



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

William A. Currin, Mayor

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., City Council President (At-Large)

David A. Basil, City Council Member (Ward 2)

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)

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent: 1 - Mr. Kelemen

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Public Works Director; Mr. Hutchinson, Parks Superintendent; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mrs. Mottram, Administrative Support Supervisor; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [14-0079](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Executive Summary: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for City Council's review and approval.

Attachments: [October 15, 2014 Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT](#)
[October 21, 2014 Special Council Meeting - Minutes DRAFT](#)
[October 21, 2014 Council Workshop - Minutes DRAFT](#)

There being no changes, the above minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. Proclamations

A. [14-0080](#)

Proclamation: Special Recognition of America Recycles Day 2014.

Executive Summary: Mayor William Currin will proclaim November 15, 2014, as “America Recycles Day” in the City of Hudson. Mrs. Leanne Schumacher, Environmental Awareness Committee (EAC) member, and Sonya Mottram, Public Works Support Supervisor, will be in attendance to accept the Proclamation on behalf of the EAC.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Currin thanked the Environmental Awareness Committee for their leadership in recycling endeavors. Mr. Resnick, Committee Chair, accepted the Proclamation and thanked Mayor Currin. Also in attendance were other Committee members, Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Schumacher, as well as staff member, Mrs. Mottram.

Mayor Currin read this Proclamation in its entirety, recognizing November 15, 2014, as “America Recycles Day” in the City of Hudson.

B. [14-0081](#)

Proclamation: Special Recognition of Global Entrepreneurship Week.

Executive Summary: Mayor Currin will proclaim the week of November 17 through 23, 2014 as “Global Entrepreneurship Week” in Hudson. Ms. Deborah Hoover, President, Burton D. Morgan Foundation, will be in attendance to accept this Proclamation.

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Currin presented this Proclamation to Ms. Angela Kwallek Evans, who accepted it on behalf of The Burton D. Morgan Foundation. She thanked Mayor Currin and spoke of the importance of Global Entrepreneurship Week, noting the special events planned in Hudson. She encouraged citizens to involve their children and to visit the Library's website for detailed information regarding special events.

Mayor Currin read this Proclamation in its entirety, recognizing the week of November 17 through 23, 2014 as “Global Entrepreneurship Week” in Hudson.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. DeSaussure announced that the City is accepting applications through November 26, 2014, for the following volunteer boards, commissions, and committees: Cemetery Board, Environmental Awareness Committee, Board of Zoning & Building Appeals, Planning Commission, Cable Television Advisory Committee, and the 2015 Charter Review Commission. Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Basil spoke of the importance of volunteering and encouraged citizens to apply for the current openings.

Mr. Wooldredge said that he recently attended the Ohio Economic Development Association's Excellence Awards Program at which the City of Hudson was recognized for Excellence in Economic Development Marketing for its "Businesses Welcome, Workforce Ready" marketing campaign. Council members Wooldredge and Basil congratulated Mr. Wiedie for his efforts in this regard.

Mr. Basil thanked Mrs. Howington for participating in the Ward 2 Open Forum on October 28, 2014.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington reported on key projects and programs. She said that the new City of Hudson entry signs, sponsored by Leadership Hudson, have been installed; the leaf collection program is underway, with record volumes collected; railroad track maintenance on Stow Road is completed, and the road is open to traffic; and City offices will be closed on November 11, 2014, for the Veterans Day holiday.

9. Presentations

A. [14-0082](#)

Presentation: 2014 Environmental Stewardship Award to Taste of Hudson.

Executive Summary: Mrs. Leanne Schumacher, Environmental Awareness Committee member, requested that the 2014 Environmental Stewardship Award be presented at the November 5, 2014, City Council meeting. Andy Malitz, Executive Director, will accept the award on behalf of Taste of Hudson.

Attachments: [Press Release](#)

Mrs. Schumacher explained the criteria for this annual award and spoke of Taste of Hudson's efforts to recycle and reduce solid waste at this year's event. She presented the award to Mr. Andy Malitz, Executive Director, who spoke of the importance of recycling, as well as plans to incorporate composting for the 2015 Taste of Hudson. He said that this annual event is a collaboration among many organizations to showcase Hudson, and he noted that Taste of Hudson was able to donate \$23,500 this year to various community charities, as recently reported by the Hudson Hub-Times. Mayor Currin offered congratulations to Mr. Malitz and his team for their outstanding efforts.

Mrs. Leanne Schumacher, Environmental Awareness Committee member, recognized Taste of Hudson as the recipient of the 2014 Environmental Stewardship Award.

B. [14-0083](#)

Presentation: Status of the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Executive Summary: Mr. Dan Gardner, principal of Houseal Lavigne Associates, who is leading the Comprehensive Plan update effort will make a brief presentation on the status of the plan.

Mr. Richardson described the process for updating the City's Comprehensive Plan and introduced Mr. Dan Gardner, who provided a status report. Mr. Gardner said that an Existing Conditions Analysis is currently underway, community meetings were conducted in September, and interviews with key community leaders are being conducted this month. He said that citizens will have opportunities in January to become involved in the planning stages, and he encouraged citizens to refer to the project website, linked from the City's home page, and to respond to the online survey. He said the process will continue over the next eight months, and the goal is to reflect the vision of the entire community. Discussion followed.

This matter was presented to Council.

C. [14-118](#)

Presentation: Community Development Block Grant Program.

Executive Summary: City Council has requested that a representative from Summit County provide information regarding the CDBG Program, pursuant to Resolution No. 14-118, entitled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE “FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM” WITH THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY,” which is currently tabled. Ms. Connie Krauss, Director of Summit County’s Department of Community and Economic Development, and Ms. Holly Miller, Senior Administrator, will provide information and answer questions at the November 5, 2014 Council meeting.

Attachments: [20140904 CDBG Renewal Request](#)

[Resolution No 14-118](#)

[CDBG Program Information Presented at 11-5-2014 Council Meeting](#)

Ms. Connie Krauss provided an overview of Summit County's Community Development Block Grant Program and its goals of eliminating slum and blight, economic development, and providing benefits to low and moderate income individuals. Ms. Hollie Miller spoke regarding the County's consolidated spending plan for the CDBG Program and explained how grants benefit citizens, businesses, and communities. She provided a draft summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the County's Plan Needs Assessment Overview (attached to record copy of these minutes).

Discussion followed regarding amendments to the County's Agreement of Cooperation for the CDGB Program, which would require passage of Resolution No. 14-118 (tabled), and the value of Hudson's participation in the program.

This matter was presented to Council.

10. **Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, and Mr. Basil

A. [14-115](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF BOTH SAPPHIRE AND EAST SAPPHIRE DRIVES ACROSS EXISTING RESERVATION STRIPS OF LAND TO CONNECT THOSE PUBLIC STREETS.

Executive Summary: The Ordinance would release the existing reservations strips where Sapphire Drive and East Sapphire Drive presently end which would allow

these streets to be connected as proposed on the preliminary plan of Sapphire Estates Subdivision.

Attachments: [20140730 Aerial](#)
 [20140730 Composite Map](#)
 [20140630 Preliminary Plan](#)
 [20140714 Decision](#)
 [20140902 City Manager's Memo - Reservation Strips on Sapphire Dr.](#)
 [Ordinance No 14-115](#)

This Ordinance was adopted by suspending the rules.

B. [14-129](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13-164 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2014.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance will amend the original budget for 2014 to include expenditures that were previously not included. A summary of the requested amendments are attached.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - 3rd Qtr Appropriations](#)
 [Ordinance No 14-129](#)

This Ordinance was adopted by suspending the rules.

11. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that Council enter into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and to discuss a personnel matter. Mayor Currin recessed the meeting at 8:46 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, and Mr. DeSaussure

Mayor Currin reconvened the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Mr. DeSaussure clarified that the personnel matter discussed during executive session was concerning the appointment of a public official.

12. Legislation

A. 14-126

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2949 HUDSON-AURORA ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 30-09210, FOR PUBLIC PARK AND PARK ENTRANCE PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The Park Board has recommended the purchase of a parcel of property on Hudson-Aurora Road to afford access to public park property. This Resolution authorizes staff to initiate procurement of this parcel.

Attachments: Resolution No 14-126

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that Resolution No. 14-126 be removed from the agenda and from further consideration by Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, and Mr. Hanink

B. [14-130](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 220.01 AND 220.031(a) OF CHAPTER 220, "COUNCIL" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Executive Summary: City Council will consider changes to the existing rules for scheduling of regular meetings and workshops.

Attachments: [Town Hall Calendar - Sept-Oct 2014](#)
[Existing Council Rules Concerning Meeting and Workshop Schedule](#)
[Ordinance No 14-130](#)

Mr. DeSaussure commented that City Council seeks to change its regular meetings to Tuesday evenings, beginning in 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of this Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, and Mr. Smith

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Williams

C. [14-131](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This project involves the purchase and installation of playground equipment from two different vendors. The equipment will be installed at Hudson Springs Park, Colony Park, Cascade Park and Middleton Park.

Attachments: [Colony Park](#)
[Cascade Park Tower](#)
[Middleton Park](#)
[Hudson Springs](#)
[Resolution No 14-131](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

Mr. Smith noted that the Park Board held a special meeting today to consider this matter, and members unanimously recommended immediate Council action, which would provide for a significant discount.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, and Mr. Basil

Ms. Howington thanked members of the Park Board, staff, and City Council for seeing an opportunity to save the taxpayers dollars and for working together to improve our playgrounds.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 9:12 p.m.

William A. Currin, Mayor

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

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 220.03(d), Rules.