



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, September 24, 2024

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Anzevino, 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 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Heater

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Ms. Fernandez, Community Project Planner; 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

Dr. Goetz inquired whether the \$600,000 mentioned by Mr. Sheridan last week, which is to be returned to the General Fund from the Golf Course, could be allocated to the Inclusive Playground project or used for lighting at the Pickleball Courts.

Dr. Bird expressed his disappointment that the City did not receive any emergency management funds from the August 8th flood. He also thanked Mr. Sheridan and staff for their ongoing efforts to investigate the flood's impact and explore ways to prevent future occurrences.

Mr. Foster highlighted concerns raised by residents that he would like staff to investigate. Those concerns include trucks obstructing Hudson-Aurora Road during school hours, issues with curb in front of Brewster Mansion at the crosswalk across from Hudson Community Foundation affecting turns, further discussion on FLOCK cameras, and the enforcement of overnight parking ban and elimination during non-snow season. He also requested that staff inquire with the Ohio EMA about the threshold for declaring an emergency, requested an update on the Metro Parks Maple Grove Park extension at the Former Youth Development Center and suggested the re-allocation of funds from Golf to General fund for stormwater projects.

3. Discussion Items

A. [TMP-7497](#) **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING IN CONCEPT THE 2026-2030 WALK AND BIKE HUDSON PLAN.**

Brief Description: The draft Walk and Bike Hudson Plan has been prepared for Council discussion.

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Ms. Fernandez and Mr. Kosco presented the updated Walk and Bike Plan. Ms. Fernandez stated that staff incorporated Council's feedback from the June discussion, which included prioritizing high-speed roads over inter-neighborhood connections. She presented the updated scoring matrix and rankings and asked for Council's input on the desired funding level and any changes to the segments identified as priorities for sidewalk, connection to regional amenities, and educational and safety improvements to the existing network. Council discussion followed, covering topics such as adding signs with QR codes for bike maps, combining various segments, reviewing Southeast corner connections to nearby trails or neighborhoods, prioritizing parks over schools, timelines and funding for multi-purpose trails, studying bike lanes within the City, and installing rumble strips along some bike lanes. Mr. Foster noted that current connections should be completed before prioritizing interconnection with Metro Parks. Staff will finalize the matrix and return to Council for further schedule discussions.

This matter was discussed.

B. [24-0090](#) **High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Signal**

Brief Description: At the August 27, 2024, Council Workshop, Council requested staff review the possible installation of a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk signal, or "HAWK" Signal, on Aurora Street at E. Main Street.

Attachments: [FHWA Hybrid Signal Fact Sheet](#)
[Walking Route Exhibit](#)

Mr. Kosco and Mr. Banweg explained the reasons for bringing this discussion item forward. Council discussion followed that included impact to traffic, cost, and location. Mr. Kosco stated that he will provide Council with locations near Hudson that have these installed and proposed conducting an accessibility study. Mr. Foster recommended that Council learn more about the operation of HAWK signals before proceeding.

This matter was discussed.

C. [24-0091](#) **Turnpike Bridge Widening and Trail Projects**

Brief Description: Staff would like to discuss future trail budgets within the Northwest quadrant of the City.

Attachments: [Exhibit NW Quadrant Trail Map V1](#)
[Exhibit NW Quadrant Trail Map V2](#)

Mr. Kosco provided information on the costs associated with the Turnpike Bridge Widening and upcoming proposed trail projects. Mr. Kosco asked Council whether they would prefer to reconsider the Turnpike Bridge Widening and explore alternative options to reduce the overall trail project costs. After a brief discussion, there was Council consensus to continue with the Turnpike Bridge Widening project. Mr. Knoblauch noted that some projects will need to be re-prioritized, as the Turnpike Bridge Widening is currently listed as unfunded in the

draft 5-Year Plan.

This matter was discussed.

- D. [24-121](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 10.77 ACRES LOCATED AT PARCEL NO. 30-04145 IN THE CITY OF HUDSON, OHIO, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.**

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[Resolution No. 24-121](#)

Mr. Kosco provided an update on the schedule for the purchase and sale agreement, purchase price, and next steps required.

This matter was discussed.

4. **Proposed Consent Agenda for October 1, 2024, Council Meeting**

- A. [24-118](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO BID AND AWARD FOR THE PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE FOCUS ON HUDSON NEWSLETTER.**

Brief Description: This request is to enable the Communications Department to bid and award a multi-year printing and mailing services for the Focus on Hudson Newsletter.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-118](#)

Responding to a question, Mr. Comeriato stated that this would be for 6 issues and that the increase in the frequency of the newsletters has been well received.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- B. [24-119](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR THE DESIGN OF THE HINES HILL GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT (ODOT PID 121034).**

Brief Description: The purpose of this request for proposal (RFP) was to solicit proposals from professional design, engineering and surveying consultants (Consultant) for the analysis, engineering, and detailed design of a Railroad Grade Separation Bridge on Hines Hill Road over the Norfolk

Southern Railroad tracks. The project includes the study, design and necessary coordination for the new bridge, roadway and pedestrian improvements, drainage improvements, street lighting, and other miscellaneous design items as described in the formal Request for Proposals (RFP).

Attachments: [Resolution No. 24-119](#)

Responding to a question, Mr. Kosco stated that as part of the grant application, it was noted that the City was working on plan development, which shows a commitment from the City on the project.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- C. [24-120](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OARNET FOR THE LICENSING OF VMWARE SOFTWARE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This Resolution is for approval to enter into an agreement with OARnet to allow the City of Hudson to fix costs for the annual renewal of VMWare licensing for the next five-years.

Attachments: [City Of Hudson Ohio - VMware - 09.05.2024 - Quote 37740441](#)
[Resolution No. 24-120](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation for October 1, 2024, Council Meeting

- A. [24-76](#) **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
Brief Description: The ordinance would adopt the City's update to the Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Hudson Comprehensive Plan 2024 - Draft Plan \(9.26.24\)](#)
[Hudson Comprehensive Plan 2024 - Draft Appendix](#)
[PC 24-820 Decision Comprehensive Plan Recommendation \(FINAL\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 24-76](#)

Ordinance No. 24-76 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- B. [24-86](#) **AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING FUNDS-IN-LIEU OF SIDEWALKS CITYWIDE AND REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO NON-VEHICULAR CONNECTIVITY IN THE CITY OF HUDSON.**

Brief Description: The Council of the City of Hudson seeks to clarify conflicting variance precedents granted by the Board of Zoning & Building Appeals.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-86 \(as revised 7-16-2024\)](#)
[PC 24-842 Decision - LDC amendment - Sidewalk Funds-in-Lieu](#)

Ordinance No. 24-86 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- C. [24-103](#) **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING IN CONCEPT THE 2024 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN.**
Brief Description: The Safe Routes to School Travel Plan was last updated in 2011. In 2023, the City received a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to develop a new School Travel Plan. A core team was selected to guide the effort, consisting of representatives from Hudson City Schools, City Council, and City Staff. With the assistance of an engineering traffic safety consultant, the new School Travel Plan was recently completed. City staff will review the plan with City Council.
Attachments: [Memo To Council 9-3-2024](#)
[Exhibit A - 2024 Safe Routes School Travel Plan 9-3-2024](#)
[2011 Safe Routes School Travel Plan](#)
[Exhibit A - 08-27-2024](#)
[Resolution No. 24-103](#)

Resolution No. 24-103 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- D. [24-110](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL RULES TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR THE REFERRAL OF MATTERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS EFFICIENTLY BY MOTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: This ordinance simplifies the parliamentary procedure for City Council's referral of items or topics to City boards and commissions.
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-110](#)

Ordinance No. 24-110 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- E. [24-111](#) **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$740,000 OF TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONTAX REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 4.0 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF OWEN BROWN STREET AND MORSE ROAD.**
Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the refinancing of existing financial obligations of the City. It allows for the rollover of note proceeds used to pay for the former Windstream property at 100 Owen Brown Street, purchased as part of the Downtown Phase II Project.
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-111](#)

Ordinance No. 24-111 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council

meeting.

- F. [24-112](#) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$925,000 OF TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONTAX REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 1.0 ACRE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 94 OWEN BROWN STREET.

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the financing of the former Windstream property at 94 Owen Brown Street, purchased as part of the Downtown Phase II Project.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-112](#)

Ordinance No. 24-112 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- G. [24-113](#) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$7,300,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5810 HUDSON DRIVE BY CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING (i) A NEW SALT STORAGE FACILITY AND (ii) A NEW BUS MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FACILITY AND CLEARING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING THE SITE.

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the refinancing of existing financial obligations of the City. It allows for the sale of notes to finance the cost of the new bus garage and salt storage facility.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer Certificate - 5810 Hudson Dr Salt Storage](#)
[Ordinance No. 24-113](#)

Ordinance No. 24-113 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- H. [24-114](#) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,295,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED BY THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER AS PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 30-01315 AND 30-01316 AND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 31 ACRES KNOWN AS 5431 HUDSON DRIVE IN THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A FACILITY HOUSING FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THAT FACILITY AND CLEARING, EQUIPPING AND IMPROVING

THAT SITE

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the financing of the purchase of the Hudson Drive property that will be used for the new Public Works facility as well as financing the cost of design of the new facility.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer Certificate - 5431 Hudson Drive Public Works Ordinance No. 24-114](#)

Ordinance No. 24-114 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- I. [24-115](#) **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A NEW CLUBHOUSE AT THE CITY'S ELLSWORTH MEADOWS GOLF CLUB AND CLEARING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING ITS SITE.**

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the financing a portion of the new clubhouse at Ellsworth Meadows Golf Club. The total cost is estimated at \$3.1 million. The balance of the project cost will be paid from the golf course fund balance.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer Certificate - Ellsworth Meadows Golf Club Ordinance No. 24-115](#)

Ordinance No. 24-115 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- J. [24-116](#) **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,750,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BY INSTALLING AND IMPROVING A MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL ALONG BOSTON MILLS ROAD BETWEEN TIMBERLINE TRAIL AND LAKE FOREST DRIVE.**

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the financing of the trail along Boston Mills Road from Timberline Trail (Reserve at River Oaks) to Lake Forest Drive as part of the connectivity plan.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer Certificate - Boston Mills Rd Trail Ordinance No. 24-116](#)

Ordinance No. 24-116 was forwarded for further consideration at the October 1, 2024, Council meeting.

- K. [24-117](#) **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING**

COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY’S RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BY INSTALLING AND IMPROVING A MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL ALONG VALLEY VIEW ROAD BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 91 AND HUNTING HOLLOW DRIVE AND CONTINUING ON HUNTING HOLLOW DRIVE TO PROSPECT ROAD.

Brief Description: This ordinance allows for the financing of the trail along Valley View Road between SR 91 and Hunting Hollow Drive and on Hunting Hollow Drive to Prospect Road as part of the connectivity plan.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer Certificate - Valley View Rd Trail](#)
[Ordinance No. 24-117](#)

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6. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

Mr. Foster noted that the following items will appear on the October 1, 2024, Council meeting agenda: Proclamations for Colonial Heritage Month and 175th Anniversary of Hudson Fire, and a public hearing will be held on Ordinance No. 24-86 entitled "An Ordinance Permitting Funds In-Lieu of Sidewalks Citywide and Reaffirming the City's Commitment to Non-Vehicular Connectivity in the City of Hudson." He further stated that he has been working with Mayor Anzevino regarding a Proclamation recognizing Clayton Rakes .

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Foster adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Christopher W. Foster, President of Council

Frank Comeriato, Acting City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Business Operations Manager - Professional Services .

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