#)

Mr. Comeriato reviewed the City's current portfolio and discussed the possible release from Prairie State. He suggested the following updates to the current guidelines, include a target of 25%-50% renewables and try to sell 5 mega watts of Prairie State, which will make the purchase of renewables cost neutral. General discussion followed. There was consensus to move forward with the suggested guideline changes.

This matter was discussed.

C. [18-0014](#) **Presentation of the Public Works Facility Needs Assessment: highlights, cost analysis, and design phase recommendation.**

Executive Summary: Staff wishes to review the needs assessment and discuss moving forward with the design phase of the project.

Attachments: [PW Facility Project Review](#)
[PW Facility Needs Assessment Summary Draft Jan. 2018](#)
[Proposed PW Site Location](#)
[Hyperlink - Existing Public Works Operations - Virtual Tour](#)

Mr. Comeriato reviewed the steps that staff has taken to date in regards to a new Public Works Facility. Discussion followed that included, reduction of design cost and contingency, the need for large heated space, design and construction timeline, environmental impacts, economic development impacts, design/build vs. traditional build, and estimated construction cost. Staff will return to the March 6, 2018 Council meeting for a first reading for permission to solicit requests for proposal for design and construction management services of the Public Works Facility.

Council asked staff to provide a spending analysis and the impact on the fund balance.

This matter was discussed.

5. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

Mr. Wooldredge stated that Representative Roegner informed him that HB 478, in regards to the installation of cell towers, will be voted on on February 14, 2018, and Ms. Roegner has asked for the City's opinion of this bill. Ms. Howington stated that language was added that limits use of Hudson Public Power poles and protects the Historic Downtown area. Council discussion followed and there was overall consensus that they do not have enough time to review the information provided to them to provide a yes or no answer to Ms. Roegner.

Ms. Bigham expressed her concerns with the new generic e-mail that has been set-up for Council members and requested discussion at a future workshop.

Mr. Kelemen requested discussion at a future workshop in regards to newly planted trees in the Downtown area that have not made it through the winter and trees that were not planted, as well as the future state of the City-owned property on Ravenna Street.

Dr. Williams requested an update on citizen outreach for the May ballot initiative for the Fire/EMS levy. Mr. Knoblauch stated that information has been added to the City's website, he further stated that the City can educate, but can not influence citizens.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:28 p.m.

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

Jane Howington, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Office Manager.

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 in accordance with Codified Ordinances, Section 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.