



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)
Michael W. Bird, Council Member (Ward 4)
Patricia L. Goetz, Council Member (Ward 1)
Karen E. Heater, Council Member (At-Large)
Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager
Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino 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, and he handed the workshop over to President of Council Foster, in accordance with Council Rules.

Present: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; Chief Tabak, Police Chief; and Mr. Wash, Assistant Public Works Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Banweg provided an update on the Charter Review Commission meeting that was held on May 7, 2025 and the Fire/EMS Subcommittee meeting that was recently held.

Dr. Bird provided an update on the H.O.M.E. Committee meeting that was recently held.

Mayor Anzevino expressed his appreciation for being able to honor 2 Hudson Middle School athletes who set records in Track and Field and a third who will be recognized this week who set the school record in discus. He further stated he attended the Blue and Gold banquet for Pack 3322 and congratulated those boys that became boy scouts, those that earned their Arrow of Light accommodation, and Brian Cole from Troop 321 who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Foster provided an update on the Planning Commission meeting that was held on May 12, 2025.

3. Discussion Items

A. [25-0062](#) Discussion: Update of the W. Streetsboro Street (SR 303) Safety

Improvements

Brief Description: City staff will update the Council on proposed improvements along West Streetsboro Street (State Route 303), between Boston Mills Road and Atterbury Boulevard. The update will also include recent correspondence with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding the project and grant funding.

Attachments: [Exhibit - Boston Mills to Atterbury](#)
[Exhibit - RR Bridge to SR 91](#)

Mr. Kosco presented the updated proposed changes along SR 303 between Boston Mills Road and Atterbury Blvd, which includes ADA ramp and pedestrian enhancements and striping changes. Council discussion followed that included maintaining 2-lanes going west and availability of ODOT funding. There was consensus to move forward with the new paint markings on SR 303 between Boston Mills Road and Atterbury Blvd, as submitted.

This matter was discussed.

B. [25-0063](#) A Discussion on the Future Location of an Inclusive Playground at Barlow Farm Park

Brief Description: In March of this year, the Park Board requested the administration review Hudson Springs Park and Barlow Farm Park for the future site of the playground, when the City was informed that the additional federal funding would not be allocated for this project.

Attachments: [Barlow Farm Park Site Plan](#)
[Barlow Farm Park Estimate](#)
[Barlow Farm Park Location Map](#)
[Hudson Springs Park Site Plan](#)
[Hudson Springs Park Estimate](#)
[Oak Grove Park Site Plan](#)
[Oak Grove Park Estimate](#)
[Inclusive Playground Matrix](#)

Mr. Sheridan summarized the timeline of events from prior discussions held by both the Park Board and City Council. He then outlined the next steps in the process, including entering a design contract, obtaining Planning Commission approval, bidding, awarding contracts, and proceeding with construction. Additionally, he explained the attachments included in the Council packet and provided a cost comparison of options for Barlow Farm Park and Hudson Springs Park.

Mr. Wash presented information regarding safety concerns identified at Barlow Farm Park and Hudson Springs Park, along with necessary repairs for the existing playground at Barlow Farm Park.

Ms. O'Neil, Chair of the Park Board, noted that Barlow Farm Park was selected by the Park Board in a 3-2 vote as the preferred location. Ms. Higgins, President of the Hudson Inclusive Playground Group, also voiced support for Barlow Farm Park as their preferred site, explaining the reasoning behind the decision.

The discussion that followed covered the prioritization of upgrades to Middleton Park, resident concerns about the expansion of Barlow Farm Park, the rationale for considering Oak Grove Park, and the reason it was not initially included as an option. There was consensus to return to the Park Board with both Barlow Farm Park and Oak Grove Park under consideration, engage with neighborhoods adjacent to Oak Grove Park, and present a recommendation to Council on May 27, 2025.

This matter was discussed.

4. Proposed Consent Agenda for May 20, 2025, Council Meeting

- A. [25-0067](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the April 2025 Monthly Financial Report**
Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.
Attachments: [April 2025 Financial Report](#)

In response to a question, Mr. Knoblauch explained that the income tax deficit is attributed to the departures of Joann, Diebold, and Universal Screen Arts, as well as a decline in income tax revenue from Progressive.

This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- B. [25-0068](#) **A Motion Directing the Clerk to Send Notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control Indicating No Request for a Hearing Regarding the Transfer of a Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for Maruti Petroleum, 5915 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio, from Hudson Gas LLC, 5915 Darrow Rd, Hudson, Ohio.**
Brief Description: The Clerk is in receipt of the attached Notice to Legislative Authority dated May 5, 2025 from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning the opportunity to request a hearing regarding this permit. The City's response must be postmarked no later than June 2, 2025.
Attachments: [Maruti Petroleum Permit #5595915](#)

This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- C. [25-0069](#) **A Motion Authorizing the City Staff to Move Forward with the Design for a New Sidewalk along Ravenna Street from S. Hayden Parkway to Stow Road.**
Brief Description: City staff held a public open house on April 17, 2025 with the proposed alignment of the new sidewalk along Ravenna Street from S. Hayden Parkway to Stow Road. Staff recommended that a 5' concrete sidewalk be placed on the north side of Ravenna Street. This motion would provide authorization for City staff to proceed with the design of a 5' concrete sidewalk along the north side of Ravenna Street from S. Hayden Parkway to Stow Road.
Attachments: [Ravenna Street Sidewalk Ranking Matrix](#)
[Concept Plans for Ravenna Street Sidewalk](#)
[Resident Input Summary 2025.05.09](#)
[Lets Talk Hudson Comments 2025.05.09](#)

In response to a question, Mr. Sheridan stated that \$1.1 million has been budgeted, and the potential development in this area would not be required to contribute. Dr. Goetz inquired whether the project could be postponed for a year or two as a cost-saving measure.

Council discussion included reviewing the next round of connectivity projects to determine if any could be deferred, considering a 7-year outlook for infrastructure projects instead of the usual 5-year plan, and addressing concerns about potential sidewalk damage from water and sewer installation related to the potential development in this area.

This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- D. [25-82](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE W. STREETSBORO STREET (SR 303) SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PID 117269) WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: This project involves pavement striping, signage improvements, and curb ramp work along SR 303 between Boston Mills Road and Atterbury Blvd.

Attachments: [Exhibit – Prop W. Streetsboro Rd Safety Improvements \(west\)](#)
[Resolution No. 25-82](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- E. [25-83](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY UPFITTERS FOR THE UPFITTING OF THREE (3) FLEET VEHICLES FOR POLICE OPERATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: This project involves the Upfitting of Three (3) police fleet vehicles.

Attachments: [Hall Public Safety 2025 Upfitting](#)
[Police Vehicle Upfitting Memo 2025](#)
[Resolution No. 25-83](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation for May 20, 2025, Council Meeting

- A. [25-21](#) **AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE ORDER AND RULES OF A PUBLIC HEARING.**
Brief Description: The Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson make reference to, but do not define “Public Hearing.” This ordinance establishes an order of business and reasonable limitations on discussion for all public hearings before any official City body, whether it be City Council or any other board, committee or commission.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-21 - Planning Commission Report and Recommendations](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-21 \(as introduced\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-21 Exhibit A \(4-22-25\)](#)

Mr. Sutton stated that the chair of the Planning Commission confirmed that their thoughts were fully

incorporated into the revised exhibit.

Ordinance No. 25-21 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- B. [25-28](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1202.04(b)(3) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELEVANT TO ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC BOARD OF REVIEW ADVICE OF CONSULTANT**
Brief Description: The AHBR utilizes the services of a consultant on several cases a year within the historic district. Proposed amendment would allow the board to consider consultants firms recognized by the state historic preservation office in addition to licensed architects.
Attachments: [LDC Amendment 1204.03\(b\)\(3\)](#)
 [OHPO Historic Preservation Consultant List](#)
 [Signed PC Decision 25-201 - LDC amendment - AHBR Consultant](#)
 [Ordinance No. 25-28](#)
 [Draft Ordinance with PC Recommendation 4.7.25](#)

Ordinance No. 25-28 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- C. [25-43](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1205.04, 1205.06, 1205.07, 1205.11, AND 1206.01 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REMOVE TOWNHOMES FROM ALL ZONING DISTRICTS EXCEPT DISTRICT 5 VILLAGE CORE DISTRICT.**
Brief Description: Proposed amendment to the Land Development Code to limit townhomes as a allowable dwelling unit type to District 5 Village Core District.
Attachments: [Exhibit A: Townhomes Ordinance](#)
 [Signed PC Decision 25-200 - LDC amendment - Townhome Text Amendment](#)
 [Ordinance No. 25-43](#)

Ordinance No. 25-43 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- D. [25-56](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TEN, "STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO AMEND CHAPTER 1016 USE OF PUBLIC WAYS BY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CABLE TELEVISION PROVIDERS.**
Brief Description: This Ordinance will amend the City's Codified Ordinances relating to regulations applying to use of public ways by service providers and cable television providers in the City's public right-of-way, found in Chapter 1016, "Use Of Public Ways by Service Providers and Cable Television Providers," of the Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Ordinance Amending CO Chapter 1016](#)
 [Exhibit A \(Revised for 5-20-25\)](#)
 [Ordinance No. 25-56](#)

Responding to question, Mr. Sheridan stated that he is not aware if Mr. Pitchford has had discussions with Charter Communications regarding requested changes, but will follow-up with him.

Ordinance No. 25-56 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- E. [25-57](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1205, 1206, AND 1213 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT PROHIBITION RELATED TO MARIJUANA FACILITIES.**

Brief Description: A proposed ordinance to establish a permanent ban on marijuana facilities within the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-57](#)
 [ORD 25-57 proposed PC recommendation 4.14.25](#)
 [PC 25-256 Decision - LDC amendment -Marijuana](#)
 [SR 2025-256 LDC Amendment - Marijuana](#)
 [Zoning for Marijuana Facilities - surrounding communities](#)
 [Lets Talk Hudson page and survey results](#)

Ordinance No. 25-57 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- F. [25-69](#) **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL TO CONTINUE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS AND JOB CREATION GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF SUMMIT.**

Brief Description: The City has established a Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) to periodically review each existing Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and Job Creation Grant Agreement for compliance and to make recommendations to continue, modify or terminate each of the agreements. The duly appointed TIRC met on March 14, 2025, reviewed each CRA and Job Creation Grant Agreement and made certain recommendations to City Council.

Attachments: [TIRC Minutes 3.14.2025](#)
 [Resolution No. 25-69](#)

Resolution No. 25-69 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

- G. [25-84](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH KELTEC, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Keltec, LLC is requesting a 50% income tax credit for 10 years. The company, currently located in Twinsburg, Ohio, will relocate their headquarters operations to 5581 Hudson Industrial Parkway. The company is a leading manufacturer of compressed air and gas filtration solutions, providing a comprehensive range of high-quality products for industrial applications. Keltec, Inc. will employ 175 staff at the facility.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-84](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

H. [25-85](#) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PROCESSES WITHIN THE CITY.

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in redefining and clarifying its internal administrative appeal processes. The current process and Codified Ordinances do not specify a standard of review for appeals, and this legislation will clarify boards or commissions' obligation to render findings of fact and will establish a presumption in favor of the lower body's determination.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-85](#)

Mr. Sutton requested changes to Section 5(1)(B). Mr. Foster provided an explanation on this section.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

I. [TMP-7956](#) AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING SHOOTING RANGES WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON AND AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in permitting indoor shooting ranges in Districts 6, 7, 8, and 9. The ranges would be a conditional use in these districts, subject to review by the Planning Commission and are already subject to strict regulation by the state of Ohio.

Attachments: [Draft Ordinance](#)
[Draft Ordinance UPDATED for 5-20-25 FINAL](#)

Mrs. Kowalski suggested this item be moved to a meeting in June and to solicit resident feedback through Let's Talk Hudson, as well as each Council member reach out to their constituents. Dr. Goetz agreed with Mrs. Kowalski on obtaining feedback from residents.

Responding to a question, Mr. Foster stated that he does not feel that an emergency clause is necessary, and can be removed.

Mr. Sutton suggested that District 7 be removed from the allowable locations, Item H modified to 50 caliber, and remove NRA from the text.

Responding to a question, Mr. Foster provided an explanation on the reason for this Ordinance. He further stated that he will incorporate the suggested changes.

There was consensus to solicit resident feedback through Let's Talk Hudson.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the May 20, 2025, Council meeting.

6. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

Mr. Foster stated that the following items will appear on the May 20, 2025, Council agenda: Proclamations for Poppy Days and Hudson Trike and Bike Event and Honorary Resolutions to John Niemczura for time served on the Military and Veterans' Commission and Brian Battaglia on his retirement.

Dr. Goetz requested an Honorary Resolution for the Hudson Inclusive Playground Group for their work on the inclusive playground project. Mr. Foster stated that it will be done after the playground is open.

7. Adjournment

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

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