



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, July 6, 2021

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Shubert, President of Council Wooldredge called to order the meeting 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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Vazzana, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; and Mr. Stifler, Economic Development Director.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [21-0056](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [June 15, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)
[June 21, 2021 Special Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)
[June 22, 2021 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

5. Public Comments

Mrs. Carol O'Connell, President of the League of Women Voters Hudson read a statement, clarifying the League's position regarding term limits, and she questioned the revised version of Ordinance No. 21-65 (see statement attached to record copy of these minutes).

Mrs. Gerry Kenney, 6884 Stow Road, shared her experiences with youth ministries and spoke about the need to make sure that destructive issues facing our world and community do not divide us and our children (statement attached to record copy of these minutes).

The following residents spoke in support of Resolution No. 21-75 for providing funding to the Hudson DEI Alliance.

- *Mr. Peter Wiley, 168 Hudson Street, encouraged support of this Resolution in order to facilitate community-wide engagement, and he spoke of safety and economic development implications.*
- *Ms. Lisa Radigan, 84 Stratford Road, said that support for this grass-roots initiative and efforts to be more welcoming is important.*
- *Ms. Kristen Callihan, (address unknown) local business owner and mother, encouraged support and said that adults need to exhibit good behavior as an example to children.*
- *Joan Sauer, 47 Hudson Commons Drive, encouraged support in an effort to reach long-term solutions to discrimination.*
- *Mrs. Amanda Weinstein, 8 North Westhaven Drive, spoke out against racially charged events that have occurred in the community and said that there is economic value in creating a social infrastructure.*
- *Mrs. Laura Alvarez, 7843 Alexandra Drive, spoke of the need to create a welcoming community and embrace diversity, equity and inclusion, so that kids will grow in a global community.*
- *Ilene Kennedy, 166 Aurora Street, said that dialog is important, different points of view are opportunities for learning, and the benefits to be gained have many applications.*
- *Dr. Patricia Goetz, 16 College Street, urged support for funding this initiative to begin addressing problems this community is facing.*

The following residents spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 21-65 for submitting to the electors a proposal to change the Charter to include term limits for Council members and the Mayor.

- *Mrs. Kathy Gerrard, 2370 Danbury Lane, expressed concern regarding a high turnover (statement attached to record copy of these minutes).*
- *Mrs. Karin Swedenborg, 94 Aurora Street, said that this Ordinance is a solution to a problem that does not exist (statement attached to record copy of these minutes).*
- *Mr. William Carroll, 69 College Street, opposed term limits and the attempt to radically change the City's government (statement attached to record copy of these minutes).*

Mrs. Barb Earnhardt, 975 Westhaven Drive, said that she has not witnessed racism in Hudson, she questioned the proposed actions being contemplated through DEI Alliance, and she spoke of the many community groups and organizations that are self-funded and urged Council to oppose Resolution No. 21-75 for DEI Alliance funding by the City (statement attached to record copy of these minutes).

6. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Foster read a letter from Mrs. Katie Rundell, 5383 Wilshire Park Drive, in support of Resolution No. 21-75 and City funding for Hudson DEI Alliance (see statement attached to record copy of these minutes).

Mrs. Kowalski reminded citizens that even if you have had the COVID-19 vaccine, it is still possible to come down with COVID-19, so it's important to stay diligent.

Mr. Sutton thanked employees for their efforts in making the fireworks event a success. He provided an update concerning the recent Tree Commission meeting. With an understanding that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources does not classify the Cottonwood Tree as a nuisance species, the Commission will be recommending that Council take no action on a recent resident proposal to do so. Other topics discussed included Main Street trees, Green on the Green event, and community outreach to engage with citizens. He asked that staff review a traffic situation at State Route 303 and Route 8.

Mr. DeSaussure thanked everyone who provided comments this evening. He supported the Tree Commission's recommendation regarding Cottonwood Trees.

Mrs. Bigham thanked the City employees and staff for their efforts in support of the fireworks event to make sure traffic was being directed and for keeping everyone safe.

Ms. Schlademan also thanked the volunteers who helped clean up after the fireworks event. She announced that the Environmental Awareness Committee will meet tomorrow in-person at Town Hall. She spoke of the need to revisit short-term rental property regulations and said that she will provide additional details regarding the proposed DEI funding for discussion at the next Council workshop.

7. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington reported on the following:

- *Thanked City staff for their hard work before, during, and after the 2021 Independence Day Fireworks Celebration.*
- *Reminded citizens that all upcoming special events in Hudson can be found on the new special events calendar on the City's website.*
- *Celebrate Hudson events are planned during the Labor Day weekend, including a parade, music, a community art show, and more. Details are available via the City's website. . Celebrate Hudson weekend events, music, art, and parade. commented that the State legislature did not extend the deadline for virtual meetings, all must be in-person. Public comments in-person or submit correspondence to Council members.*
- *The State Legislature is no longer allowing virtual public meetings. All Hudson Boards, Commissions, and Council meetings must now be held in person. Public comment is also required to be given in person, or via letter sent to a Hudson City Council member to be read into the record.*

8. Appointments

Mr. Wooldredge recognized Mr. David Faiman for four years of service on the Tree Commission and Mr. Sean McGurr for three years of service on the Park Board.

9. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Foster, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of legislation on the Consent Agenda, except for Resolution No. 21-76, which was removed for separate consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Wooldredge

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve the Consent

Agenda, except for Resolution No. 21-76, which was removed for separate consideration. Mr. Wooldredge declared the following Consent Agenda item passed after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

- B. [21-77](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF 333 SIMON ROAD AND TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO APPROVE A REVISED VACATION AND CONSOLIDATION PLAT THEREFOR.**

Brief Description: Staff is requesting Council authorization of a utility easement agreement and a revised consolidation plat including the vacation of an easement that runs through an existing house.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Ord. No. 65-66 \(passed 12-6-1965\)](#)
 [Exhibit 2 - 1965 Plat: Evamere Hts. Subdivision 2](#)
 [Exhibit 3 - Diagram of Utility Easement to be Vacated](#)
 [Exhibit 4 - Plat for Council Approval](#)
 [Ordinance No. 21-77](#)

Ordinance No. 21-77 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. [21-76](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE HERRICK CIRCLE POND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

Brief Description: This project involves grading improvements to allow for better maintenance and less flooding of an existing City maintained storm water detention pond located northeast of Herrick Circle in the subdivision of the Woods of Western Reserve.

Attachments: [Herrick Circle Pond Improvement Exhibit 614](#)
 [Resolution No. 21-76](#)

Mrs. Bigham requested that Resolution No. 21-76 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bigham, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 21-76. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. DeSaussure

Mrs. Bigham stated that she will abstain from voting on this Resolution, as the project location is in her neighborhood.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Ms. Schlademan, to pass Resolution No. 21-76. Mr. Wooldredged declared the Resolution passed after the motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Bigham

10. Legislation

A. [21-65](#) **AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF HUDSON A PROPOSAL BY HUDSON CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND SECTIONS 3.01 AND 4.01 OF THE CHARTER OF HUDSON CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR.**

Brief Description: Councilman Foster has proposed amendments to the City's Charter to implement term limits for members of City Council and the Mayor. Pursuant to Charter Section 13.01, five or more affirmative Council votes are necessary for passage of this Ordinance.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 21-65 \(As Revised 7-6-2021\)](#)

Mr. Foster opened discussion, saying that term limits is an issue that has been considered for years, and while he understood the concerns raised, he thinks that the broader community supports term limits, and passage of Resolution No. 21-65 gives voters the ability to weigh in on the issue. Discussion followed with each Council member expressing their position and rationale.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to pass Ordinance No. 21-65. Mr. Wooldredge declared this Ordinance failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. Foster

Nay: 4 - Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure and Mrs. Kowalski

B. [21-72](#) **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, EASEMENTS, AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE ESTATES AT CANTERBURY ON THE LAKES SUBDIVISION.**

Brief Description: Subdivision improvements have been installed and public right-of-way has been dedicated at the Estates of Canterbury on the Lakes (Chestwick Lane). The applicant is requesting that City Council accept the dedication of these improvements and right-of-way.

Attachments: [Estates of Canterbury City Engineer Acceptance](#)

[Estates at Canterbury Phase Exhibit](#)

[Ordinance No. 21-72](#)

Mr. Wooldredge read the title of Ordinance No. 21-72, which constituted its second reading.

C. [21-73](#) **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC STREETS, EASEMENTS, AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN**

**THE NOTTINGHAM GATE ESTATES PHASE IV AND V
SUBDIVISIONS.**

Brief Description: Subdivision improvements have been installed and public right-of-way has been dedicated at the Nottingham Gate Estates Subdivision Phase IV and V. The applicant is requesting that City Council accept the dedication of these improvements and right-of-way.

Attachments: [Nottingham Gate IV and V City Engineer Acceptance](#)
 [Nottingham Gate Estate Phasing Exhibit](#)
 [Ordinance No. 21-73](#)

Mr. Wooldredge read the title of Ordinance No. 21-73, which constituted its second reading.

D. [21-74](#) **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 648.12 OF THE CITY'S
GENERAL OFFENSES CODE REGARDING CONSTRUCTION
WORK AT NIGHT.**

Brief Description: Section 648.12 was adopted in 1992 and was superseded after merger with the adoption of the Land Development Code. Section 1207.10, Performance Standards, (a)(3)E regulates the permissible hours for the use of construction equipment or performing construction operations in Hudson, except for temporary conditions approved by the City Manager.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 21-74 \(As Revised 7-6-2021\)](#)

Mr. Wooldredge read the title of Ordinance No. 21-74, which constituted its second reading.

E. [21-75](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE HUDSON DEI ALLIANCE IN
SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
FOR FACILITATING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION.**

Brief Description: The Hudson DEI Alliance and a representative of the City of Hudson will oversee the coordination, development and implementation of a program to implement facilitated community conversation through a contribution of \$30,000 from the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Overview from K. Schlademan \(7-13-2021\)](#)
 [Res. No. 20-76, Condemning Racism & Encouraging Fair & Equal Treatment
for All \(6-16-2020\)](#)
 [Community Dialogue Proposal \(6-3-2021\)](#)
 [Facilitator Training - ACF Project Overview and Budget](#)
 [Hudson DEI Alliance Proposal YWCA 2021](#)
 [BDMF Grant Application \(5-6-2021\)](#)
 [Resolution No. 21-75 \(as introduced 6-15-2021\)](#)

Mr. Wooldredge read the title of Resolution No. 21-75, which constituted its second reading.

- F. [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](#)

Mr. Wooldredge read the title of Resolution No. 21-78, which constituted its first reading.

11. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to enter into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Sutton, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster,
 Mrs. Kowalski and Ms. Schlademan

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mrs. Kowalski, to enter into executive session to consider confidential information related to the specific business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance that is directly related to assistance that is to be provided or administered under Chapter 715 of the Revised Code or may involve the extension of utility services. And, for the further reason that it is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Foster, Mrs.
 Kowalski, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Mr. Wooldredge recessed the regular meeting at 8:54 p.m. for executive session, and he reconvened the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council meeting at 9:55 p.m.

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

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.