

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)

August 21, 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

In the absence of Mayor Currin, President of Council Basil called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m.

Present 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. Hanink, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Wooldredge, and Dr. Williams

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Bales, City Manager; Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Richardson, Interim Community Development Director; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Kelemen said that the Cable TV Advisory Committee has been working diligently on a Strategic Plan, which includes a job description for its members. He asked that Council members consider this, as they interview applicants for the current vacancy.

With various road projects in progress and the start of school this week, Mr. Hanink asked motorists to be mindful of students and pedestrians in walkways. Mr. Basil agreed that extra caution and courtesy are necessary.

Mr. Hanink said that additional discussion was requested regarding Safe Routes Hudson and creation of a sidewalk fund. Mr. Bales said that the City Solicitor is reviewing his recommendations, and he expected legislation will be prepared for a future workshop.

Mr. Basil announced a vacancy on the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board, and he encouraged interested citizens to apply by September 14, 2012.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

- A. [12-120](#) Ordinance No. 12-120 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE FOSSALTO ACRES SUBDIVISION”

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: Ord. No. 12-120

Staff Report

Map of Fossalto Acres

Staff recommended Council approval of legislation to accept for dedication the right-of-way, easements, and public improvements for Fossalto Acres, a residential subdivision. Dr. Williams inquired of plans for a bike path through Fossalto Acres to Oak Grove Park, and Mr. Richardson said that an easement is dedicated to the City for future development.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 5, 2012, Council meeting agenda.

- B. [12-121](#) Ordinance No. 12-121 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE STONE CREEK RESERVE SUBDIVISION”

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: Ord. No. 12-121

Staff Report

Map of Stone Creek Reserve

Staff recommended Council approval of legislation to accept for dedication the right-of-way, easements, and public improvements for Stone Creek Reserve, a residential subdivision.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 5, 2012, Council meeting agenda.

- C. [12-122](#) Ordinance No. 12-122 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ROADWAY DEDICATION WITHIN THE TRAILS OF HUDSON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT”

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: Ord. No. 12-122

Staff Report

Map of Trails of Hudson

Staff recommended Council approval of legislation to accept for public dedication the existing Hudson Drive and Norton Road right-of-way along the frontages of the Trails of Hudson residential project, currently under construction.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 5, 2012, Council meeting agenda.

- D. [12-123](#) Ordinance No. 12-123 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ROADWAY DEDICATION WITHIN THE GABLES OF HUDSON DEVELOPMENT”

Sponsors: Mayor Currin

Attachments: Ord. No. 12-123
Staff Report
Map of Gables of Hudson

Staff recommended Council approval of legislation to accept for public dedication the existing Darrow Road right-of-way along the frontage of the Gables of Hudson, an assisted living facility under construction.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 5, 2012, Council meeting agenda.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

- A. [12-127](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TWELVE OF THE ORDINANCES OF HUDSON TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO REZONE PART OF 5715, 5735 AND 5751 DARROW ROAD FROM DISTRICT 3, OUTER VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD ZONE, TO DISTRICT 7, OUTER VILLAGE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR
Executive Summary: This matter concerns the requirement for City Council to conduct three readings and conduct a public hearing concerning an Ordinance to rezone part of the former Clarke Ford property from District 3 to District 7. A public hearing has been scheduled for November 7, 2012.

Attachments: Existing and Proposed Zoning
Current Site Plan
PC Referral to City Council 8-13-12
PC Recommendation 9-10-12
PC Decision 10-8-12
Ord. No. 12-127
Ord. No. 12-127 as amended 10-17-2012

Mr. Richardson presented a request from Collection Auto Group to rezone part of the former Clarke Ford property from District 3 to District 7. He explained that this matter concerns the requirement for Council to conduct a first reading of a rezoning ordinance, with referral to Planning Commission for public hearing and recommendation. Mr. Bales explained the prescribed process for a rezoning ordinance, which requires three readings by City Council, another public hearing before Council, and is subject to referendum. Discussion followed regarding the need for a buffer between the car dealership and the abutting residential neighborhood. Mr. Richardson said that Planning Commission will review the proposed site plan as a separate matter and will address conformance issues and standards, such as lighting, noise, drainage, landscaping, and access drives. Mr. Wiedie thanked the City Solicitor and Community Development Department staff for assisting with this project. He said that Collection Auto Group is sensitive to protecting the residential neighborhood.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the September 5, 2012, Council meeting agenda.

B. [12-0078](#)

TECHudson Quarterly Report to City Council

Attachments: TECHudson Progress Report to City Council
 TECHudson Financials - August 2012

Mr. James Phipps, Executive Director of TECHudson, presented a progress report to City Council. Mr. George Buzzy, Entrepreneur-In-Residence, described his role with TECHudson. Discussion followed regarding TECHudson's goals, accomplishments, and funding. (See Quarterly Progress Report attached to record copy of these minutes).

Mr. Wooldredge noted his past support, but he expressed concerns about how TECHudson will support itself in the future. Mr. Phipps agreed to provide a Three-Year Business Plan for Council's review. Mr. Buzzy urged the City's continued support, saying that self-funding is not possible. He suggested revenues from non-profit grant funding, rental income, and investments. He noted other successful incubators that have benefited from having donated properties. Mr. Hanink expressed similar concerns, also questioning TECHudson's selection of clients and possible duplication of efforts by other northeast Ohio incubators. Mr. Jeffers was pleased with TECHudson's progress, but he also questioned incubator overlap. Mr. Buzzy said each incubator has a niche, an expertise, and there is no competition amongst them.

Mr. Kelemen questioned regarding TECHudson's next milestone, and Mr. Phipps noted the importance of obtaining additional funding, including continued support from the City, as well as receiving outside funding. Mr. DeSaussure said that efforts to establish a successful business incubator require long-term support; and with the City's Budget discussions approaching, Council members must consider an on-going commitment level for TECHudson.

Dr. Williams questioned TECHudson's recent staff transitions, and Mr. Phipps said that he has assumed responsibility for TECHudson's funding needs, with Mr. DeAloia's departure. He also discussed TECHudson's new office space, which offers larger square footage, more flexibility and closed offices for clients.

Mr. Basil was impressed with TECHudson's structure and pleased with Mr. Buzzy's involvement. He agreed that this is a long-term effort but shared concerns regarding the need for outside funding. He suggested that Council consider a matched funding approach. Mr. Basil and other Council members looked forward to reviewing a Three-Year Business Plan and further discussion in October.

Item was discussed and will be reconsidered again in October and during upcoming Budget deliberations.

C. [12-0079](#)

Status Update on the 95 Owen Brown Street Service Facility Debris Clean-up project.

Attachments: Staff Memo regarding Owen Brown Service Yard Debris Removal

With the recent rejection of all bids for the spoils removal project at the 95 Owen Brown Street Service Facility, due to high costs, Mr. Basil requested staff provide an update on the status of the Debris Clean-Up Project. Public Works Department staff is in the process of evaluating several less-costly options to remove the debris. (See staff report attached to record copy of these minutes).

Mr. Schroyer said that bids for the project greatly exceeded the City's estimate. He noted the challenging aspect of not knowing the content of the debris materials and said that staff is working with local vendors, segregating and testing materials. Responding to concerns expressed by Council members, he said that the debris did not include hazardous materials, and staff will work to mitigate dust to surrounding properties.

Discussed

D. [TMP-0159](#) Broadcast of Board and Commission Meetings

Mr. Basil asked for Council's input regarding live and rebroadcast recordings of other City meeting bodies. Mr. Bales suggested that audio/video recordings could be made available online, along with meeting agendas and supporting documentation. He noted that the State of Ohio currently does not recognize such recordings as an official record of meetings, and printed minutes are required. Mr. Bales also suggested that clerks could prepare meeting minutes from watching the recordings, instead of being present at the meetings, a possible savings in overtime costs.

Mr. Jeffers said that the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals minutes are thorough and sufficient, and while he did not oppose it, he felt that recording BZBA meetings was not necessary. Mr. Hanink said that the Tree Commission would benefit from holding its meetings at Town Hall.

There was consensus among Council members in support of recording meetings of the City's appointed boards, commissions, and committees. Staff will work with the various meeting bodies to implement recordings, to be made available online after meetings.

Discussed

E. [TMP-0157](#) Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Schroyer distributed the Strategic Plan Draft to Council members and asked for their review and comments by August 28, 2012. He planned to prepare a final document for the September 5, 2012, Council meeting, at which legislation will be proposed for formal adoption of the Strategic Plan.

Legislation will appear on the September 5, 2012, Council meeting agenda.

5. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:21 p.m.

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council