



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Workshop

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, July 14, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

In the absence of President of Council DeSaussure, Mr. Basil called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m.

Present 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Mr. Angel, Assistant Superintendent -Utilities; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Ms. Mottram, Administrative Support Supervisor; Mr. Powell, Public Works Superintendent - Utilities.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Wooldredge gave an update on the Economic Growth Board Meeting that was held June 25, 2015. Ms. Howington stated that Mr. Wiedie will begin distributing the draft meeting minutes with his monthly report.

Mr. Hanink acknowledged the reason for Mr. DeSaussure absence and wished him a speedy recovery after his bicycle accident over the weekend.

Mr. Smith said that the next Ward 4 Open Forum will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 15, 2015, at the Barlow Community Center, and he invited interested citizens to attend.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

- A. [15-102](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEMONSTRATION OF ENERGY & EFFICIENCY DEVELOPMENTS FUNDING THROUGH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION FOR ADDITIONAL SOLAR PANELS FOR THE CITY'S BARLOW COMMUNITY CENTER.**

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. Staff seeks authorization to apply for grant funding through this resource for additional solar panels for the Barlow Center solar power system project.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-102](#)

Mr. Hanink asked if this money was in addition to the monies that have been collected. Ms. Howington stated that this will be additional project funding. Mr. Comeriato stated that if the City secures this grant, 50% of the building load will be able to be supplied with the solar panels. Mr. Smith stated that this will be a great learning experience to give the City the knowledge on how to use this power source for the future.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the July 21, 2015 Council meeting.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

- A. [15-0079](#) **Discussion: This is a discussion of the proposed RFP for the preferred contractor refuse and recycling program.**

Executive Summary: Members of the Environment Awareness Committee (EAC) and the PW Support Supervisor will present and discuss the draft RFP for the City's Preferred Refuse Hauler Contract. In attendance will be Staff member Ms. Sonya Mottram and EAC members Mr. Ed Resnick (EAC Vice Chair) and Mr. Jeff Wells. PW staff and the EAC requests Council comment and support to move forward with this project and put out the RFP for the preferred hauler services.

Attachments: [Refuse Hauler RFP 2015](#)

Ms. Mottram summarized the 6 service options that the City is requesting in the RFP.

Discussion followed regarding the number of trash containers included in the rate and add-on containers, changing pick-up dates for current haulers, yard waste collection, recycling center locations, single provider, wheeled containers for recycling and preferred pick-up dates.

Ms. Howington stated that all of the comments from tonight's meeting will be taken into consideration, and the RFP will be revised accordingly; then sent for the City Solicitor's review, and then sent out. A final copy will be sent to Council members, but this matter will not be brought back to a subsequent Workshop. Council was in agreement with this.

This matter was discussed.

B. [15-0080](#)**Presentation: Public Works Department Presentation of the Hudson Water Resources Area of Operations.**

Executive Summary: As part of the scheduled presentations by City departments, the Asst. Public Works Director and the Assistant City Manager-Operations will explain and discuss the Hudson Water Resources and Distribution areas of operations.

Attachments: [Presentation - Water Performance Management Overview 2015](#)
[Water Financial Report](#)

Ms. Howington noted that the capital plan will be brought forward at the July 28, 2015 Workshop, which will include the water rating system.

Mr. Comeriato and Mr. Powell presented information regarding Water Resources Operations.

Discussion followed regarding quality measures, expanding the water system by including new waterlines in roadway projects plans if the return on investment warrants, and limiting expansions to Hudson residents before those in other communities.

Ms. Howington stated that she met with representatives from the City of Cleveland Water District on July 13, 2015. She said the property owners along Chittenden Road are interested in receiving water and are in the Cleveland Water district, Cleveland, however; is not able to easily install their lines under the Ohio Turnpike. They have asked the City to consider taking over this service area and extend the water line up Chittenden Road for these property owners, which would be done utilizing an assessment process. She asked Council to think about it and get back to her with feedback that she can present back to the City of Cleveland.

This matter was discussed.

C. [15-108](#)**AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF HUDSON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTIONS 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.07, 3.09, 3.11, 3.12, 4.02, 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 6.04, 8.05, 9.01, 9.02, AND 9.07 OF THE CHARTER OF HUDSON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: Pursuant to the Charter, the Charter Review Commission has submitted a report of proposed amendments to the City Charter for consideration at the general election to be held on November 3, 2015. The Commission has also recommended that the amendments be presented as three separate ballot issues.

Attachments: [Recommendation to City Council](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-108](#)

Mr. Basil stated that Council cannot make text changes to the items recommended by the Charter Review Commission; but they can accept or modify the recommendation relative to how the issues appear on the ballot for the voters. He said that the Charter Review Commission has recommended that proposed changes in the following Articles be grouped as separate ballot issues: 1.) Municipal Parks; 2.) The Council and The Mayor; and 3.) The Manager and Finances.

Council discussed the number of ballot issues, and the consensus was to have one ballot issue. Ms. Howington stated that a proposed Ordinance will be presented for a first reading at the Council meeting on July 21, 2015, written as recommended by the Charter Review Commission, and Council will have the ability to make a motion to amend it.

This Ordinance was forwarded for consideration at the July 21, 2015 Council meeting.

5. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

Mr. Kelemen asked about the adoption process for the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Basil stated that the Comprehensive Plan Committee is meeting on July 15, 2015 to make a recommendation. He said the draft Comprehensive Plan with the Committee's recommendations will come forward to Council Workshop, and Council will have the ability to modify the recommendations as necessary prior to adoption.

Mr. Smith asked for discussion at a future workshop meeting on the meandering path that is proposed in the downtown streetscape project.

Dr. Williams asked for discussion at a future workshop regarding the Rotary and Kiwanis signs that have been posted at the entrance to the City in past years. Ms. Howington stated that this is scheduled for the Council Workshop on August 11, 2015.

Ms. Howington stated that food trucks are becoming an issue in the public right-of-way, noting that currently the City has no regulations on preventing food trucks from parking in the public right-of-way. She said that staff is working on proposed regulations for food trucks and will bring this item to Council in the fall of 2015.

6. Adjournment

David A. Basil, President of Council Pro Tempore

Jane Howington, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Office Manager.

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 in accordance with Codified Ordinances, Section 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.