



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 J. Sheridan, City Manager

Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor

R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

President of Council Foster called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 1 - Mr. Banweg

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

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Ms. Schlademan stated that a resident contacted her regarding speeding on Victoria Parkway and asked staff to look into it.

Mr. Foster stated that he has heard from residents regarding sightings of coyotes in the area and he has asked staff to look into ways to reduce the coyote population. He further thanked staff for delaying the closure of Milford Road.

Mayor Anzevino stated that the net cutting for the new pickleball and tennis courts was a success as well as the HCTV open house. He further reminded citizens that there will be a ribbon cutting at 2:00 p.m. on October 26, 2022, for the electric vehicle charger located in the parking terrace, Coffee with David will be held at Laurel Lake on October 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., and an Open Forum is tentatively set for December 1, 2022 at the Hudson Library.

Mrs. Kowalksi asked that the coyote issue be discussed at a future workshop.

3. Discussion Items

A. [22-0077](#) **Pedestrian Safety around Hudson Schools at Unsignalized Crosswalks**

Brief Description: This is follow-up discussion from August 23, 2022, Council workshop. Staff will discuss the report performed by the City's traffic engineering consultant regarding recommendations for additional RRFB's in Hudson school zone crosswalks.

Attachments: [Hudson RRFB DRAFT Tech Memo 2022.10.25](#)
[Schools and Crosswalks Map 10.14.2022 \(Updated\)](#)

Mr. Kosco presented information regarding the consultant's report on the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at various unsignalized crosswalk locations near the schools. Discussion followed that included conditional criteria for Hudson Street and Aurora Street, looking into funding options, and reevaluation of the Middleton/Winterberry location after the signal is installed at Stow Road and Middleton Road.

This matter was discussed.

B. [22-0092](#) **Traffic Signal Box Public Art**

Brief Description: City staff has completed a peer city review within the State of Ohio of implemented traffic box art programs.

Attachments: [City Council Memo - Traffic Signal Box Art](#)

Mr. Hannan provided information on traffic signal box art based off of information obtained from various peer cities. Discussion followed. Mr. Hannan stated that staff will research how other communities organized an Arts Commission, for future discussion.

This matter was discussed.

C. [22-0093](#) **Preliminary 2023 - 2027 Five-Year Plan Review**

Brief Description: Staff will present 2023-2027 Five Year Plan Assumptions, Personnel Costs and Operating Costs for all funds.

Attachments: [Operating Expense Discussion](#)
[Personnel Expense Discussion](#)
[2023 - 2027 Five Year Plan - Original Draft 9-27-22](#)

Mr. Griffith discussed the budget which included assumptions, operating, and personnel costs.

This matter was discussed.

D. [22-0094](#) **Opioid Funding Options**

Brief Description: City Council requested a discussion about options for using opioid settlement proceeds. The City received \$5,705.87 in July 2022 and it is expected we will receive a similar amount each year for the next 17 years.

Attachments: Opioid Funding Memo 2022

Mr. Sheridan stated that Chief Tabak has proposed utilizing the funds for training and education on prevention and response. Council requested Chief Tabak discuss his plans and ideas on the use of the funds at a future workshop.

This matter was discussed.

- E. [22-148](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 22-53 AMENDING THE INTERCONNECTION POLICY FOR CONNECTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWER GENERATION SYSTEMS TO THE CITY OF HUDSON'S POWER GRID.**

Brief Description: At the request of City Council, staff has reviewed the current credit process for Hudson Public Power customers that operate private electric generation systems including solar arrays and storage technologies and that subsequently return surplus energy to the City's electric grid. Staff will explain the current policy and present an option for calculating the monthly credit for Council to consider implementing in the future.

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
 [Solar Interconnection Packet_rev_7 Oct_2022](#)
 [Ordinance No. 22-148](#)

Mr. Comeriato provided an explanation regarding how the credit back to consumers for the use of solar power is computed. There was Council consensus to not move forward with the fixed credit, and continue with a monthly credit based on actual usage.

This matter was discussed.

4. **Proposed Consent Agenda for November 1, 2022, Council Meeting**

- A. [22-144](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE 2023 CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON.**

Brief Description: This Resolution would authorize the advertisement, receipt of bids and award of contracts for the annual road programs that will comprise the 2023 Annual Capital Maintenance Program. The program includes Line Striping, Crack Sealing, Concrete Replacement/Catch Basin Repairs, Asphalt Resurfacing and Patching Program. Award of these projects will be based upon the approved 2023 capital budget.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 22-144](#)

Resolution No. 21-144 was forwarded for further consideration at the November 1, 2022, Council meeting.

- B. [22-145](#) **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND NO. 250, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This Ordinance establishes a new fund to account for opioid settlement proceeds and uses as recommended by the Ohio Auditor of State.

Attachments: [Bulletin 2022-003](#)
[Ordinance No. 22-145](#)

Resolution No. 21-145 was forwarded for further consideration at the November 1, 2022, Council meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation for November 1, 2022, Council Meeting

A. [22-115](#) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR THE USE AND/OR RENTAL OF SPACE AT CITY HALL AND AT OR UPON OTHER CITY PROPERTY.

Brief Description: A discussion authorizing the City Manager to establish guidance rules for the use of space at City Hall and at or upon other City property.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Rules for Renting Space in City Buildings - redlines \(updated for 10.25.22\)](#)
[Exhibit A - Rules for Renting Space in City Buildings - clean \(for 10.25.22\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 22-115](#)

There was Council discussion regarding the framework guidelines. There was Council consensus to have further discussion regarding the framework, prior to passage.

Ordinance No. 21-115 was forwarded for further consideration at the November 1, 2022, Council meeting.

B. [22-136](#) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 243.23 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADOPT A MONTHLY TRANSPARENCY IN EXPENSES REPORT SUPPLIED TO CITY COUNCIL BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

Brief Description: City Council has requested the Finance Director provide a detailed monthly report of City expenses paid in the prior month.

Attachments: [August 2022 Expense Audit Trail](#)
[Transparency in Expenses Report 06-01-0222 to 09-30-2022 vs 3](#)
[Ordinance No. 22-136](#)
[Ordinance No. 22-136 \(as revised\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 22-136 \(as revised for 11.1.22\)](#)

Discussion included the need for 4 months worth of financial reports and the need for the separate Ordinance. There was consensus to discuss this Ordinance further with the City Solicitor present in order to clarify some of the language.

Ordinance No. 21-136 was forwarded for further consideration at the November 1, 2022, Council meeting.

C. [22-142](#) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING IN CONCEPT THE CITY OF HUDSON FIVE-YEAR PLAN 2023-2027.

Brief Description: This resolution adopts in concept the City's Five-Year Plan.

Attachments: [2023 - 2027 Five Year Plan - Original Draft 9-27-22](#)
[Resolution No. 22-142](#)

Resolution No. 21-142 was forwarded for further consideration at the November 1, 2022, Council meeting.

- D. [22-143](#) **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

Brief Description: This Ordinance establishes the City's budget for 2023.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 22-143](#)

Ordinance No. 21-143 was forwarded for further consideration at the November 1, 2022, Council meeting.

- E. [22-146](#) **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION NOT TO IMPLEMENT THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION SYSTEM DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**

Brief Description: The City is not removing the Growth Management Allocation System; however, because of no appreciable population change, the system would not be implemented for 2023.

Attachments: [GMA Report memo to Council for YR2023](#)
[Growth Management - reference data](#)
[Public Hearing Notice \(11-15-22\)](#)

Resolution No. 21-146 was forwarded for further consideration at the November 1, 2022, Council meeting.

- F. [22-147](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1040.01(A) AND (B) AND SECTION 1043.03(A)(3) AND (4) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REVISING WATER RATES FOR THE CITY.**

Brief Description: This ordinance will amend the City's water rates in accordance with the water rate study completed by CT Consultants. The Existed Service Area Rate and Expanded Service Area Rate will be blended into one rate. This blended rate will be increased 6% per year from 2023 through 2027 and 2% per year thereafter.

Attachments: [Public Hearing Notice \(11-15-22\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 22-147](#)

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6. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

7. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, to enter into an executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee with Mayor Anzevino, Council Members, and Mr. Sheridan being invited to attend. Mr. Foster recessed the meeting at 8:42 p.m. after the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Foster reconvened the Council workshop at 9:40 p.m.

8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Foster adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Christopher W. Foster, President of Council

Thomas J. Sheridan, 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.