



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Workshop

William A. Currin, Mayor

David A. Basil, City Council President (Ward 2)

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

Dennis N. Hanink, City Council Member (Ward 1)

Alex D. Kelemen City Council Member (Ward 3)

Keith W. Smith, City Council Member (Ward 4)

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

William D. Wooldredge, City Council Member (At-Large)

Anthony J. Bales, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to President of Council Basil.

Present 5 - Mr. Basil, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent 2 - Mr. DeSaussure, and Dr. Williams

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Bales, City Manager; Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Basil said that there will be an additional agenda item regarding establishing an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for Downtown Phase 2.

Mr. Hanink reported that the Brandywine Creek Balanced Growth Watershed Plan Subcommittee is making progress.

Mr. Kelemen asked that Council add to the agenda a discussion of a First Responders Family Appreciation event.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

A. [13-112](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR A FLOW METER PROJECT ON STATE ROUTE 303; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This project will involve the installation of a new flow sensor inside of a precast manhole on an existing City of Hudson 8" water main along SR

303 that is located within the Village of Boston Heights.

Attachments: [Resolution No 13-112](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution. Mr. Bales noted that this project pertains to the waterline that serves the Boy Scout camp along State Route 303.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 4, 2013, meeting agenda.

4. **Legislation and Other Discussion Items**

A. [13-110](#)

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING “ADA COOPER MILLER STREET” AS AN HONORARY STREET NAME AND PROVIDING FOR LOCATION OF A SIGN ON FRANKLIN STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF AURORA STREET.

Executive Summary: Based on the many civic contributions made by Ada Cooper Miller to the Hudson community throughout her lifetime, along with the fact that she grew up on Franklin Street in the house where she continued to live until just a few months prior to her 100th birthday, several community members have asked City Council Members to consider honoring Ada Cooper Miller this year prior to her 110th birthday by designating Ada Cooper Miller Street as an honorary street name to be located on Franklin Street at the intersection of Aurora Street.

Attachments: [Resolution No 13-110](#)

Mr. Schroyer said that staff has reviewed honorary street signs in other cities, and he presented a full scale mock-up sign. He discussed options for installation of the sign in the vicinity of the Aurora and Franklin Streets intersection. Mr. Bales said that Mr. Youngwerth has proposed that the honorary street name be “Ada Cooper Miller Lane,” which met with Council’s support. Mr. Basil explained that Ada Cooper Miller has been a very active volunteer and member of many local organizations, and Mr. Youngwerth spoke of her many contributions to the Hudson community. Council members discussed establishing criteria for future honorary street signs, as well as street name changes, which will be incorporated in the next Land Development Code update.

Council members were in support of the proposed Honorary Resolution, and legislation will appear on the September 4, 2013, meeting agenda.

B. [13-0124](#)

A PRESENTATION REGARDING HUDSON AT BUILD OUT, DISTRICT 8.

Executive Summary: City Council has asked the Economic Growth Board, through the Economic Development Department, to generate information on the fiscal impact to Hudson if all available sites were built out and all available office space was filled.

Attachments: [District 8 Development Potential Presentation](#)

[District 8 Buildout](#)

Mr. Matthew Beesley, Economic Growth Board member, presented a professional analysis of the City’s economic development potential, or build-out, for all parcels located within Zoning District 8. Based upon a regional approach, with assumptions specific to Hudson, he identified potentials for undeveloped land and vacant/existing buildings, concluding the following: Leasable SF – 299,195; New Building Value Potential – \$355,299,307; New Building Tax Potential – \$9,061,799; New Jobs Potential – 4,017; New Salary Potential – \$164,833,887; New Income Tax Potential – \$3,296,678. He also provided an updated analysis for District 6, presented initially to Council on May 21, 2013. Discussion followed regarding development of Districts 6 and 8, as well

as sharing these analyses with the School District. Council members expressed appreciation for Mr. Beesley's assessments.

Mr. Wiedie said that the following upcoming economic development presentations to City Council are planned in coming months: a metrics analysis, a marketing campaign update, and a build-out scenario for the former Youth Development Center property.

This item was considered by Council.

C. [13-0125](#)

A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS PROPOSED FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape STUDY.

Executive Summary: Staff hired McKnight and Associates to evaluate various options to improve the N. Main Street area from Park Drive to Owen Brown Street.

Attachments: [Hudson North Main Streetscape](#)

Mr. Sheridan provided project information, explaining that the City will receive Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study funding for an 80/20 split on the construction costs of an improvement project along North Main Street. He said that the City hired McKnight & Associates to evaluate design options for improvements to be incorporated into the project in the area between Park Lane and Owen Brown Street.

Mr. James McKnight explained project goals for the design, discussed existing conditions, and provided an analysis for improvements and examples from other cities. He reviewed the overall improvement plan, detailed renderings, and streetscape elements. Discussion followed regarding irrigation systems, use of pervious pavers, angled versus parallel parking, bump-outs at cross-walks, overhead pedestrian signals, an added sidewalk on the green, crosswalk options, LED street lighting, bike racks, drought and salt tolerant plantings, recommended trees, maintenance, and wayfinding signs. Mr. Sheridan said that staff has received input regarding the plans from merchants, the Garden Club, and the Tree Commission. Mr. Kelemen provided a summary of concerns expressed by the Tree Commission. Mr. Sheridan estimated construction during 2015-2016.

Mr. Bales noted that options for the Clinton / Aurora Street intersection will be discussed at the September 10, 2013, Council workshop.

City Council members considered the options and provided direction to staff for the final design.

D. [13-0126](#)

A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE CONNECTIVITY PLAN PROJECT.

Executive Summary: Council members will discuss the merits of establishing an ad hoc advisory committee for the Connectivity Plan Project.

Mr. Schroyer provided an overview of staff efforts to develop a community-wide connectivity plan. City Council members discussed the merits and timing of establishing an ad hoc citizen advisory committee, and they requested that staff provide a detailed status update report by the week's end.

This item was considered by City Council and will be on the September 4, 2013, meeting agenda for further discussion.

5. Other Items Added to Agenda

Mr. Basil proposed formation of an ad hoc citizens committee for Phase 2 of the Downtown Project, suggesting that the committee consist of seven citizens and three Council members. He asked that Council members forward suggestions for citizen members to him. There was consensus among Council members regarding the need to form this committee.

Mr. Kelemen proposed that the City schedule a First Responders Family Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, October 6, 2013, in conjunction with this year's safety forces open house. He provided information regarding tentative plans and costs for the event. Council members and Mayor Currin offered support, and staff was directed to provide administrative assistance in planning the event. There was discussion regarding establishing an annual event and possibly expanding the scope in future years.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:47 p.m.

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council