

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF SARA J. FAGNILLI AS CITY PROSECUTOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City is charged with prosecuting violations of law and ordinance to protect public safety and uphold the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the effective performance of these duties requires skilled prosecutorial services grounded in legal expertise, ethical conduct, and sound judgment; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that engaging qualified prosecutorial services is necessary to ensure the fair and efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, Sara J. Fagnilli has demonstrated the qualifications, experience, and capacity to provide prosecutorial services in accordance with the City's requirements;

WHEREAS, based upon the City's review process, the City Manager has reappointed Sara J. Fagnilli as City Prosecutor, and the City Council desires to confirm such appointment as it is in the City's best interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The City Manager's re-appointment of Sara J. Fagnilli as City Prosecutor for the City of Hudson is confirmed, retroactively effective as of March 1, 2026. As Prosecutor, Attorney Fagnilli shall represent the City of Hudson in all cases within the jurisdiction of the City of Hudson in the Stow Municipal Court involving: (a) criminal or traffic violations charged under the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson, and those matters charged as violations of the Ohio Revised Code for which no other prosecutor is available to represent the City; (b) Building, Zoning, and property maintenance cases; and (c) felony matters through the preliminary hearing. Attorney Fagnilli shall also fulfill all the traditional duties and responsibilities of a prosecutor as more fully described in the authorized agreement, including but not limited to advising the Police Department, Community Development Department, and other City of Hudson personnel when solicited, regarding charges, bond recommendations, case processing, prisoner issues, investigations, evidence, evidence retention, evidence release, records, records retention, public record requests, and training.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to enter an agreement, retroactively effective as of March 1, 2026, with Sara J. Fagnilli for the furnishing of prosecutorial and other general legal services for the City. The agreement shall be substantially similar to the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” which is incorporated herein, and otherwise be in a form acceptable to the City Manager and City Solicitor. The City Manager is further authorized to execute all documents and take all necessary actions to implement the terms and intentions outlined in this Resolution.

Section 3. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of life, property, public health, safety, public peace, and the general welfare of the City and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to enter this agreement in a timely fashion to ensure continuity of prosecutorial legal services for the City and for the protection of its citizens and visitors; wherefore, this legislation shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage, provided it receives five (5) affirmative votes of members of Council, except that six (6) affirmative votes are required if all members are present; otherwise it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution 26-____ was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2026.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council