



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

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, July 23, 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 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent 1 - Mr. Kelemen

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Bales, City Manager; Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Public Works Director; Mr. Graham, EMS Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Dr. Williams commented that the Cemetery Board recently offered a tour of the four cemeteries, which he found very interesting, and he thanked Mr. Comeriato for facilitating the tour. Mr. Basil commented that the cemeteries are very well maintained on a slim budget.

Mr. Wooldredge said that citizens have contacted him recently, expressing concerns regarding the number of refuse companies in Hudson and the resulting excessive wear and tear to residential streets from trash-hauling truck traffic. He understood that the Environmental Awareness Committee is looking into options for reducing this truck traffic. Other Council members said they had received similar comments from citizens, and there was consensus that in light of the City's current roadway reconstruction and resurfacing program, this is an opportune time to address the issue, in an effort to help preserve the streets. They briefly discussed options and looked forward to the Environmental Awareness Committee's findings. Mr. Bales felt that the Committee will be encouraged with this direction from Council. Mayor Currin commented that this is a controversial issue which has been considered a number of times in the past, and it deserves further consideration.

Mr. DeSaussure commented on a recent Board of Zoning and Building Appeals' decision

regarding a request by KGK Landscaping (Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kuryla, 1975 E. Norton Road), for a variance from the requirement to utilize public water in order to have a water well on the property. He said that the property owner is currently not able to access public water due to pending negotiations with the City of Akron, and the BZBA granted a conditional variance, subject to certain restrictions.

Mr. Smith reported on the Park Board's meeting of July 22, 2013. He noted that Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant funding is possible for the Veterans Trail, with the award date anticipated in August 2013. He said that Park Board members expressed concerns about project funding if a grant is not awarded. He announced that the Parks and the MetroParks Serving Summit County will co-host an open house at the Hudson Library & Historical Society from 5 until 7 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013.

Mr. Basil said that a Ward 2 Open Forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at the Barlow Community Center, and he invited interested citizens to attend.

Mr. Hanink commented that the Heritage Home Program is available to Hudson residents with homes at least 50 years old. He said the program is through the Cleveland Restoration Society and offers free consulting services for interior and exterior projects, as well as access to low interest loans for home repair costs. Mr. Wooldredge commented that the Hudson Heritage Association helped initiate this program. Ms. Roberts said that a mailing regarding this program has been sent to residents, and a second mailing is planned, as well.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

A. 13-102 **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 12-144 TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE ROUTE 303 RESURFACING PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: Staff is requesting a 20% contingency for unforeseen issues that have arisen during the construction of the SR 303 Resurfacing Project from Corp. Line to Corp. Line. The 20% contingency was originally discussed at the November 7, 2012, Council meeting with the intent to come back to Council in 2013 for approval.

Attachments: [Resolution No 13-102](#)

Staff recommended that City Council approve this Resolution.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the July 31, 2013, meeting agenda.

B. 13-100 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-169 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2013.**

Executive Summary: This Ordinance will amend the original budget for 2013 to include expenditures that were previously not included. A summary of the requested amendments is attached.

Attachments: [Ordinance No 13-100](#)
[Exhibit A - 2nd Q Approp 2013 - Amended](#)

Staff recommended that Council pass this Ordinance to amend 2013 appropriations. Council members reviewed appropriations requests, and Mr. Bales noted corrections and provided explanations. Mr. Sheridan provided information regarding a Western Reserve Academy traffic study.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the July 31, 2013, meeting agenda.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

A. TMP-0475

Hudson Emergency Medical Service Department Presentation by the EMS Director to discuss the department's plans for the future. Current and future projects will be discussed.

Executive Summary: As part of the on-going presentations by City departments, Bruce Graham, EMS Director, will discuss the mission of the department and what the future might hold in store.

Attachments: [Department Presentation to Council - Power Point](#)
[Hudson EMS Background Information](#)
[EMS Summary for Presentation 2012 SWOT](#)

Mr. Graham discussed current issues affecting EMS, including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, health care, alternative care organizations, community paramedicine, and the current labor force. He discussed departmental applications of the City's Strategic Plan, Goal 3, to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, quality and availability of services. He reviewed the department's budget and provided background information and statistics, and the 2012 SWOT Analysis. Discussion also included Medicare payments for EMS services, the volunteer model, contract billing services, training needs, and unfunded projects.

This topic was discussed. No Council action is required.

B. TMP-0447

Bow Hunting on Former Youth Development Center (YDC) Property - Follow-up from Staff.

Executive Summary: Following a presentation by staff at the 11/27/12 City Council Workshop (item ref. TMP-0242) concerning staff's recommendation to not permit bow hunting of deer at the former YDC property on Hines Hill Road, Council asked staff to return in mid-2013 with a safety/security plan, including the associated costs of such plan, for further discussion on the topic.

Attachments: [YDC Property Hunting Security Recommendation.pdf](#)
[YDC Hunting Conservation Easment Map.pdf](#)
[2013 Parks Recommendation to restrict hunting on YDC property.pdf](#)

Mr. Schroyer explained that Public Works and Parks Department staff had further evaluated security issues after the last workshop discussion, and due to concerns previously voiced by staff, in addition to the costs associated with securing the restricted hunting areas for bow hunting of deer at the former Youth Development Center property on Hines Hill Road, staff recommended that hunting not be permitted on this parcel. The following topics were discussed: the ability to

manage a safe environment with fencing and/or signage, the ability to prevent trespassing on the conservation easement and penalties involved, liability issues, and conflicts with current demolition and road resurfacing projects.

There was consensus among Council members to re-visit this topic in 2014. Staff will further assess this topic and report to Council at that time.

Council members supported staff's recommendation that bow hunting not be permitted on the former Youth Development Center property during Ohio's 2013-2014 deer hunting season.

C. TMP-0483

2013-2017 Hudson Strategic Plan - 2013 Mid-Year Plan Review.

Executive Summary: As stated in the Conclusion section of the 2013-2017 Hudson Strategic Plan, staff will provide City Council members with regular reviews and updates of the progress in completing the tasks/goals outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

Attachments: [2013-2017 Strategic Plan](#)
[Summary 2013-17 Strategic Plan \(2013 Mid Year Report View\)](#)
[Details 2013-17 Strategic Plan \(2013 Mid Year Report View\)](#)
[2014 Task Schedule for Strategic Plan](#)

Mr. Schroyer provided an overview of the mid-year update, noting that staff is staying focused and is making progress on the Strategic Plan goals. Discussion areas included: progress/status of topic area tasks and goals, report frequency, and reporting format. Council members asked that details be provided concerning completed tasks, but they generally supported the report formatting. Council members felt that the detailed project information provided for better understanding, which will be especially helpful during budgeting, as well as improving meeting efficiency. Council also discussed the ongoing process of strategic planning.

5. Other Items Added to Agenda

Mayor Currin asked for a status update of economic development branding and marketing efforts. Mr. Bales said that staff is scheduled to make a presentation to Council at the August 13, 2013, workshop.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:13 p.m.

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council