



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Workshop

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

Christopher W. Foster, President of Council (Ward 2)

Christopher A. Banweg, Council Member (At-Large)

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

Karen E. Heater, Council Member (At-Large)

Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)

Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)

Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Thomas Sheridan, Interim City Manager

Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor

R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall
1140 Terex Road

1. Call to Order

President of Council Foster called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 6:00 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater to enter into executive session to interview an applicant for the position of City Manager. Mr. Foster recessed the meeting at 6:01p.m. after the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Executive session ended at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Foster reconvened the Council workshop at 7:40 p.m.

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, Interim City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; and Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant.

3. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Sutton stated that he received a call from a resident that several of the businesses downtown that offer outdoor dining are not leaving room for pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk, and he asked staff to look into this.

4. Discussion Items

- A. [22-0056](#) **Green Certification Programs**
Brief Description: Request of the Environmental Awareness Committee to discuss consideration of Green Certification Programs

Attachments: [Green Certification - Council Memo](#)
[Green Certification - Council Workshop Slides](#)

Mr. Ortiz, Environmental Awareness Committee member, provided information on the Green Certification Program. Discussion followed.

This matter was discussed.

- B. [22-0057](#) **Discussion: Owen Brown Street Sidewalk Project**
Brief Description: This section of sidewalk along Owen Brown Street from Morse Road to Lennox is currently budgeted for construction in 2024.

Attachments: [Owen Brown Sidewalk Plans](#)

Mr. Sheridan stated that this item is currently budgeted for 2024, however, due to changes with the proposed Phase 2 development, Mrs. Kowalski requested discussion on moving this item up in the budget. He further stated that he recommends moving this item to 2023. Discussion followed regarding increasing the lighting under the railroad underpass, placement of signs for single lane traffic at one time, and railing options. There was Council consensus to move the construction of the sidewalk up to 2023.

This matter was discussed

5. Proposed Consent Agenda for June 21, 2022, Council Meeting

- A. [22-0061](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the May 2022 Monthly Financial Report**
Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [May 2022 Financial Report](#)

This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the June 21, 2022, Council meeting.

- B. [22-83](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO BID AND AWARD THE CLOCK TOWER REPAIR PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: This project involves the disassembly of the Hudson clock works and fabrication of new replacement parts for the refurbishing of the Hudson clock tower clock works, and reassembly to restore the clock mechanism to normal operations.

Attachments: [Quote - Roger Gordon Clockmakers Limited](#)
[Resolution No. 22-83](#)

Responding to questions, Mr. Comeriato stated that the City has used this company for 6 years and the costs

are in line with past repairs and all past repairs have been done by hand, utilizing refurbished parts in order to sustain the historic nature. He further stated that the mechanics can be modernized and the outside clock face will remain the same. Council asked staff to provide a cost comparison showing the maintenance costs of keeping the original clock works vs. modernizing the clock works. There was consensus to move forward with refurbishing the clock and then look into the costs to modernize.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the June 21, 2022, Council meeting.

- C. [22-84](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EXCELLANCE INC. FOR THE UPGRADE, REPAIRS AND MODIFICATIONS TO AMBULANCE COMPARTMENTS AND LIGHTING AND INSTALLATION OF A REAR PATIENT COMPARTMENT AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AND ALL ASSOCIATED ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This is a budgeted 2022 project that was previously scheduled for the fall of 2022 to make modifications to Ambulance 4012's structural compartments, lighting and add a rear compartment air conditioning system. The manufacturer informed us this week of an opening in their schedule in July and offered to move this vehicle up in the schedule to early July. In order to have this work done, we have to secure the purchase order prior to the work starting by early July. The scheduled timing of this repair work is what requires the emergency designation and the suspension of the rules.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-84](#)

Mr. Sheridan stated that this item was originally scheduled for October 2022, however, due to a cancellation, the company was able to move the repairs up in the schedule.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the June 21, 2022, Council meeting.

6. Proposed Legislation for June 21, 2022, Council Meeting

- A. [22-70](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 660.08(c)(4)(D) AND 672.12(f)(2) AND REGULATING THE USE OF CONSUMER GRADE FIREWORKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The legislation seeks to change the local ordinance regarding fireworks to match the State of Ohio law that will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 22-70](#)

Mr. Sheridan stated that this will go into effect July 1, 2022, and that staff will be getting information out to the public.

Ordinance No. 22-70 was forwarded for further consideration at the June 21, 2022, Council meeting.

- B. [22-79](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 220.03, 220.031, AND 220.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON REGULAR AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS.**
Brief Description: The ordinance intends to clarify the process of the introduction of ordinances and resolutions that are placed on a regular or special City Council meeting agenda.
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 22-79](#)

Ordinance No. 22-79 was forwarded for further consideration at the June 21, 2022, Council meeting.

- C. [22-80](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STORM WATER WORK POLICY IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: An Ad Hoc Storm Water Committee which included both City Council members and City staff were appointed to review and update the current Storm Water Policy.
Attachments: [Storm Water Policy - DRAFT](#)
[Storm Water Scoring Sheet - DRAFT](#)
[Private Property Storm Water Issues Analyzed](#)
[Resolution No. 22-80](#)

Resolution No. 22-80 was forwarded for further consideration at the June 21, 2022, Council meeting.

- D. [22-81](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.22, “OBSTRUCTING SEWERS AND WATERCOURSES”, OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: This ordinance amendment would update the City’s General Offenses Code at Section 660.22, “Obstructing Sewers and Watercourses” to better protect private property owners and public infrastructure from flooding and diversion of storm water caused by adjacent property owners.
Attachments: [Current C.O. 660 \(compared with Revised C.O. 660.22, Obstructing Ditches, etc\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 22-81](#)

Responding to a question, Mr. Sheridan stated that this code will protect neighbors against neighbors.

Ordinance No. 22-81 was forwarded for further consideration at the June 21, 2022, Council meeting.

- E. [22-82](#) **A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 21-149 AND WITHDRAWING THE AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH FAIRMOUNT PROPERTIES, LLC FOR THE**

SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA ADJACENT TO THE FIRST & MAIN DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF HUDSON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: City Council and the City administration have considered and discussed the sale of the Property, the terms thereof, and certain development proposals for the Property submitted by Fairmount and determined that it is not appropriate to move forward with the consummation of the sale of the Property to Fairmount and the development thereof as currently proposed by Fairmount.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-82](#)

Resolution No. 22-82 was forwarded for further consideration at the June 21, 2022, Council meeting.

7. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

The following items will appear on the June 21, 2022, Council meeting: Proclamation for Hudson Public Power Lineman and a discussion on an Ordinance to prohibit city employees from serving on boards and commissions.

Mr. Foster asked for Council input on having a summer recess and cancelling the Council Workshop on June 28, 2022 and the Council Meeting on July 5, 2022. There was Council consensus to cancel the workshop and meeting and hold a Special Meeting prior to the July 12, 2022, Council workshop. He further provided an update on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on June 13, 2022.

8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Foster adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Christopher W. Foster, President of Council

Thomas J. Sheridan, Interim City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Business Operations Manager - Professional Services.

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 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.