

City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council Workshop

David A. Basil
City Council President (Ward 2)
Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr.
City Council Member (At-Large)
John W. Jeffers
City Council Member (Ward 4)
J. Daniel Williams
City Council Member (At-Large)

October 09, 2012
Town Hall, 7:30 PM



William A. Currin
Mayor
Dennis N. Hanink
City Council Member (Ward 1)
Alex D. Kelemen
City Council Member (Ward 3)
William D. Wooldredge
City Council Member (At-Large)

Anthony J. Bales, *City Manager*

R. Todd Hunt, *City Solicitor*

Elizabeth Slagle, *Clerk of Council*

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:33 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room and turned the meeting over to President of Council Basil.

Present 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Wooldredge, and Dr. Williams

Absent 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

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

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Kelemen said that he attended the Cuyahoga County 'ReLeaf' Program held at the Barlow Community Center on September 28, 2012, along with Mr. Hanink, Mr. Wooldredge, Tree Commission members, and staff, as well as representatives from other watershed communities. He explained that the goal of the program is to keep sediment out of the Cuyahoga River floodplain through maintenance of the tree canopy and erosion prevention. He said that the group studied areas of Hudson that are prone to erosion and compared the City's Ordinances and practices of tree maintenance to those of other communities. While Hudson's standards excelled, he said that improvements in some areas are possible. Mr. Hanink said that a Brandywine Creek watershed group will reconvene to identify preferred areas of development and conservation, noting that incentives exist for watershed communities to develop a plan. Mayor Currin was glad that Hudson officials are continuing to actively participate in watershed meetings.

Mr. Kelemen noted that in strategic planning, macro issues tend to filter down to local government. He said that two key staff members in Stow recently announced their retirements, due to changes in the Ohio Public Employment Retirement System; and he suspected that the City of Hudson may face similar personnel changes. Mr. Basil said that the City will deal with this issue proactively, as it has done in the past when faced with similar issues.

Mr. Basil said that the next Ward 2 Open Forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 30, 2012, at the Barlow Community Center.

Mr. Basil said that Council has received the schedule of special workshop meetings to discuss the Five-Year Plan and the 2013 Budget, and he encouraged all Council members to attend these important meetings.

Mr. Basil added an agenda item for Council consideration of allowing bow hunting of deer on the former Youth Development Center property.

3. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

A. [12-140](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP FOR ENGINEERING AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE FORMER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER DEMOLITION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Executive Summary: This work will include the hazardous material inspection, investigation, sampling and testing, construction administration, bid assistance and design services in order to properly remove the hazardous material and demolish the existing structures.

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: Res. No. 12-140

Mr. Sheridan recommended that City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Environmental Design Group, as lowest and best bidder, for the Engineering Consulting and Hazardous Material Services for the Hudson Youth Development Center (YDC) Demolition Project in an amount of \$129,359.06 plus 10% contingency. He explained that staff will oversee as much work as possible, but the project requires asbestos-certified specialists. He noted that environmental testing will cause minimal destruction to the facilities.

Discussion followed regarding the scope and timing of the project, utility turn-off in all facilities except for electricity, specifications to include the Dickerson and Eastman buildings as alternates, and potential users for these buildings. Mr. Hanink expressed concern regarding proceeding before a vote to demolish. Mr. Basil encouraged Council members to support the proposed legislation, noting that there will ultimately be a vote to demolish the former YDC buildings. Council members supported staff's recommendation.

Legislation was forwarded to the City Council agenda for October 17, 2012.

B. [TMP-0201](#) **TECHudson Report to City Council**

Executive Summary: City Council has asked the Executive Director of TECHudson to periodically come before Council to update them on the progress being made at TECHudson.

Attachments: TECHudson Progress Report Oct 9 12

Mr. Jim Phipps, Executive Director of TECHudson, provided a Progress Report (attached to record copy of these minutes), spoke of Hudson's entrepreneurial history, reviewed 2013 objectives and Budgets for 2013 – 2015, and asked for Council's continued support in funding for TECHudson.

Others who spoke in support of TECHudson included George Buzzy, Entrepreneur in Residence for TECHudson, Jumpstart and Youngstown Business Incubator and Hudson resident; John Dearborn, President of Jumpstart and Hudson resident; and Cliff Reynolds, Director of GLIDE, Entrepreneurship Innovation Institute Lorain County Community College and Hudson resident. They emphasized that TECHudson is part of an entrepreneurial ecosystem in northeast Ohio within a network of collaborating member organizations; entrepreneurs can have a profound long-term effect on employment opportunities; and most incubators take 5-10 years to get underway, during which time local support is important.

There was a consensus of support among Council members, with discussion of commitment to continued funding at some level, perhaps through a matching program. Members expressed concern regarding spending tax payers' money responsibly and were interested in TECHudson gaining successful outside funding sources. Mr. Buzzy discussed seed funds. Mr. Phipps said that he is cultivating academic links and continuing to pursue outside funding, but TECHudson needs the City's support in order to continue to grow and develop the vision of an entrepreneurial campus.

Presentation to Council by TECHudson, followed by discussion. Council members will discuss continued funding during upcoming special workshops regarding the Five-Year Plan and 2013 Budget.

Other Items Discussed:

TMP-0227

Bow Hunting on Former Youth Development Center (YDC) Property

Mr. Basil asked Council to consider allowing bow hunting of deer at the former YDC property on Hines Hill Road, noting that he had received a number of inquiries. Discussion followed and Council supported allowing bow hunting in woodlands on the southern property. Council members agreed that the northern property was not suited to bow hunting, due to its active hiking trails and proximity to Maple Grove Park. They discussed the need for careful delineation and boundary markings.

Mr. Basil asked that the administrative staff discuss the matter with Police Chief Robbins and Parks Superintendent Hutchinson and follow-up with City Council.

4. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:31 p.m.

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council