



# City of Hudson, Ohio

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

*David A. Basil, Mayor*

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

*Dennis N. Hanink, Council Member (Ward 1)*

*Alex D. Kelemen, Council Member (Ward 3)*

*Keith W. Smith, Council Member (Ward 4)*

*Casey M. Weinstein, Council Member (Ward 2)*

*J. Daniel Williams, Council Member (At-Large)*

*William D. Wooldredge, Council Member (At-Large)*

*Jane Howington, City Manager*

*R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor*

*Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council*

---

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

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. Proclamations

##### A. [15-0145](#) Special Recognition of the Hudson Explorers' 2015 Fall Season.

***Executive Summary:*** Mayor Currin will recognize Hudson Explorers teams and our wonderful young athletes for a successful fall season and will acknowledge the coaching and support staff for their dedication and leadership.

***Attachments:*** [Proclamation](#)

*Mayor Currin noted that the Proclamation will be mailed to the Schools. He thanked and honored all student athletes in the Hudson community, both in private and public schools, for a spectacular fall sports season.*

**Mayor Currin read this Proclamation in its entirety, recognizing Hudson Explorers' teams, student athletes, and coaching and support staffs for a successful fall 2015 season.**

#### Remarks by Mayor Currin

*Mayor Currin thanked his family for their unfailing support, his friends for their encouragement, his fellow Council members past and present, fellow Mayors and other elected officials, the City's fabulous staff and employees, and the citizens of Hudson for providing him the opportunities to serve as School Board Member, Council Member, and Mayor of Hudson. He spoke confidently of the City's bright future (a copy of Mayor Currin's remarks is attached to the file copy of these minutes).*

#### 4. Oath of Office - Mayor Basil

Mayor Currin administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Basil.

## 5. Oath of Office - Ward Council Members

Mayor Basil administered the Oath of Office to Ward Council Members Hanink, Weinstein, and Kelemen.

### Remarks by Mayor Basil

*Mayor Basil said that Hudson is blessed with remarkable individuals who volunteer their time and talents for the good of the community. He spoke of his motivation to serve in the past on the Planning Commission and City Council, and now as Mayor, saying that former Mayors Rogers, Bayless, Krum, and Currin embodied that volunteer spirit, and that the Hudson community's greatness is a shared aspiration achieved by shared effort. He pledged to serve and represent Hudson and work together with Council and support the efforts of administration and staff to achieve the shared mission to preserve and build on Hudson's greatness (a copy of Mayor Basil's remarks is attached to the file copy of these minutes).*

## 6. Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge  
**Absent:** 1 - Mr. Smith

*Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Mr. Hannan, City Planner; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; and Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.*

## 7. Nominations, Appointments and Elections

**Dr. Williams nominated Mr. DeSaussure for a two-year term as President of Council. City Council members elected Mr. DeSaussure by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge  
**Abstain:** 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

*Mr. DeSaussure thanked his fellow Council members for their support and looked forward to continued service as President of Council.*

## 8. Honorary Resolutions

- A. [15-191](#) **A RESOLUTION THANKING THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILLIAM A. CURRIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HUDSON COMMUNITY.**

***Executive Summary:*** This Resolution provides recognition and sincere thanks to Mayor Currin for his dedicated service to the community.

***Attachments:*** [Resolution No. 15-191](#)

Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 15-191 in its entirety and ordered a roll call vote for its passage. Council members presented a copy of this Resolution to Mayor Currin after voting unanimously as follows:

**Aye:** 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. DeSaussure

*Mayor Basil presented Mayor Currin with a retirement watch and an encased City of Hudson flag. Mayor Currin thanked Mayor Basil and Council members.*

## 9. Approval of the Minutes

- A. [15-0143](#) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.**

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

***Attachments:*** [November 17, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)  
[November 23, 2015 Special Joint Work Session with Hudson Board of Education and City Council - DRAFT](#)

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

## 10. Public Comments

*None.*

## 11. Correspondence and Council Comments

*Dr. Williams thanked Ms. Howington for her input at a recent Cable Television Advisory Committee meeting at which sources of potential future funding were discussed.*

*Mr. Wooldredge expressed congratulations to the elected Ward Council members, Mayor, and President of Council. He commented that the City's elected officials have been a good-working, civil group, and he thanked them for volunteering their service to the community.*

*Mr. Weinstein thanked everyone for welcoming and mentoring him. He said that he was inspired to get involved through the Leadership Hudson program, and he looked forward to being a part of the City's government.*

A. [15-0146](#) **A Motion Supporting Nomination of Christine DiCato-Thaxton for the 2016 Cleveland Museum of Natural History Conservation Educator of the Year Award.**

**Executive Summary:** In recognition of Mrs. Thaxton's outstanding efforts in establishing the Hudson Land Lab, Mr. Hanink has prepared a nomination letter for approval by City Council.

**Attachments:** [Nomination Letter](#)

*Mr. Hanink read a draft letter supporting this nomination and explaining the importance of Mrs. Thaxton's contributions to the Hudson Land Lab. Mayor Basil urged Council's support of this nomination.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Hanink, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that Council support the nomination of Christine DiCato-Thaxton for the 2016 Cleveland Museum of Natural History Conservation Educator of the Year Award. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

**12. Report of Manager**

*Ms. Howington said that as the City transitions to a new Mayor and Council, staff is transitioning the City's service equipment from leaf collection to snow removal. Mayor Basil said that the leaf collection crews worked very efficiently this year.*

**13. Legislation**

A. [15-124](#) **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

**Executive Summary:** The ordinance would adopt the City's update to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Attachments:** [20150914 PC Staff Report with attachments](#)  
[20151012 PC Decision](#)  
[Hyperlink to Draft Plan](#)  
[20151112 Comp Plan Draft Goals](#)  
[20151201 Council Comments on Draft Comp Plan](#)  
[Ordinance No. 15-124](#)

*Responding to Mr. Wooldredge's inquiry, Ms. Howington said that additional discussion of Ordinance No. 15-124 is scheduled for the next workshop. She urged Council members to send additional comments to Mr. Richardson. Mr. Hanink said that he will not be able to attend but will e-mail his comments. Mayor Basil verified with Mr. Hunt that Council is not beholden to any particular adoption schedule, and that Council can take as much time as is needed to review and amend this Ordinance before voting on its adoption.*

**Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 15-124, which constituted its second reading.**

- B.**        [15-179](#)        **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 891 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
***Executive Summary:*** This ordinance adopts the revisions of ORC section 718 as approved by House Bill 5. HB 5 was passed in an effort to make municipal income collection and administration uniform throughout the State.  
***Attachments:***        [RITA Memorandum Substitute House Bill 5 Final \(12-12-14\)](#)  
                                 [Hudson Income Tax Code Chapter 891 \(Original as discussed at 10-27-2015 Workshop\)](#)  
                                 [Hudson Income Tax Code Chapter 891 \(Revised Page 41\)](#)  
                                 [Hudson Income Tax Code Chapter 891 \(Final Version 10-29-2015\)](#)  
                                 [Ordinance No. 15-179](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 15-179, which constituted its third reading. A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Ordinance No. 15-179. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Kelemen

- C.**        [15-188](#)        **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING IN CONCEPT THE CITY OF HUDSON FIVE-YEAR PLAN 2016-2020.**  
***Executive Summary:*** This resolution adopts in concept the City's Five-Year Plan.  
***Attachments:***        [2016-2020 Draft Five-Year Plan 11.13.2015](#)  
                                 [2016-2020 Amended General Fund Five-Year Plan 12.15.2015](#)  
                                 [Resolution No. 15-188](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 15-188, which constituted its second reading.

- D.**        [15-189](#)        **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.**  
***Executive Summary:*** This Ordinance establishes the City's budget for 2016.  
***Attachments:***        [Ordinance No. 15-189](#)  
                                 [Ordinance No. 15-189 \(AS AMENDED 12-15-2015\)](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 15-189, which constituted its second reading.

- E. [15-190](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT FOR THE ACQUISITION AND OPERATION OF SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF HUDSON BY THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Executive Summary:** The City Manager is requesting legislation for the City of Hudson, Ohio (“City”) to enter into an agreement with Summit County Department of Environmental Services (“County”) for the transfer of ownership of the Hudson Sanitary Sewer System (“System”) to the County.

**Attachments:**      [Resolution No. 15-190](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 15-190, which constituted its second reading.

#### 14. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, that Council enter into executive session, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 (G), to consider the sale or purchase of property for public purposes. Mayor Basil recessed the meeting at 8:12 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Weinstein

*Mayor Basil reconvened the Council meeting at 9:00 p.m.*

#### 15. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Basil adjourned the Council meeting at 9:00 p.m.

---

**David A. Basil, 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.*