



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council (At-Large)

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., Council Member (At-Large)

Christopher W. Foster, Council Member (Ward 2)

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

Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)

Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Jane Howington, City Manager

Matthew J. Vazzana, City Solicitor

R. Todd Hunt, Special Counsel

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Kowalski

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Ms. Lilly Fisher, HCTV Intern; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

A. [21-0064](#) **Minutes of Previous Council Meetings**

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

Attachments: [July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[July 27, 2021 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

5. Public Hearing

- A. [21-46](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1202, “ADMINISTRATIVE AND REVIEW ROLES,” 1204, “GENERAL REVIEW STANDARDS”, 1205, “ZONING DISTRICTS-CITY OF HUDSON ZONING MAP”, AND 1207, “ZONING DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN STANDARDS,” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HUDSON ADOPTED IN 2020.**

Brief Description: Pursuant to Charter amendments approved by voters in November 2020, the proposed Land Development Code amendments would revise relevant text of the composition and terms of the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, and the Architectural and Historic Board of Review and remove regulations which allow the development of land with a maximum net density to increase without changing the text of the regulation or the zoning map.

Attachments: [Planning Commission Case 21-432 Recommendation - Charter Amendments \(6-21-21\)](#)
[Notice of Public Hearing on August 3, 2021](#)
[Solicitor Memo - LDC Changes & 2020 Charter Amendments \(7-30-2021\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 21-46 \(with proposed PC recommendation\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 21-46 \(as introduced 4-20-2021\)](#)

Mayor Shubert opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 21-46 at 7:34 p.m.

Mrs. Sarah Norman, 2212 Edgeview Drive, spoke in support of proposed amendments to the Land Development Code; however, she encouraged Council to consider additional updates, as well.

There being no other comments, Mayor Shubert closed the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance No. 21-46.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Wooldredge recognized Mrs. Slagle for having received the 2021 Clerk of the Year Award from the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association. Council members and Mayor Shubert also recognized and thanked her (recognition statement is attached to the record copy of these minutes).

Mr. Foster reported having received the following correspondence:

- *Mrs. Bev Lilly, of Sullivan Road, expressed opposition to additional COVID-19 restrictions.*
- *Mr. Erik Vaughn, of Oxford Road, thanked everyone involved in washing the Milford Road water tower.*

Mr. Foster expressed personal thanks to the City’s Fire Department for providing medical devices to residents in need, such as crutches, wheelchairs, etc. Finally, he asked that staff re-reference the revised version of

Ordinance No. 21-46 to identify the meeting date of the Planning Commission's recommendation to Council.

Ms. Schlademan provided an update from the August Environmental Awareness Committee meeting, including: a presentation on the benefits of climate resistance and enhancing renewable energy sources; Green on the Green event scheduled for September 18, 2021; positive litter index results; proposed community garden; scheduling a joint meeting with the Park Board and Friends of Hudson Parks; and an increase in tree fungus. She noted that if residents are experiencing tree fungus, the City Arborist can provide advice on treating the trees.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington also commented regarding Mrs. Slagle's recognition for the 2021 Clerk of the Year Award.

Ms. Howington reported that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Summit County have recommended that masks be worn in public places indoors. Although she did not suggest a mask requirement, she encouraged anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask to do so, and she said that the City's website will be updated as new information and recommendations become available from the CDC and Summit County.

She reported that the Touch a Truck event was a big success, noting that a generous donor provided ice cream coupons to all children in attendance. Finally, she said that the Labor Day Parade promises to be a great event; details for this and other Celebrate Hudson events are available via the City's website.

9. Appointments

None.

10. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Shubert declared items on the Consent Agenda passed after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

A. [21-0063](#) **A Motion Directing the Clerk to Send Notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control Indicating No Request for a Hearing Regarding a New Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for Farmers Rail Hudson, LLC, 98 North Main Street, Hudson.**

Brief Description: The Clerk is in receipt of the attached Notice to Legislative Authority dated July 12, 2021, 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 August 12, 2021. Last year, Council reviewed a similar Notice pertaining to Permit Classes D1 & D3 (Beer & Wine). The current Notice is for Class D2 (Spiritous Liquor for on-premises consumption).

Attachments: [Notice to Legislative Authority - Farmers Rail - Permit Class D2](#)
[Hyperlink - Division of Liquor Control - Permit Classes](#)

Motion No. 21-0063 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. Legislation

- A. [21-46](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 1202, “ADMINISTRATIVE AND REVIEW ROLES,” 1204, “GENERAL REVIEW STANDARDS”, 1205, “ZONING DISTRICTS-CITY OF HUDSON ZONING MAP”, AND 1207, “ZONING DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN STANDARDS,” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HUDSON ADOPTED IN 2020.**
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Mayor Shubert read the title of Ordinance No. 21-46, which constituted its second reading.

- B. [21-78](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO PHASE III OF THE VETERANS TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**
- Brief Description:*** This Resolution would authorize an increase of \$73,150 to redesign the Veterans Trail Phase 3 project including environmental permitting and coordination, trail design, and drainage design work above the original design contract with Michael Baker International from 2018 of \$279,000.00.

Attachments: [Veterans Trail Phase 3 Revised Exhibit \(5-26-21\)](#)
[Resolution No. 21-78](#)

Mayor Shubert read the title of Resolution No. 21-78, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Foster, to pass Resolution No. 21-78. Mayor Shubert declared the Resolution passed after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

12. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to enter into executive session to consider the following matters: 1.) the purchase of property for public purposes; and 2.) to conference with the City's legal counsel for the purposes of seeking and receiving legal advice concerning a dispute involving the City that is the subject of pending court action. Mayor Shubert recessed the meeting at 7:52 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Foster, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. DeSaussure

Mayor Shubert reconvened the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Shubert adjourned the Council meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Craig A. Shubert, 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.