



City of Hudson, Ohio

Council Meeting Minutes - Final City Council Workshop

William A. Currin, Mayor
David A. Basil, City Council President (Ward 2)
Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., City Council Member (At-Large)
Dennis N. Hanink, City Council Member (Ward 1)
Alex D. Kelemen City Council Member (Ward 3)
Keith W. Smith, City Council Member (Ward 4)
J. Daniel Williams, City Council Member (At-Large)
William D. Wooldredge, City Council Member (At-Large)

Anthony J. Bales, City Manager
R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor
Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to President of Council Basil.

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Bales, City Manager; Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hutchinson, Parks Superintendent; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Basil said that discussion of the Portage/Summit Regional Collaboration Group City Services Mutual Aid Agreement will be removed from the agenda, as there has been an unexpected delay in obtaining the proposed agreement. This item will be postponed to a later workshop agenda.

Dr. Williams, Council Liaison to the Cable Television Advisory Committee, said that members are working to get out into the community and contacting businesses for support. He also said that another vacancy remains on the Committee, and he noted that the two new members appointed on May 15, 2013, were able to attend the meeting the following day.

Mr. Basil announced that the City will continue to accept applications for remaining vacancies on the Cable Television Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission through Monday, June 10, 2013.

Mayor Currin congratulated local high school graduates, wishing them the best in their futures.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

- A. [13-77](#) AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO

PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance authorizes revisions to the Codified Ordinances to incorporate legislation passed by Council since the last updating and to include changes reflecting current State law.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 13-77](#)

Staff recommended passage of this Ordinance.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the June 5, 2013, meeting agenda

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

A. [TMP-0399](#)

Presentation to City Council - Hudson at Build out

Executive Summary: City Council has asked the Economic Growth Board, through the Economic Development Department, to generate information on the fiscal impact to Hudson if all available sites were built out and all available office space were filled.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Mr. Wiedie introduced Mr. Matthew Beesley, Economic Growth Board member, who has a commercial real estate background. Mr. Beesley presented a professional analysis of the City's economic development potential, or build-out, for all parcels located within Zoning District 6. Based upon assumptions specific to Hudson, he identified potentials for undeveloped land and vacant/existing buildings. He concluded the following for District 6: new jobs potential of 1,740; new salary potential of \$70,471,619; new income tax potential of \$1,409,432; new building value potential of \$75,944,138; and new real estate tax potential of \$2,410,847.

Discussion followed. Council members appreciated Mr. Beesley's assessment and looked forward to similar analyses for Zoning District 8 and the former Youth Development Center property, which he had offered to provide. Mayor Currin suggested that a range of figures be identified for the above potentials, instead of specific estimates, allowing for various types of development. Mr. Wiedie discussed the breakdown of revenues to the Schools, County, and City. The Mayor, Council members, and staff thanked Mr. Beesley for his work on this project.

This item was discussed.

B. [13-0091](#)

Parks Department Presentation by the Parks Superintendent to discuss the department's plans for the future and the implementation of the Parks Master Plan. Current and future projects will be discussed.

Executive Summary: As part of the on-going presentations by City departments, Eric Hutchinson, Parks Superintendent, will discuss the future of the department and how the Park Master Plan will be implemented in the future. He will also discuss how the Master Plan suggests connectivity throughout Hudson.

Attachments: [Hudson Parks background info](#)

[Parks Department Presentation to Council](#)

[Parks Summary for Presentation](#)

Mr. Hutchinson provided an overview of the Parks Department, including its mission, duties and responsibilities, programs and services offered, objectives, staffing, equipment, and performance statistics. He spoke regarding strategic planning, referring to the Parks Master Plan, as well as Goal 1 of the City's Strategic Plan. He shared that the Park Board has identified several trails as top priorities of the proposed trail system, noting local and regional connectivity.

In addition, Mr. Hutchinson reviewed the budget, noting that the Parks Department receives \$1.3 million annual revenue from income taxes, and other revenues include royalties and user fees. He noted fluctuations in the annual carryover balance, depending upon projects pursued without the need for bond sales. He said that the Park Board analyzes unfunded initiatives and makes decisions in the best interest of all residents. He said that any reduction in revenue would mean less maintenance.

Discussion followed including topics of capital replacement plans, use of public fields with no user fees, the 2012 SWOT Analysis, park land acquisition, cash in lieu of land donation from developers, project prioritization, an ambassador program through Friends of the Park, inclusion of the golf course within the Parks Department, the Parks mission, revisiting/updating the Parks Master Plan, and collaborative efforts with the Schools and Hudson Community Education and Recreation.

This item was discussed.

C. [TMP-0402](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FINANCING OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (YDC) DEMOLITION. There will also be consideration given to accelerating the reconstruction of various roads in the city.

Executive Summary: In accordance with the 2013 Five Year Plan, staff is recommending the City finance the demolition of the buildings at YDC over ten years. We have also analyzed the possibility of financing the reconstruction of various roads to shorten the time to complete the projects in 3 years.

Staff recommended Council's approval of financing demolition of the former Youth Development Center facilities and sought Council's direction regarding financing an accelerated road reconstruction program. Mr. Bales said that Engineering Department staff is prepared to complete an accelerated reconstruction over the next three years. Mr. Sheridan provided information regarding plans and financing needed, inspection costs, and the restructuring program. Council members supported a short-term note for the Youth Development Center demolition costs, and provided direction to staff to proceed with a bond issue to finance an accelerated road reconstruction program.

Council members supported staff's recommendation, and legislation will appear on the June 5, 2013, meeting agenda.

D. [TMP-0393](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO CHANGE AN EXISTING STREET NAME.

Executive Summary: Several recent requests to rename streets have been made prompting Council to consider the criteria for renaming streets existing streets and the procedure to do so. Staff has revised a draft according to a discussion of this topic at the April 23, 2013 workshop as follows.

In follow-up to previous discussion at Council's April 23, 2013, workshop, Mr. Richardson reviewed changes to a proposed Ordinance. Council members also discussed renaming a street in honor of Ada Cooper Miller.

Council members supported establishing a policy for street renaming, as well as renaming a street in honor of Ada Cooper Miller, and legislation for both topics will

appear on a future meeting agenda(s).

5. Other Items Added to Agenda

Mr. Smith noted that this year's Relay for Life event conflicts with the annual Ice Cream Social, both scheduled on Friday, June 14, 2013. Mr. Bales said that in the future, the City could facilitate communications among event sponsors, so as to try to avoid such a conflict.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Basil adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:37 p.m..

David A. Basil, President of Council

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council