



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor
Christopher W. Foster, President of Council (Ward 2)
Christopher A. Banweg, Council Member (At-Large)
Karen E. Heater, Council Member (At-Large)
Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)
Scott Ruffer, Council Member (Ward 4)
Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager
John Kolesar, City Solicitor
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the meeting 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 2 - Mr. Banweg and Mrs. Heater

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Kolesar, City Solicitor; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Varnes, Fire/EMS Chief.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [23-0048](#)

Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [May 16, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[May 23, 2023 Council Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

5. Proclamations

A. [23-0049](#) **Special Recognition of Hudson Middle School’s “You Be the Chemist” Team**

Brief Description: Mayor Anzevino will recognize the team from Hudson Middle School in the national “You Be the Chemist” competition.

Attachments: ["You Be the Chemist" Team Proclamation](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

B. [23-0050](#) **Special Recognition of Hudson Festival Days, June 16th-June 17th, 2023**

Brief Description: This Proclamation recognizes the annual celebration of Hudson’s Festival Days and the special events organized by the Hudson Garden Club, Hudson Society of Artists, Hudson League for Service, Leadership Hudson, Destination Hudson, and the Hudson Fire Department Association.

Attachments: [Hudson Festival Days 2023](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

6. Public Comments

Several fifth grade students presented ideas about what they would like to see in Downtown Phase 2, including a recreation center with a gym and community pool.

Mr. Ban, 1550 Stonington, spoke on the topic of expanding city water services to supply Peninsula before Hudson residents. Additionally, he did not understand why Council has meetings in Town Hall, instead of City Hall.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mrs. Kowalski appreciated the fifth graders' comments about wanting a recreation center in Downtown Phase 2 and stated that she has been advocating for one while on Council. She also noted that the EAC voted to recommend that Council move forward with the greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the following reasons: to measure the benefits of future investments, potentially qualify for federal and state funding, be more competitive in attracting businesses and residents, and improve public health.

Mayor Anzevino thanked the fifth graders who spoke and commented on the detailed proposals for Downtown Phase 2. Additionally, he thanked Seton Catholic School and Hudson Local School District for their cooperation in recognizing students in May, noted that the farmer's market is now occurring every Saturday until Oct. 7, and recognized the Home and Garden Tour during Hudson Festival Days.

Mr. Foster spoke in response to Mr. Ban's comments. He said that the City never had an unfunded section for water expansion to residents in the five year plan until last year. The water expansion subcommittee will be coming to Council soon to provide an update on the five areas the City is looking at. He further stated that funding for the Nicholson Dr. backup line comes with the Peninsula expansion being pushed by EPA and County because of problems they have with potable water.

In regards to Mr. Ban's comments about Town Hall, Mr. Foster stated that he enjoyed being in the center of town but that City Hall will be equipped with audio/visual equipment so public meetings could also take place

there.

Mr. Sutton had the following comments: he asked his colleagues to send their vacation schedules to the Clerk of Council so any summer meetings are not in jeopardy; Planning Commission will have a public hearing about the proposed development at Ravenna and Stow Roads; the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has a workshop tomorrow at Hudson High School; there are significant potholes on Hudson-Aurora Road and SR 303 W in front of Bruegger's Bagels; and there was a significant power outage this past weekend that prevented 3000 well customers from using water during the outage.

Mr. Ruffer thanked the Hudson Public School Endowment Foundation Fund for the fundraiser at Ellsworth Meadows, which raised over \$15,000.

8. Report of Manager

Mr. Knoblauch stated that the event schedule for Hudson Festival Days can be found on the City's website.

9. Appointments

None.

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Foster

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Kowalski

A. [23-0051](#) **A MOTION TO RESCIND THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION REGARDING COVID-19**

Brief Description: Federal authorities have rescinded the health emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic effective on May 11, 2023.

Attachments: [Mayor's Proclamation COVID-19 20-00037](#)

Motion 23-0051 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. [23-73](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE PLANTING OF TREES WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY AT 233 AURORA STREET.**

Brief Description: This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a license agreement with Amanda and Damon Keller to allow them to plant four (4) arborvitae along Hudson Street within the City's right-of-way.

Attachments: [Project Area](#)
[Exhibit A: License Agreement - 233 Hudson Street](#)
[Resolution No. 23-73](#)

Resolution No. 23-73 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [23-74](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 1.**
Brief Description: The project will include improvements to promote ADA compliance and improve safety for pedestrians/bicyclists at the intersections of Baldwin Street at N. Main Street, College Street at Aurora Street and Hudson Street at Aurora Street. These improvements are being made as part of the Downtown Pedestrian Safety Study that was completed in 2022.
Attachments: [Downtown Ped Safety Imp Phase 1 Exhibit](#)
[Resolution No. 23-74](#)

Resolution No. 23-74 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

11. Legislation

- A. [23-71](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-143, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO LEGAL FEES FOR 2023.**
Brief Description: This Ordinance will amend the 2023 budget for additional and/or amended appropriations as listed in the attached Exhibit A.
Attachments: [Legal Fees Exhibit A](#)
[Ordinance No. 23-71](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 23-71, which constituted its second reading.

- B. [23-72](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S PAY RANGE STRUCTURE AND PAY RANGE ASSIGNMENTS SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 22-156 FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.**
Brief Description: This Ordinance amends the annual salary adjustment for the City's non-bargaining unit employees. The City Manager is requesting Council approval to increase the Volunteer Firefighter's Hourly Reimbursements.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: 2023 pay ranges - Non Union - Final Updated 4-28-23 for Firefighters](#)
[Volunteer Paid on Call Departments Pay Ranges](#)
[Ordinance No. 23-72](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 23-72, which constituted its second reading.

C. [23-75](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1040.14 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REVISING WATER RATES FOR WATER SERVICE PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS**

Brief Description: This Ordinance will amend the City's water rates to charge an additional 50% to the water rates for customers outside of City limits unless an agreement setting other rates exists. The additional 50% to be charged will be the City of Hudson or the City of Cleveland rate, whichever is greater.

Attachments: [1040.01 proposed - amended](#)
[1040.14 as amended 5-17-23 Water Rates](#)
[Ordinance No. 23-75](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 23-75, which constituted its first reading.

D. [23-76](#) **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 1040.081 IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO REQUIRE NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO UTILIZE CITY WATER SERVICES, AND PROVIDING CITY COUNCIL FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL**

Brief Description: Ordinance to be added to the code establishing that all new development will be required to utilize city water unless Council votes to exempt that development

Attachments: [ORD 1040.081 - New Development Requires City Water section 1040.81 as amended 5-24-23](#)
[Ordinance No. 23-76](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 23-76, which constituted its first reading.

E. [23-77](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-46 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 872, "TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENTS," OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION CODE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 08-158 AND CHAPTER 810, "CIRCUSES AND CARNIVALS," OF THE BUSINESS REGULATIONS CODE.**

Brief Description: During 2023, City Council directed staff to review the special event fee structure. This legislation updates the special event fee structure put in place in 2016 to remove grandfathering of certain events and allow consistent application to all event organizers. Additionally, water hookup, electric hookup, and road closure fees have been decreased from the 2016 fee schedule.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Updated Special Event Fees Schedule 6.6.2023](#)
[Ordinance No. 23-77](#)
[23-77 proposed amendment for June 20 2023 Regular Council meeting](#)

Mayor Anzevino introduced Ordinance No. 23-77, and first reading will occur on June 20, 2023.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the meeting at 8:08 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.