



# City of Hudson, Ohio

## Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

*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, Acting City Solicitor & Special Counsel*  
*Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council*

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Tuesday, June 4, 2024

7:00 PM

Town Hall  
27 East Main Street

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### 1. Call to Order

**Mayor Anzevino called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:00 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

### 2. Executive Session

**A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to enter into executive session to interview an applicant for the Tree Commission. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, and the applicant. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

*Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m., and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Heater entered executive session at 7:09 p.m.*

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

### 4. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

*Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Pitchford, Acting City Solicitor & Special Counsel; Ms.*

*Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mrs. Behnke, Economic Development Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Varnes, Fire/EMS Chief.*

## 5. Approval of the Minutes

### A. [24-0053](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

**Attachments:** [May 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)  
[May 28, 2024 Council Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Banweg

## 6. Proclamations

### A. [24-0054](#) Special Recognition of Hudson Festival Days, June 21st-June 22nd

**Brief Description:** This Proclamation recognizes the annual celebration of Hudson's Festival Days and the special events organized by the Hudson Garden Club, Hudson Society of Artists, Hudson League for Service, Leadership Hudson, Destination Hudson, and the Hudson Fire Department Association.

**Attachments:** [Hudson Festival Days 2024](#)

*Mr. Foster and Mr. Banweg thanked everyone who puts in the work for all the festivals over the summer. Members of the participating groups accepted the proclamation.*

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

### B. [24-0055](#) Special Recognition of Ms. Ashton Swinford

**Brief Description:** Mayor Anzevino will recognize Ms. Ashton Swinford for winning the Women's Division of the Cleveland Marathon on May 19, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Ashton Swinford Cleveland Marathon Winner 2024](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

## 7. Public Comments

*None.*

## 8. Correspondence and Council Comments

*Dr. Bird congratulated Dr. Jay Carter as Ohio's EMS Medical Director of the Year and thanked the Engineering staff for the meeting with Valley View Dr. residents regarding sidewalks.*

*Mrs. Kowalski provided an EAC update and stated that she and Dr. Goetz met with the residents who were affected by the house fire. She asked if there could be any creative problem-solving to reduce response time.*

*Following up on Mrs. Kowalski's comments, Dr. Goetz asked what kind of technology is available to Fire/EMS, or if the City could retrofit Barlow Community Center. She also updated Council on an Oviatt Street home that the owners wish to demolish.*

*Mr. Banweg thanked the volunteers for the Memorial Day parade events, and thanked Chief Varnes for the department walk-through.*

*Mayor Anzevino stated that the farmers' market has commenced and announced special offers by merchants for the City's 225th anniversary. He also invited residents to view the large oak tree on Western Reserve Academy's campus that will remain lit until 2026 and announced the re-opening of Jimmy Johns with a ribbon cutting.*

## **9. Report of Manager**

*Mr. Sheridan stated that the State Route 91 bridge project at Yours Truly will begin next week, with closures starting July 8th for 16 days and that detour signs will be posted.*

*Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Comeriato presented a mock-up of the new City flag.*

## **10. Appointments**

*None.*

## **11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bird, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Dr. Bird

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird and Mr. Foster

- A. [24-66](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTION, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE ADAPTIVE SIGNAL PROJECT (PID 116924); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Brief Description:** The project consists of the furnishing and construction of an adaptive traffic signal system at sixteen (16) signalized intersections along SR 91 and SR 303. Staff is requesting permission to hire a professional construction management firm to provide supporting services for the construction management and inspection needs for the project.

**Attachments:**     [Adaptive Signal Cost breakdown](#)  
[Resolution No. 24-66](#)

Resolution No. 24-66 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- B.     [24-67](#)     **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HUDSON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO PURCHASE FOUR CARDIAC MONITORS FROM CORO MEDICAL, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Brief Description:** Hudson EMS has four Physio-Control Lifepak 15, version 1, cardiac monitors that are 15 years old. One of the monitors failed and cannot be repaired. The repair company advised that all four of the monitors are past their expected life and repairs are no longer being supported by the manufacturer. Due to the age and potential for failure without the ability to repair, we need to replace the monitors as soon as possible.

**Attachments:**     [Quote 4-30-24](#)  
[Resolution No. 24-67](#)

Resolution No. 24-67 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C.     [24-68](#)     **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-10 TO INCREASE FUNDS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE ELLSWORTH MEADOWS GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Brief Description:** The Ellsworth Meadows Golf Course Clubhouse Project will involve the construction of a new clubhouse replacing the aging existing clubhouse.

**Attachments:**     [Cost Savings](#)  
[Ellsworth 2024-2028 5 yr - 90% rev est](#)  
[Resolution No. 24-68](#)

Resolution No. 24-68 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

## 12.     Legislation

- A.     [24-58](#)     **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1064 ENTITLED “COMMUNITY ROOMS” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE RENTAL FEE EXEMPTIONS**

**Brief Description:** This code amendment was first discussed at the January 9, 2024, workshop. The amendment would authorize the Hudson troop organizations of the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, to be exempt from rental fees associated with city rental space. At the January meeting the Council requested that the legislative language be reviewed. This has been completed and is being brought back to

the Council for consideration.

Attachments:     [Ordinance No. 24-58 \(revised for 5-7-24\)](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance no. 24-58, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to pass Ordinance No. 24-58.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to amend Ordinance No. 24-58 to the version dated May 7, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster and Dr. Goetz

The motion to pass Ordinance No. 24-58 as amended carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz and Mrs. Heater

B.     [24-64](#)

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A HUDSON CITY FLAG, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Brief Description:** This Ordinance would adopt a Hudson City Flag. Staff have been working with KSU to develop a final design for consideration. Based on Council comment and recommendations, Staff has a final design for Council consideration.

Attachments:     [Exhibit A: City Flag \(for 5-21-24\)](#)  
                             [Ordinance No. 24-64](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 24-64, which constituted its second reading.

C.     [24-65](#)

**A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 08-147 AND  
WITHDRAWING THE AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO THE CITY  
MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS  
FOR JOINT PLANNING AND ECONOMIC PURPOSES.**

**Brief Description:** A memorandum of understanding was signed by former Hudson Mayor William Currin and former Boston Heights Mayor Bill Goney.

Attachments:     [Resolution No. 08-147](#)  
                             [Resolution No. 24-65](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 24-65, which constituted its second reading.

D.     [24-69](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER  
INTO A COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE  
SUMMIT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES (DODD) FOR PURCHASING PLAYGROUND  
EQUIPMENT FOR AN INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT  
MIDDLETON PARK.**

**Brief Description:** The Hudson Inclusive Playground Group (HIP) approached the Park Board and City Council in regard to constructing an

all-inclusive playground in 2023. The HIP and the Park Board were to seek outside funding to aid in the expense of the project regarding the playground and the infrastructure for the playground. The HIP submitted an application to the Summit DODD and HIP has been awarded \$430,000.00 by the DODD in early 2024. The DODD has asked that the city purchase the playground equipment, since HIP is not a governmental agency, and the DODD will reimburse the City of Hudson per the agreement up to \$430,000 for the purchase. The equipment will be owned and maintained by the City of Hudson and can be used at any existing parks playgrounds, in case the inclusive playground is not constructed.

**Attachments:**     [HCBS-ARPA Summit DD Grant Application 12-2023](#)  
[Inclusive Playground Grant Contract - Cost Reimbursement Agmt](#)  
[Resolution No. 24-69](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 24-69, which constituted its first reading.

- E.     [24-70](#)     **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 296 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO, MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

**Brief Description:** This ordinance is intended to establish uniform qualifications for the appointment to and ongoing service upon all City boards and commissions.

**Attachments:**     [Ordinance No. 24-70](#)  
[Ordinance No. 24-70 - Revised 6-11-2024](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 24-70, which constituted its first reading.

- F.     [24-71](#)     **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW POLICIES REGARDING THE PURCHASE, SALE, OR LEASE OF CITY OWNED OR CONTROLLED REAL ESTATE AND CREATING CHAPTER 214 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 206.02(b) AND 220.05(b)(2) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON.**

**Brief Description:** This ordinance is intended to establish a new process for the purchase, lease, and/or sale of City-owned land.

**Attachments:**     [Ordinance No. 24-71](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 24-71, which constituted its first reading.

- G.     [24-72](#)     **A RESOLUTION OF HUDSON ADOPTING THE 2024 SUMMIT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

**Brief Description:** The Summit County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for adopting a revised mitigation plan every five years. The thirty-one communities in Summit County worked on a revised Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan over the past year, which included the City of Hudson. The

Plan provides a guide for decisionmakers to help reduce risks from natural hazards and serves as a basis for the State of Ohio to provide technical and funding assistance. The mitigation plan is a stakeholder-driven document that describes risks and vulnerabilities, and long-term strategies and implementation approaches for reducing loss of life and property from natural disasters. Mitigation plans are vital to breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

**Attachments:**

[FEMA Approval Letter 4.19.24](#)

[Summit County Council Resolution No. 2024-078](#)

[2019 Community and Organization Hazard Mitigation Resolutions](#)

[Resolution No. 24-72](#)

**Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 24-72, which constituted its first reading.**

### **13. Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to enter into executive session to discuss pending and imminent litigation. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Knoblauch, Mr. Pitchford, Mrs. Behnke, and Mr. Hannan. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Kowalski

*Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m. to enter into executive session. He reconvened the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.*

### **14. Adjournment**

**There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**

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**Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor**

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**Aparna Wheeler, 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.*