



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

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

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Ms. Andrus, Production Assistant; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Mr. Hutchinson, Assistant Public Works Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Powell, Public Works Superintendent - Utilities; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; and Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [15-0120](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments:

[October 6, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[October 13, 2015 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

5. Public Comments

Mrs. Julie Ann Hancsak, resident of 60 Division Street and President of Hudson Heritage Association, spoke regarding Ordinance No. 15-61. She expressed appreciation for Council's thoughtful consideration of the proposed changes to the Architectural and Design Standards regarding the use of substitute materials. She agreed that careful board member selection and training will be important, as well as Code enforcement. She thanked City officials for considering input from the Hudson Heritage Association throughout this process and said that HHA looks forward to continuing to be a resource for future projects, as needed.

Mrs. Hancsak also announced an upcoming HHA program at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th at the Barlow Community Center, at which researchers will discuss the history of Wood Hollow and Maple Grove. She encouraged interested citizens to attend this free event.

6. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Basil said that the Addiction Struggle program recently held at the High School was very worthwhile and reached many people. He thanked Laura Gasbarro and Cheryl Rauch. Mayor Currin noted that this enlightening and revealing program will be viewable in the near future via HCTV.

Mr. Basil announced that the next Ward 2 Open Forum will be held 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015, at the Barlow Community Center, and he invited interested citizens to attend.

7. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington said that hydrant flushing is currently in progress through October 23. She announced that the Leaf Collection Program will begin the week of October 26 and noted that details are available via the City's website. She reported that the City has been working with Summit County regarding the intended transfer of the sanitary sewer system to the Department of Environmental Services, and an Open House will be held between 5 - 7 p.m. at the Barlow Community Center on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at which City and County representatives will be present to answer questions. Finally, she said that the November 24th Council workshop has been cancelled.

8. Appointments

Mr. DeSaussure announced openings on the Cable Television Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission, and he encouraged interested citizens to submit applications by October 23, 2015.

9. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Smith, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Dr. Williams, to pass items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. Basil

- A. [15-0121](#) **A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE SEPTEMBER 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.**
Executive Summary: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.
Attachments: [September 2015 Financial Report](#)

This motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [15-0114](#) **A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.**
Executive Summary: A proposed 2016 City Council meeting schedule has been prepared for Council's review and approval.
Attachments: [Proposed 2016 Council Meeting Schedule](#)
 [Approved 2016 Council Meeting Schedule](#)

This motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [15-154](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE 2016 CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: This Resolution would authorize the advertisement for bids for the 2016 five annual road programs that comprise the Annual Capital Maintenance Program. The program includes: Line Striping, Crack Sealing, Concrete Replacement, Sidewalk Connectivity and Asphalt Resurfacing.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-154](#)

Resolution No. 15-154 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [15-155](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUMMIT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ("DOES") FOR THE ELIMINATION OF STORM WATER DITCHES ALONG MIDDLETON ROAD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: This project involves storm water ditch elimination in two areas along Middleton Road which are within the project limits of a Summit County Department of Environmental Services (DOES) sanitary sewer replacement project that will take place in early 2016. City staff wishes to have the County perform the ditch elimination construction while the sanitary sewer replacement work is being performed.
Attachments: [Middleton -Wake Robin SW Ditches](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-155](#)

Resolution No. 15-155 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [15-156](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ADDENDA TO LEASES FOR SPACE AT 1769 AND 1566 GEORGETOWN ROAD FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018.**
- Executive Summary:*** The Department of Public Works currently leases space at 1769 and 1566 Georgetown Road, Hudson, OH for use as administrative office and operational space. The annual cost of these two leased spaces is \$269,654.65. It is necessary to continue to lease these spaces to ensure the minimal office and operational space required to carry out the responsibilities and services of the Public Works Department.
- Attachments:*** [Res. No. 12-107 Auth. CM to enter Addenda to Leases at 1769 and 1602 Georgetown Rd.](#)
[2013 Addendum for Sign Shop \(moved from 1602 to 1566 Georgetown Road\)](#)
[2016-2018 Lease Agreements for 1769 and 1566 Georgetown Road](#)
[Resolution No. 15-156](#)

Resolution No. 15-156 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [15-157](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ASSIGN A JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT FROM NORANDEX DISTRIBUTION, INC. TO AMERICAN BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS SUPPLY CO., INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
- Executive Summary:*** On May 7, 2008 Hudson City Council passed Resolution 08-55 to authorize a Job Creation Grant Agreement with Norandex Distribution, Inc. Norandex is in the process of being acquired by American Builders & Contractors Supply Co., Inc. (“ABC”) and upon closing of the proposed transaction, ABC intends to merge Norandex into ABC, with ABC as the surviving entity.
- Attachments:*** [Resolution No. 15-157](#)

Resolution No. 15-157 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- H. [15-159](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH UNIVAR COMPANY FOR ROCK SALT FOR THE CITY’S WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**
- Executive Summary:*** The Water Resources Division uses bulk coarse rock salt to regenerate softening equipment as part of the water treatment process at the Water Plant. The Water Resources Division currently budgets \$110,250.00 annually for rock salt and water treatment chemicals. The current rock salt contract is held by the Univar Company. The contract term ends on December 31, 2015. The 2015 rock salt expenditures for water treatment operations is projected to have a total expenditure of 82,000.00.
- Attachments:*** [Bid Tab 2016 Northern Rock Salt - Water](#)
[Resolution No. 15-159](#)

Resolution No. 15-159 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- J.** [15-161](#) **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: [Letter from Summit County Fiscal Officer](#)
 [Property Tax Amounts & Rates - Estimate for Tax Year 2015 / Collection Year 2016](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-161](#)

Resolution No. 15-161 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- K.** [15-162](#) **A RESOLUTION TO CONSENT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“ODOT”) CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPAIRS TO SUM SR 8 WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON LIMITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: The Ohio Department of Transportation requires local consent legislation allowing them to perform work within City corporation limits. The work would include concrete pavement repairs on SR 8 (SUM-SR8-08.06) from Graham Road to just North of SR 303 beginning in Fiscal Year 2016.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-162](#)

Resolution No. 15-162 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- L.** [15-163](#) **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY FROM COER PROPERTIES, TRAILS OF HUDSON TWO, LLC AND MILKMART PROPERTY II, LLC FOR THE MAKING OF ROADS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: This is the second piece of legislation required in order to proceed with the property acquisitions for SR 91 and Norton Road Intersection Improvement Project.
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 15-163](#)

Ordinance No. 15-163 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- M.** [15-164](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE FARM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR THE HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: State Farm provides grant funding for community safety education programs.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-164](#)

Resolution No. 15-164 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- N. [15-165](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FIREHOUSE SUBS FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR THE HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
Executive Summary: The Firehouse Subs Foundation provides grant funding for community safety and fire prevention education programs.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-165](#)

Resolution No. 15-165 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- O. [15-166](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION FOR RE-USE OF THE SITE OF THE CURRENT HUDSON CITY SCHOOL BUS GARAGE, HUDSON PUBLIC POWER FACILITIES AND CITY OF HUDSON SALT DOME.**
Executive Summary: The Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation will 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. 15-166](#)

Resolution No. 15-166 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- P. [15-167](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FOR A LAKE ERIE WATERSHED CANOPY RESTORATION GRANT.**
Executive Summary: Funds supplied by the USDA Forest Service, are intended to aid local jurisdictions in the response and recovery of urban forests from the Emerald Ash Borer and require a 50% match. The planting of trees along public right-of-way or on other public lands are the only eligible reimbursement costs. Cities located entirely or partially within the Cuyahoga River area of concern or watersheds that drain to the area of concern are eligible to submit proposals for consideration. The goal of the program is to replace ash trees, improve watershed health, enhance quality of life, promote urban forestry benefits, support comprehensive community tree care programs, and promote Ohio arboriculture and landscape industries.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-167](#)

Resolution No. 15-167 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- Q. [15-168](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF HUDSON PUBLIC POWER THROUGH THE DEMONSTRATION OF ENERGY & EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENTS PROGRAM (“DEED”) OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION FOR ADDITIONAL SOLAR PANELS FOR THE CITY’S BARLOW COMMUNITY CENTER; AND DECLARING AN**

EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: DEED is dedicated to improving the operations and services of public power utilities by supporting and demonstrating its members' innovative ideas through research, funding and education. The City has been awarded grant funds and seeks authorization to accept and appropriate accordingly.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-168](#)

Resolution No. 15-168 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

R. [15-169](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT COMPANY FOR TREE TRIMMING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

Executive Summary: The Public Works Department budgets annually for contract tree maintenance to trim and remove trees along Hudson streets; greens; public properties, and overhead electrical conductors. The Public Works Department seeks City Council approval to enter into a contract with the Asplundh Tree Expert Company.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 14-155, Permission to Bid](#)
[Tree Bid Tab Summary 2015](#)
[Resolution No. 15-169](#)

Resolution No. 15-169 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

T. [15-171](#) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: Council authorization is required for payment of the invoice(s) shown on this Resolution in excess of \$3,000 for which a commitment was made before a Purchase Order was generated.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-171](#)

Resolution No. 15-171 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

G. [15-158](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW A CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH VIZMEG LANDSCAPE FOR THE VILLAGE GREENS AND PUBLIC PROPERTIES OF THE CITY.

Executive Summary: The Public Works Department budgets annually for contract mowing and general maintenance services for public properties and City greens. Public Works Department seeks City Council approval to renew the current contract with Vizmeg Landscape.

Attachments: [Resolution 14-155 Permission to Bid](#)
[2016-2017 Greens and Properties Maint. Bid Tab Summary](#)
[Resolution No. 15-158](#)

Mr. Wooldredge requested that Resolution No. 15-158 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Basil, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of Resolution No. 15-158. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil and Mr. DeSaussure

Responding to Mr. Wooldredge's question, Mr. Comeriato explained that no other bids were received or necessary, as the current contract includes an option to extend if the contractor's quote is reasonable and staff has been satisfied with services. Dr. Williams noted that the cost actually declined, but Mr. Hanink observed that the overall decline was related to a reduced fertilization scope.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to pass Resolution No. 15-158. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

I. [15-160](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH O.C.I. CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR CONDUIT INSTALLATION FOR THE DARROW ROAD STREET LIGHTING PROJECT, PHASE II.

Executive Summary: With the Rt. 91 Phase I lighting project being completed in late fall of 2014 from Barlow Road to Georgetown Road, Staff is now prepared and seeks to award the conduit installation contract for the Phase II portion of the project (Georgetown Road to Norton Road).

Attachments: [Bid Tab 2015 Darrow Rd LED Lighting](#)
[Resolution No. 15-160](#)

Mr. Smith requested that Resolution No. 15-160 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of Resolution No. 15-160. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Kelemen

Mr. Smith expressed appreciation for this final phase of the Darrow Road Street Lighting Project. Responding to Mr. Smith's further comments, Mr. Comeriato confirmed that staff is considering the opportunity to install broadband fiber during this project, as well as others. In addition, he said that staff is testing existing conduit for possible broadband fiber installations throughout the City.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Basil, to pass Resolution No. 15-160. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Smith

- S. [15-170](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO A CONTRACT WITH HOUSEAL LAVIGNE ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR EXTRA CONSULTING WORK REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A DOWNTOWN PHASE II PLAN AS PART OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This Resolution would authorize a \$6,500 increase to the original \$99,880 contract.

Attachments: [Houseal Lavigne 20140701 Scope of Work](#)
[Houseal Lavigne Memo 20150622 Downtown Phase II](#)
[Houseal Lavigne E-mail 20151027](#)
[Resolution No. 15-170](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-170, which constituted its first reading.

Mr. Kelemen asked that Resolution No. 15-170 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Smith, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of Resolution No. 15-170. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith and Dr. Williams

Mr. Kelemen expressed concerns regarding the final phases of the Comprehensive Plan project and the complexity of the draft document, as well as opposition to the additional appropriation for Houseal Lavigne requested in Resolution No. 15-170. He asked that Council be provided the draft Plan in a word processing or other editable format, and all other Council members agreed. Ms. Howington and Mr. Richardson explained that staff is working with the consultant in this regard. Mr. Basil stated the need for staff to have the ability to make future edits to the adopted Plan, and there was consensus among Council members that the City should be the owner of the document.

Mr. DeSaussure preferred an editable text only document, but he supported Resolution No. 15-170, saying that the extra appropriation is for work already performed at the City's request to significantly modify the downtown portion of the Plan; however Dr. Williams opposed it, as he felt that such Plan modifications should have been built into the consultant's project bid. Mr. Hanink opposed passage of the Resolution until the consultant provides the requested editable format. Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. Smith asked for clarification regarding the additional charges and the possibility of additional charges for future modifications. Council members also discussed the schedule for future discussion and legislative action on adoption of the Comprehensive Plan (Ordinance No. 15-124).

Mr. Richardson said that the consultant has provided a link to a mark-up version to which comments can be added and from which the consultant can compile all remarks and make changes to the draft Plan. He said that while the consultant fully anticipated making changes to the Plan, he explained that the additional fees charged were due to the fact that the downtown part of the plan was extremely labor intensive, and extra work was performed over and above the scope of the contract, according to Houseal Lavigne. Ms. Howington said that staff will continue its work with the consultant and endeavor to provide the editable document that Council has requested.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Smith, that further action on Resolution No. 15-170 be tabled until the Council meeting of November 3, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

10. Legislation

A. [15-61](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX D, "ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN STANDARDS", OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AT SECTION III-2b.**

Executive Summary: The amendment would generally permit the use of modern or so-called substitute materials on historic structures when repair is not feasible.

Attachments: [PC Decision \(8-10-2015\)](#)
[PC Staff Report w/ Attachments \(8-10-2015\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-61 \(original version with AHBR proposed amendments\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-61 \(proposed amended version including PC recommendations\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-61 \(as amended 10-20-2015\)](#)

Mr. Basil stated his support of Ordinance No. 15-61 but commented that he remained a bit concerned regarding the Ordinance's language. He said that, as Mrs. Hancsak observed, these changes to the Land Development Code call into sharp focus the need for code enforcement and maintenance of property; and he also observed that it is the intent of this Ordinance that the use of substitute materials not be a matter of convenience or expediency, rather that such use be founded on necessity, for example the unavailability of like materials.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to pass Ordinance No. 15-61 (as amended 10/20/2015). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. Basil

B. [15-141](#) **A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL AND INCREASE BY 0.6 MILL OF AN EXISTING 2.3-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE HUDSON LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This is the second of two pieces of legislation that Council is being requested to pass on behalf of the Library to allow their operating levy to be put on the March 15, 2016 ballot.

Attachments: [Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for Proposed Library Levy](#)
[Resolution No. 15-141 \(original version\)](#)
[Resolution No. 15-141 \(as amended 10-20-2015\)](#)

Mr. Kelemen said that it has been incorrectly reported that passage of Resolution No. 15-141 would indicate Council support of the Library Levy. He explained that the Library Board of Trustees is not empowered to put their own legislation on the ballot for a levy. He said that the State of Ohio used to support libraries, but funding has been cut dramatically over recent years, and passage of this Resolution simply facilitates placement of the issue before voters, that it is not an endorsement but is a necessary gesture on the part of the City, giving the Library the opportunity to put the measure on the ballot. Mayor Currin said that passage of Resolution No. 15-141 is part of our fiduciary responsibility and is a requirement. He said that passage of the Library Levy will be a matter for the public to decide in March 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, to pass Resolution No. 15-141 (as amended 10/20/2015). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil and Mr. DeSaussure

11. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that Council enter into executive session to consider acquisition of property for public purposes and to consider appointments to boards and commissions. Mayor Currin recessed the meeting at 8:25 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

Mayor Currin reconvened the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 9:31 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.