



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, September 15, 2015

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

Mr. DeSaussure entered the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; and Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [15-0099](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments:

[September 1, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[September 8, 2015 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

5. Proclamations

A. [15-0100](#)

Proclamation: Special Recognition of Constitution Week 2015

Executive Summary: Mayor Currin will proclaim the week of September 17 - 23, 2015 as "Constitution Week" in Hudson, in recognition of this important document. Karen Wentz will be in attendance to accept this Proclamation on behalf of the David Hudson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Attachments: [Hyperlink - Constitution Week, Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation](#)

Mrs. Wentz accepted this Proclamation on behalf of the David Hudson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, expressing thanks and explaining how the DAR has helped promote a better understanding of the United States Constitution, particularly for students, in the Hudson community by working with the schools and the library. Mayor Currin thanked Mrs. Wentz for the DAR's efforts and acknowledged the importance of the Constitution.

Mayor Currin read this Proclamation in its entirety, recognizing the week of September 17-23, 2015, as Constitution Week in Hudson.

B. [15-0101](#)

Proclamation: Special Recognition of the City of Hudson as a Gigabit City.

Executive Summary: Mayor Currin will proclaim the City of Hudson as a "Gigabit City" and proclaim the month of October 2015 as "Gigabit City Month" in Hudson, recognizing Hudson as the first Gigabit City in Northeast, Ohio. Jane Howington will be in attendance to accept this Proclamation on behalf of the community and staff.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

City Manager Howington and Assistant City Manager Comeriato accepted this Proclamation on behalf of the City. Ms. Howington thanked elected officials and the community at large for believing in staff and enabling them to make the Broadband Project a reality. She invited the community to join in special activities and promotions offered by local retail partners during the month of October to promote Gigabit City awareness. Mayor Currin said that recent Broadband Project efforts have been herculean, and staff has moved quickly to implement this program. He said that Hudson's broadband infrastructure is critical, a service that will be heralded in the future.

Mayor Currin read this Proclamation in its entirety, recognizing Hudson as a Gigabit City and the month of October 2015 as Gigabit City Month.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Wooldredge announced that Destination Hudson has made substantial progress on the Town Hall Renovations Project, having raised sufficient funding to complete the first floor renovations, and he said that they are currently reviewing bids received recently.

Mr. Kelemen announced the Safe Routes to School "Bike and Walk to School Day" on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, and he encouraged student participation in this annual event and urged driver awareness of increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic on this day. He also announced the next Ward 3 Open Forum, scheduled on Monday, September 28, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Barlow Community Center, and he encouraged interested citizens to attend.

Dr. Williams commented that the recently completed Safe Routes Hudson sidewalk project on Parkside Drive (near Ellsworth Hill School) is outstanding and thanked all involved, and Mr. Kelemen credited Mr. Sheridan for management of this project.

Mr. Smith commented on a waiver that was granted by the Planning Commission for the Seasons Green Eco Industrial Park. He expressed disappointment with the Planning Commission's action of September 14, 2015, as it conflicts with policy to be acted upon this evening by Council in Ordinance No. 15-33, as well as the Connectivity Plan. He found it ironic that the Eco Industrial Park will not have any place for people to get off of a bus and walk to their place of work.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington announced that City Council and staff are working diligently to develop the 2016 Budget, along with capital needs and priorities, to provide for the citizens the infrastructure that they need, the services they demand, and the quality of life that we choose when we live in Hudson. She encouraged citizens to participate in and understand the budget process by attending Council's meetings and workshops or watching them online.

9. Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that the following citizens be appointed to serve on the Economic Growth Board: Ms. Kerri Keller and Mr. Jonathan Bell to fulfill partial terms expiring on September 6, 2018; and Mr. Michael Haritakis to fulfill a partial term expiring on September 6, 2016. 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. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, 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. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. Basil

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. [15-0102](#)

A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE AUGUST 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Attachments: [August 2015 Financial Report](#)

This motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [15-0103](#) **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 HUDSON VARSITY CLUB, LLC, 11 ATTERBURY BOULEVARD, SUITE 1, HUDSON, OHIO.**

Executive Summary: The Clerk is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority dated September 2, 2015 from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning the opportunity to request a hearing regarding this permit.

Attachments: [Liquor Permit - Hudson Varsity Club](#)

This motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [15-137](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The request is to renew and upgrade the City's emergency communications services, which includes our Reverse 9-1-1 calling and text messages service.

Attachments: [Agreement](#)

[Resolution No. 15-137](#)

Resolution No. 15-137 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [15-138](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: City Council will take action pertaining to City Manager Jane Howington's Employment Agreement.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-138](#)

Resolution No. 15-138 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [15-139](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WITH FIFTH THIRD BANK FOR THE STATE ROUTE 91/NORTON ROAD PROJECT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This project will be bid in the summer of 2016. The acquisition is necessary due to the right turn lanes and widening associated with SR 91 and Norton Road Intersection Improvement Project. This acquisition has no adverse effect on the overall function or operation of the residual property.

Attachments: [Property Map](#)

[Fifth Third Bank - Exhibit](#)

[Resolution No. 15-139](#)

Resolution No. 15-139 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [15-140](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITH MARTHA L. ENGLEHART, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE STATE ROUTE 91 / NORTON ROAD PROJECT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This project will be bid in the summer of 2016. The acquisition is necessary due to the right turn lanes and widening associated with SR 91 and Norton Road Intersection Improvement Project. This acquisition has no adverse effect on the overall function or operation of the residual property.

Attachments: [Property Map](#)
[Martha Englehart - Exhibit](#)
[Resolution No. 15-140](#)

Resolution No. 15-140 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. Legislation

- A. [15-33](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1205, "ZONING DISTRICTS" AND CHAPTER 1207, "ZONING DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN STANDARDS," OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS-IN-LIEU OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PEDESTRIAN AND NON-VEHICULAR CIRCULATION SYSTEMS.**

Executive Summary: This legislation would create a Pedestrian Linkages Fund as recommended by the Connect Hudson Plan that came out of the Safe Routes Hudson initiative.

Attachments: [Existing vs Proposed](#)
[Staff Report - Planning Commission Meeting of 7-13-2015](#)
[Planning Commission Recommended Amended Ordinance No. 15-33](#)
[Planning Commission Recommendation 7-13-2015](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-33 - Original Version Introduced March 3, 2015](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-33, which constituted another third reading.

Mr. Wooldredge opposed the proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 15-33, saying that requiring sidewalks in Districts 6 and 8 would impose an additional unnecessary cost for economic development.

Mr. Kelemen noted that although public bus service is not currently offered on Seasons Road, future service could be established when the industrial park is fully developed, creating a need for sidewalks at this District 8 location. He said that as Hudson develops its industrial base, it is important to accommodate out-of-town workers, who pay Hudson income taxes. Mr. DeSaussure said that requiring sidewalks or funds in lieu will make the City more connected, he did not consider the policy an economic development burden, and he supported passage of the proposed amendment. Mr. Smith said that in his tenure on Council, this body has consistently endorsed a policy to make the community more walker and biker friendly. He again expressed disappointment with last night's Planning Commission decision, as earlier noted. Mr. Basil also offered support and said that it is appropriate to require sidewalks or contributions for future projects, noting that if sidewalks are not installed initially and are needed in the future, the City becomes responsible for the cost. Finally, Mr. Hanink offered support, questioning the viability of a development that would find installation of sidewalks burdensome.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Smith, to amend Ordinance No. 15-33 to remove the sidewalk limitations currently in place for Districts 6 and 8, consistent with the amended Ordinance distributed that evening. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

Nay: 1 - Mr. Wooldredge

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Ordinance No. 15-33, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. [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 Staff Report w/ Attachments \(8-10-2015\)](#)

[Lauren Burge Letter \(1-8-2015\)](#)

[Proposed Amendments - AHBR \(1-14-2015\)](#)

[PC Amendments \(8-10-2015\)](#)

[PC Decision \(8-10-2015\)](#)

[Ordinance No. 15-61](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-61, which constituted another third reading, and he said that a public hearing will be held regarding this Ordinance on October 6, 2015.

C. [15-123](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE 2015-2016 "SUMMIT COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR JOB CREATION AND RETENTION AND TAX REVENUE SHARING."

Executive Summary: The current version of this agreement expired on June 30, 2015. Communities have met twice to consider an amendment proposed by the City of Hudson. This change is reflected in the red-line version of the agreement which is attached. The new proposed agreement is being circulated to signatory communities by the County, and they are asking for adoption by September 30, 2015.

Attachments: [Redline Draft of 2015-2016 Jobs Preservation Agreement](#)

[Final Full Version of 2015-2016 Jobs Preservation Agreement](#)

[Resolution No. 15-123](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-123, which constituted its third reading.

Dr. Williams said that he opposed this idea in the past, because he sees no need for it; however, since this Council proposed the amendment referred to in Resolution No. 15-123 to the County, he offered support.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Resolution No. 15-123. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

Nay: 2 - Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Smith

- D. [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: [Resolution No. 15-141](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-141, which constituted its first reading.

12. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 8:03 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.