



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)
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, Acting City Solicitor & Special Counsel
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive Session to begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 6:30 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 Dr. Bird, to enter into executive session to interview applicants for boards and commissions. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, and the applicants. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Anzevino recessed the meeting into executive session at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Heater entered at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Anzevino reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 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, Acting City Solicitor & Special Counsel; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; and Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant.

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [24-0048](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [May 7, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[May 14, 2024 Council Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)

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

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

6. Proclamations

A. [24-0049](#) Special Recognition of Principal Beth Trivelli

Brief Description: Mayor Anzevino will recognize the retirement of Principal Beth Trivelli for her dedicated service to education.

Attachments: [Principal Beth Trivelli Retirement 2024](#)

Principal Trivelli accepted the Proclamation and made comments.

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Banweg thanked staff for the Road Tour and reminded residents about the Memorial Day parade.

Mrs. Heater provided a Park Board update and encouraged Council to provide input on the Park reservation policy. She also gave a Board of Zoning & Building Appeals update. Additionally, Mrs. Heater stated that she received feedback about the signage at the pickle ball courts.

Dr. Goetz thanked staff for the Road Tour and EMS Open House.

Mr. Sutton stated that he had a conflict on Res. 24-60 and would abstain. He also noted his disappointment in sidewalk approval that Mrs. Heater referenced in her BZBA update.

Mrs. Kowalski gave an HCTV Advisory Committee update.

Dr. Bird thanked staff for the Road Tour and EMS Open House. He also said that the Bike and Brainstorm session was very effective and residents gave great input.

Mr. Foster congratulated Ms. Ashton Swinford on her third win of the Cleveland marathon. He also noted that the BZBA sidewalk approval is contrary to Planning Commission decision a year ago.

Mayor Anzevino stated that the Memorial Day parade is rain or shine and there is no rain date.

9. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan stated that City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day; the Road Tour is helpful for staff and it's nice to see the projects that are being completed; and that the weather will be monitored the morning of the parade and will be cancelled in the event of severe weather but the memorial at Markillie Cemetery will go on no matter what.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that Francoise Massardier-Kenney be appointed to a full term on the Architectural & Historic Board of Review, and Shannon Navy be appointed to a full term on Park Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, that Jacob Graessle be appointed to a full term on Park Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mrs. Kowalski thought that all the applicants should have been interviewed prior to making an appointment so she would vote no on the motion to appoint an applicant to the Board of Zoning & Building Appeals.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, that David Coleman be appointed to a partial term on the Board of Zoning & Building Appeals. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mrs. Heater, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Mr. Foster

Nay: 1 - Mrs. Kowalski

Abstain: 2 - Dr. Bird and Dr. Goetz

11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Heater, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to suspend the rule requiring three readings except Resolution No. 24-60. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to approve the Consent Agenda except Resolution No. 24-60. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. [24-0050](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the April 2024 Monthly Financial Report**

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

Attachments: [April 2024 Financial Report](#)

Motion No. 24-0050 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. [24-59](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF HUDSON FOR THE 2023 AUDIT.**

Brief Description: This legislation authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract for the City's annual audit for 2023.

Attachments: [City of Hudson FY23 Engagement Letter](#)
[Resolution No. 24-59](#)

Resolution No. 24-59 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

D. [24-61](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ("LPA") AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ADAPTIVE SIGNALS PROJECT (PID# 116924); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The Adaptive Signals Project is funded in part by federal funds and must adhere to all Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) requirements. The Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) administers the project funding through a Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grant. After the project bids were opened, staff contacted AMATS to inquire about additional grant funding. AMATS confirmed the availability of \$347,541, bringing the total CMAQ grant to \$2,666,480. ODOT then requires the City to approve an amended agreement and cover 20% of the local match, along with any project cost overruns. ODOT will contribute a maximum of 80% toward eligible construction costs.

Attachments: [Amended LPA Agreement](#)
[Resolution No. 24-61](#)

Resolution No. 24-61 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

E. [24-62](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A HUDSON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE VEHICLE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This resolution authorizes the sale of an EMS vehicle “as is” to Church Hill Rescue Squad in Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-62](#)

Resolution No. 24-62 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Removed from the Consent Agenda

C. [24-60](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH OSBORN ENGINEERING FOR THE VETERAN’S WAY RETAINING WALL FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

Brief Description: The Veterans Way Retaining Wall Feasibility Study will develop a set of alternative design solutions that will be used to identify the final construction design method to repair a failing retaining wall originally constructed with the Milford Road Connector project located near the Veterans Way railroad overpass.

Attachments: [Location Map](#)
[Resolution No. 24-60](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Mrs. Heater, to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Resolution No. 24-60. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Mr. Sutton

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, that Resolution No. 24-60 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Mr. Sutton

12. Legislation

- A. [24-49](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 410.01, SCHEDULE I, “EXISTING POSTED SPEED LIMITS,” OF THE TRAFFIC CODE TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 35 MILES PER HOUR TO 30 MILES PER HOUR ON E. STREETSBORO STREET (SR 303) BETWEEN COLLEGE STREET AND N. HAYDEN PARKWAY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Based upon the results of a recent Speed Zone Study submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation, it has been determined that the speed limit along E. Streetsboro Street (SR 303) from College Street to N. Hayden Parkway should be lowered from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Attachments: [Exhibit - SR 303 Speed Limit Lowering](#)

[Ordinance No. 24-49](#)

Mr. Sutton said that he appreciated that residents want the speed limit lowered but research showed that lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph would not achieve a reduction in vehicle speed, so he would vote no.

Mr. Foster requested staff to study the impact of the decrease and hopes the police will be lenient upfront to issue warnings instead of citations.

Dr. Goetz stated that anything Council can do would help the safety of the area.

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Dr. Bird, that Ordinance No. 24-49 be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Mr. Sutton

- B. [24-50](#) **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 5, 2024, reviewed each CRA and Job Creation Grant Agreement and made certain recommendations to City Council.

Attachments: [TIRC Minutes 3.5.2024](#)

[Resolution No. 24-50](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Mrs. Heater, that Resolution No. 24-50 be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. [24-58](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1064 ENTITLED “COMMUNITY ROOMS” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE RENTAL FEE EXEMPTIONS

Brief Description: This code amendment was first discussed at the January 9, 2024, workshop. The amendment would authorize the Hudson troop organizations of the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, to be exempt from rental fees associated with city rental space. At the January meeting the Council requested that the legislative language be reviewed. This has been completed and is being brought back to the Council for consideration.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-58 \(revised for 5-7-24\)](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 24-58, which constituted its second reading.

D. [24-63](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A NEW PARK FACILITY RESERVATION POLICY.

Brief Description:

The purpose of the new policy is to limit facility reservations so that ample usage remains for the public and does not restrict availability.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Park Reservation Policy \(Revised for 5-21-24\)](#)

[Resolution No. 24-63](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 24-63, which constituted its first reading.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mrs. Heater, to postpone Resolution No. 24-63 to a date certain of August 6, 2024, with a referral to Park Board to offer feedback on the proposed policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. [24-64](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A HUDSON CITY FLAG, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: This Ordinance would adopt a Hudson City Flag. Staff have been working with KSU to develop a final design for consideration. Based on Council comment and recommendations, Staff has a final design for Council consideration.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: City Flag \(for 5-21-24\)](#)

[Ordinance No. 24-64](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 24-64, which constituted its first reading.

- F. [24-65](#) **A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 08-147 AND WITHDRAWING THE AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS FOR JOINT PLANNING AND ECONOMIC PURPOSES.**

Brief Description: A memorandum of understanding was signed by former Hudson Mayor William Currin and former Boston Heights Mayor Bill Goncy.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 08-147](#)

[Resolution No. 24-65](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 24-65, which constituted its first reading.

13. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, the Acting Solicitor, and the City Manager. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

14. **Adjournment**

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting to enter into executive session at 8:13 p.m. Mayor Anzevino reconvened the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the meeting at 8:42 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.