



# City of Hudson, Ohio

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### City Council

*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)*

*Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)*

*Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)*

*Vacant, Council Member (At-Large)*

*Jane Howington, City Manager*

*Matthew J. Vazzana, City Solicitor*

*R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel*

*Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council*

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Tuesday, June 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Via Video-Conference & Live-Stream

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#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Shubert called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 6:05 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

#### 2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, to enter into executive session to consider a personnel matter concerning the appointment of public officials to the Park Board and Tree Commission. Mayor Shubert recessed the meeting at 6:05 after the motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

*Mayor Shubert reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

#### 4. Roll Call

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

*Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; 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. Wash, Assistant Public Works Director.*

## 5. Approval of the Minutes

### A. [20-0080](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

**Attachments:** [June 2, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[June 4, 2020 Council Special Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[June 9, 2020 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

## 6. Public Hearing

### A. [20-69](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN SPECIFIED PUBLIC AREAS OF DOWNTOWN HUDSON, ENACTING REGULATIONS THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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[Notice of Public Hearing on 6-16-2020](#)

[Notice of Action on Res. No. 20-69](#)

[Resolution No. 20-69](#)

*Mayor Shubert opened the public hearing for Resolution No. 20-69 at 7:32 p.m.*

*Mrs. Slagle read comments that were received at the City Council email account from the following residents (email messages attached to record copy of these minutes):*

*- Mr. Keith Bagarus, 75 Stratford Road, (email dated June 16, 2020) in support of the proposed DORA to help strengthen the community and local economy.*

*- Mrs. Joanne Bagarus, 75 Stratford Road, (email dated June 16, 2020) in support of the proposed DORA to help support local businesses in their time of need.*

*- Mr. Brad Howard, 63 Fox Trace Lane, (email dated June 16, 2020) in support of the proposed DORA to support local businesses, recreation, and lifestyle options.*

*There being no additional comments, Mayor Shubert closed the public hearing for Resolution No. 20-69 at 7:34 p.m.*

**A public hearing was held for Resolution No. 20-69.**

## 7. Public Comments

*Mrs. Karen Leith, 7379 Stoneledge Circle, spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Hudson in support of Resolution No. 20-76, condemning racism and asking that Council take a leadership role in overseeing the effective use of resources and efforts to address racism, to treat all people fairly, equitably, and with respect, to actively work to prevent injustices, and to ensure the rights and dignity of all Hudson residents (full statement attached to record copy of these minutes).*

*Mrs. Slagle read comments that were received at the City Council email account from the following residents (email messages attached to record copy of these minutes):*

- Mrs. Nicole Kowalski, 276 Atterbury Boulevard, (email dated June 16, 2020) in support of Resolution No. 20-76, condemning racism.*
- Ms. Laura Labadie, Hudson resident, (email dated June 16, 2020) expressing disappointment with Resolution No. 20-76, because she would have preferred actionable steps be identified to ensure black people feel welcome in Hudson, and she felt the City should do more to publicly condemn racism and affirm the value of black lives.*
- Ms. Maggie Wise, Hudson resident, (email dated June 4, 2020) demanding the City set an example by taking steps to: de-fund the police, use body cameras for officers, train officers in de-escalation, demand accountability, and forbid the use of excessive force and toxic weapons.*
- Ms. Allison Evans, 1699 Callander Drive, (email dated June 15, 2020) expressing support for community-oriented policing and the protection and rights of black community members and demanding steps be taken to instate policies to prevent police violence and discrimination.*
- Ms. Chloé Wells, Hudson resident, (email dated Jun 6, 2020) asking for the guarantee of safety for all residents and asking for improvements in law enforcement to promote better relationships with community members and to undo systemic racism.*

*Mrs. Leba Lualdi, co-owner of Yoga Lounge & Barre, 89 First Street, asked that the City support her business by granting permission to use public green space for outdoor yoga classes for small groups of participants to safely practice yoga and allow for social distancing (email dated June 16, 2020, attached to record copy of these minutes).*

## 8. Correspondence and Council Comments

*Mr. DeSaussure read correspondence from Ms. Radigan, former Ward 2 Council representative and resident of 84 Stratford Road, in which she supported Resolution No. 20-76 and the Black Lives Matter movement, and she shared a recent experience and urged Council to take active steps to address systemic racism and injustice in the Hudson community (written statement attached to record copy of these minutes).*

*Mr. Sutton announced that he will hold a virtual Ward 3 Open Forum on June 30, as well as a Ward 3 Connectivity Plan Meeting on July 2, 2020, and he asked people interested in participating to contact him. He asked that staff address the request of the Yoga Lounge for use of public green space.*

*Mrs. Bigham announced that she will hold a virtual Ward 4 Connectivity Plan Meeting on June 22, 2020, and she asked people interested in participating to contact her.*

*Mr. Foster said that Norfolk Southern has notified the City of rail crossing closures at Twinsburg Road and Hines Hill Road beginning tomorrow. He said that Council members received many letters in support of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, and he spoke in support of Resolution No. 20-76. Furthermore, he noted that much of the specialized training and dashboard camera technology requested through BLM is already in place with Hudson's Police Department, and he spoke in favor of escalating the planned purchase of body cameras for police officers, for which technologies have already been vetted.*

*Ms. Schlademan thanked the community, elected officials, and staff for their support of Resolution No. 20-76.*

*She also thanked Mr. David Drummond for his service as a member of the Architectural & Historic Board of Review. She encouraged people to be mindful and respectful of neighbors and businesses regarding precautionary measures for COVID-19.*

*Mayor Shubert spoke of the importance of the Census, and he encouraged anyone who hasn't already completed the 2020 Census forms to please do so.*

## 9. Report of Manager

*Ms. Howington addressed the request for use of public properties by the Yoga Lounge. She said the City still has a prohibition of groups of more than 10 people, in accordance with State regulations; however, the County has granted the City's appeal for use of public restrooms at the Parks. She suggested anyone in groups of 10 or less can use public space with social distancing, and the City has worked with the Yoga Lounge and has requested that the County Board of Health grant permission for use of Barlow Farm Park for them to conduct outdoor yoga classes, noting that this location has adequate parking, space for social distancing, and restroom facilities. She said that community rooms remain closed at this time pursuant to State regulations.*

*Commenting regarding the correspondence and comments received recently concerning local policing practices, she said that community policing has been in place in Hudson for many years, and the City has already instituted many of the suggested policies being widely requested. She said that Chief Tabak will talk about community policing at the June 23, 2020, workshop. She supported the need for more community conversations on race and said that the City is actively working with other community organizations to promote such conversation.*

## 10. Discussion Items

*None.*

## 11. Appointments

*None.*

## 12. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Foster, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of legislation on the Consent Agenda, except for Resolution No. 20-72, which was removed for separate action. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

*Mr. Foster noted that Ordinance No. 20-70 and Resolution No. 20-71 are substantially related.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to approve the Consent Agenda, except for Resolution No. 20-72, which was removed for separate action. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

- A. [20-0079](#)      **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the May 2020 Monthly Financial Report**  
***Brief Description:*** Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.  
***Attachments:***      [May 2020 Financial Report](#)

**Motion No. 20-0079 was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

- B. [20-70](#)      **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-153, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2020.**  
***Brief Description:*** This Ordinance will amend the 2020 budget for additional and/or amended appropriations as listed in the attached Exhibit A.  
***Attachments:***      [Exhibit A - 2nd Quarter Appropriations 2020](#)  
                                 [Ordinance No. 20-70](#)

**Ordinance No. 20-70 was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

- C. [20-71](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE VETERANS TRAIL PHASE IV PROJECT.**  
***Brief Description:*** This Resolution would authorize an increase to redesign the Veterans Trail Phase IV project including environmental design and permitting, easement acquisition, trail design, and drainage design work.  
***Attachments:***      [Veterans Trail Phase IV Alternate Trail Exhibit - Updated 5-26-20](#)  
                                 [Resolution No. 20-71](#)

**Resolution No. 20-71 was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

- E. [20-73](#)      **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR A FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT.**  
***Brief Description:*** The purpose of the Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to the fire and fire-related hazards by assisting prevention programs. Approximately \$47,000 is being requested to continue the Fire Safe Seniors program. A 5% match of approximately \$2,300 is required.  
***Attachments:***      [Resolution No. 20-73](#)

**Resolution No. 20-73 was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

- F. [20-74](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE MARCO DIAMOND CLAY SOIL AMENDING CONDITIONER FROM WALKER SUPPLY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF INFIELD MATERIAL AT THE BARLOW FARM PARK BASEBALL COMPLEX; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- Brief Description:*** In review, the four (4) baseball fields at Barlow Farm Park required safety related repairs/renovations due to years of excessive wear and failing infrastructure. The immediate Phase I safety improvements were completed in late spring of 2020. Phase II construction work was publicly bid and awarded to S&S Processing (Athletic Field Pros). In an effort to keep costs down on the project the parks department will be purchasing and providing the infield soil material required from sole source vendor Walker Supply Co. Staff is prepared to execute the purchase at this time. The phase II work is scheduled to be completed over five days in late June and has been coordinated with the affected baseball organizations.
- Attachments:***      [Marco Clay quote](#)  
                                 [Resolution No. 20-74](#)

**Resolution No. 20-74 was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

- G. [20-75](#)      **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT ALL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND WILL BE EXPENDED ONLY TO COVER COSTS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, OHIO, CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5001 OF THE CARES ACT AS DESCRIBED IN 42 U.S.C. 601(d), AND ANY APPLICABLE REGULATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY PURSUANT TO H.B. 481 BEFORE RECEIVING SAID FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- Brief Description:*** The Fund created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) is designed to provide ready funding to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Attachments:***      [Resolution No. 20-75](#)

**Resolution No. 20-75 was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- D. [20-72](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO REMOVE CERTAIN TITLE MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 53 FIRST STREET, 17 WEST STREETSBORO ROAD, AND 36 NORTH MAIN STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- Brief Description:*** This Resolution enables the City Manager to execute the documents necessary to remove certain title matters related to properties owned by the Merino family in downtown Hudson to facilitate the sale of said properties to the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation.

Attachments:     [Exhibit A - Letter concerning Baldwin-Buss-Merino Property Resolution No. 20-72](#)

*Mr. DeSaussure requested that Resolution No. 20-72 be removed from the Consent Agenda, noting that he will abstain from deliberation and voting, due to a conflict of interest with his employer.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Foster, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 20-72. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

**Abstain:** 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Foster, to pass Resolution No. 20-72. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. Foster

**Abstain:** 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

### 13. Legislation

- A.     [20-64](#)     **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$3,850,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING EQUIPMENT AS PART OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL BROADBAND SERVICES SYSTEM PROJECT.**
- Brief Description:*** This Ordinance authorizes internal borrowing for the installation of the broadband services system (Velocity Broadband). These roll forward the notes issued in 2019 of \$3,850,000 for five months so they mature at the same time as other currently outstanding notes. For cost savings purposes, we plan to roll these notes into one large bond issue in December 2020.

Attachments:     [Fiscal Officer's Certificate Ordinance No. 20-64](#)

**Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 20-64, which constituted its third reading.**

*Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Foster spoke in support of Ordinance No. 20-64, commenting that the debt was incurred for hardware installation when the Velocity Broadband Enterprise Fund was created, that refinancing is a cost savings measure, and that the debt will roll-over into a Note issuance in December 2020.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to pass Ordinance No. 20-64. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster and Ms. Schlademan

- B.     [20-65](#)     **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HUDSON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR A COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF LOAN PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

**Brief Description:** This Ordinance will authorize the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Program through the Hudson Community Improvement Corporation (HCIC).

**Attachments:** [HCIC Articles of Incorporation](#)  
[HCIC Code of Regulations](#)  
[HCIC Members \(5-27-2020\)](#)  
[Proposed Agreement with HCIC for COVID-19 Small Business Relief Loan Program](#)  
[Exhibit A to HCIC Agreement - Loan Eligibility and Terms](#)  
[Ordinance No. 20-65](#)

**Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 20-65, which constituted its third reading.**

*Mr. Wooldredge spoke in support of postponing Ordinance No. 20-65, so that Council can reassess interest in such a loan program from the business community at a later date. Mr. DeSaussure supported this, noting that Council will have a better understanding of the City's financial situation in August.*

**Two motions were made concurrently: 1.) by Mrs. Bigham (no second was made) to pass Ordinance No. 20-65; and 2.) by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to postpone action on Ordinance No. 20-65 to the meeting of August 18, 2020. The motion to postpone carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

**Nay:** 1 - Mrs. Bigham

**C. [20-67](#)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH CROWN CASTLE FIBER, LLC FOR INCREASING BANDWIDTH CAPABILITY.**

**Brief Description:** Velocity broadband's current internet provider contract with Crown Castle Fiber, LLC (formerly Lighttower Fiber Networks) established initial bandwidth service pricing to upgrade service bandwidth as customer demands would require. Due to current usage trends, staff now seeks to execute an upgrade to provide adequate bandwidth to existing and future customers.

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 19-102, passed 7-30-2019](#)  
[VBB Bandwidth Increase - Q&A and supplemental info.](#)  
[Resolution No. 20-67](#)

**Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 20-67, which constituted its second reading.**

**D. [20-69](#)**

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[Resolution No. 20-69](#)

*Mr. Hannan explained the timeline for passage of Resolution No. 20-69, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, Section 4301.82.*

**Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 20-69, which constituted its second reading.**

- E.     [20-76](#)             **A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RACISM AND ENCOURAGING A COMMITMENT TO FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL.**  
**Brief Description:** Ms. Schlademan is sponsoring this Resolution in an effort to condemn racism and hate and to encourage fair, equal, and respectful treatment for all.**

**Attachments:**     [Resolution No. 20-76](#)

**Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 20-76, which constituted its first reading.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 20-76. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

*Mrs. Bigham spoke in support of moving forward with certain measures as soon as possible, such as police body cameras. Mr. Wooldredge agreed and spoke in support of the Hudson Police Department. He also spoke of how we all need to have a change of heart, and he spoke favorably about the benefits of community conversations.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to pass Resolution No. 20-76. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

## **14.     Adjournment**

**There being no further business, Mayor Shubert adjourned the Council meeting at 8:36 p.m.**

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**Craig A. Shubert, Mayor**

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**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.*