



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

William A. Currin, Mayor

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

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

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)

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent: 3 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Kelemen

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Comeriato, Acting City Manager/Public Works Director; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Hutchinson, Parks Superintendent; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [14-0072](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments:

[October 1, 2014 Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT](#)

[October 1, 2014 Special Council Workshop - Minutes DRAFT](#)

[October 7, 2014 Council Workshop - Minutes DRAFT](#)

Mrs. Slagle noted an amendment to the October 7, 2014, Workshop minutes.

There being no additional changes, the minutes were approved as amended.

5. Public Comments

Mrs. Dawn Burke, 186 South Main Street, expressed concerns regarding the proposed hotel on Barlow Road.

Mr. Greg Janik, 36 Thirty Acres, expressed concerns regarding the application of chemicals on the City's public greens. He said that he has spoken with other Main Street property owners and Garden Club members regarding the need for a natural organic-based fertilizer. He said that he plans to speak with representatives from organizations that regularly use the greens to encourage them to find alternate venues in the Parks for community events until the City discontinues use of harsh cancer-causing chemicals.

6. Correspondence and Council Comments

Dr. Williams announced that the City will accept applications for the 2015 Charter Review Commission through November 26, 2014, and interested citizens may apply online via the City's website.

Mayor Currin thanked Mrs. Burke for her comments, and he explained the status of the proposed hotel on Barlow Road and said that a request for a conditional use is currently before the Planning Commission; and, if approved, proposed plans will be reviewed by the Architectural and Historic Board of Review. He said that the matter will not come before Council. He encouraged citizens with questions regarding the proposed hotel to contact the Community Development Department. In addition, he said that information and documentation are available on the City's website.

7. Report of Manager

Mr. Comeriato said that First & Main will celebrate its ten-year anniversary this weekend. In addition, he noted upcoming fall service programs, including hydrant flushing and leaf collection.

Mr. Comeriato said that he appreciated Mr. Janik's comments, and that the City will re-evaluate care for the public greens. He noted that the current program is minimal broad-leaf control for the downtown greens along North Main Street, and that the greens along South Main Street and near Barlow Community Center are not treated.

8. Presentations

A. [14-0073](#)

Presentation: Proposed County Sales Tax Increase - Issue 12

Executive Summary: A representative from Summit County will present information regarding this ballot issue, which will appear before voters on November 4, 2014.

Attachments: [Presentation - Sales Tax Basics](#)
[Issue 12 Information](#)

Ms. Deb Matz, Director of Law, Insurance & Risk Management for Summit County, spoke regarding Issue 12. Other staff members present included Mr. Mike Szabo, Assistant Administrator for the Public Safety Radio System; and Mr. Dave Hills, of the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Matz provided information regarding how revenues would be used if this ballot issue is approved by voters on November 4, 2014. She said that the primary issue is staffing at the County Jail, and 45% of revenue collected would go toward the operation and maintenance of the jail; 33% of revenue collected would go toward the 800 MHz emergency

radio system, 9-1-1 dispatch system and County capital needs; and 25% of revenue collected would go toward the General Fund, of which 70% is spent on criminal justice and public safety. She said that the 0.25% sales tax increase would be in effect for ten years. Discussion followed, with Council members asking questions regarding the increase amount and consolidation of 911 services. Mayor Currin commented that Summit County was one of the two lowest sales tax rates in the state. He expressed support for the ballot issue and encouraged citizens to contact the County if they have any questions.

This matter was received by Council.

9. Consent Agenda

A. [14-0074](#)

A MOTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO SEND NOTICE TO THE OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL, INDICATING NO REQUEST FOR A HEARING REGARDING A NEW PERMIT TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR VIVA BENE LLC, 219 NORTH MAIN STREET, HUDSON.

Executive Summary: The Clerk is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority dated September 29, 2014, from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning the opportunity to request a hearing regarding this permit.

Attachments: [Notice to Legislative Authority - Liquor Permit for Viva Bene LLC](#)

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that this Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

B. [14-0075](#)

A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE SEPTEMBER 2014 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Executive Summary: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [September 2014 Financial Report](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, that this Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. Hanink

C. [14-0076](#)

A MOTION TO REJECT THE SINGLE BID FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CONCRETE PANELS ON STATE ROUTE 8 WHICH EXCEEDED THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE BY 10% AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RE-BIDDING OF THE WORK.

Executive Summary: This project consists of a traffic plan, removal and replacement of the designated road concrete panels. The project limits will have lane closures along SR 8 during the construction. If two lanes need closed in either direction, the work will be completed in off peak hours to minimize traffic congestion.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Dr. Williams, that this Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Smith

D. [14-127](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: Each year the City is required to pass a resolution accepting the property tax amounts and rates as determined by the County Budget Commission.

Attachments: [Summit County Letter regarding Certification of Tax Levy](#)
[Resolution No 14-127](#)

As five members of City Council were not present, motions to suspend the rules and to pass this Resolution on the Consent Agenda were not possible.

This Resolution was forwarded to the next meeting of City Council.

E. [14-128](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND BANK DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUND PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The Summit County Land Bank Discretionary Grant Fund Program offers grant funding to support neighborhood and community reinvestment and economic development efforts through the strategic acquisition, reclamation, rehabilitation and reutilization of property in Summit County to revitalize neighborhoods and communities, stabilize property values, reduce blight, return property to productive use, and improve the quality of life in our community

Attachments: [Resolution No 14-128](#)

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10. Legislation**A.** [14-126](#)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2949 HUDSON-AURORA ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 30-09210, FOR PUBLIC PARK AND PARK ENTRANCE PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The Park Board has recommended the purchase of a parcel of property on Hudson-Aurora Road to afford access to public park property. This Resolution authorizes staff to initiate procurement of this parcel.

Attachments: [Resolution No 14-126](#)

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Smith, to remove Resolution No. 14-126 from the table for further consideration during a Special Meeting of City Council to be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith and Dr. Williams

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 8:11 p.m.

William A. Currin, Mayor

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.