



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

David A. Basil, Mayor

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., President of Council (At-Large)

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

Dennis N. Hanink, Council Member (Ward 1)

Alex D. Kelemen, Council Member (Ward 3)

Casey M. Weinstein, Council Member (Ward 2)

J. Daniel Williams, Council Member (At-Large)

William D. Wooldredge, Council Member (At-Large)

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

6:30 PM

Town Hall

Early start to allow for executive session.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Basil called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 6:33 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Bigham

Mr. DeSaussure entered the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Staff in Attendance: Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council.

3. Executive Session

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hanink, that Council enter into executive session to interview applicants and consider applications received for vacancies on various Boards and Commissions. Mayor Basil recessed the meeting at 6:34 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Excused: 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

Mayor Basil reconvened the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Ms. Lowman, Police Dispatcher; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Mr. Robbins, Police Chief; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Ms. Soloman, Associate Planner; Mr. Stifler and Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Directors.

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [16-0062](#) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments: [June 7, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[June 14, 2016 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

Mrs. Slagle noted a correction to the July 14, 2016 workshop minutes.

There being no additional changes, these minutes were approved as amended.

6. Honorary Resolutions

A. [16-102](#) A RESOLUTION THANKING MRS. LAURA CHURCH FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Executive Summary: This Resolution provides recognition and thanks to Laura Church for her dedicated service as a member of the Architectural & Historic Board of Review.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-102](#)

Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 16-102 in its entirety and thanked Mrs. Church. He asked that a copy of the Resolution be mailed to her, as she was unable to attend the meeting. (See also comments by Mr. Hanink under item 9).

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, to pass Resolution No. 16-102. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. DeSaussure

B. [16-103](#) A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING JO ANN LOWMAN FOR HER SERVICE TO THE HUDSON COMMUNITY.

Executive Summary: This Resolution provides recognition and thanks to Ms. Lowman upon her retirement, for her dedicated service as a Public Safety Dispatcher with the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-103](#)

Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 16-103 in its entirety and thanked Jo Ann Lowman for her service as a dispatcher. He said that her voice has been one of assurance, compassion, and professionalism for 911 callers, and that she has impacted and saved many lives. Dr. Williams expressed thanks and appreciation for Ms. Lowman's commitment in performing the difficult job of dispatcher.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to pass Resolution No. 16-103. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

C. [16-104](#) A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING CHARLES E. WIEDIE FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HUDSON COMMUNITY.

Executive Summary: This Resolution provides recognition and thanks to Mr. Wiedie upon his retirement, for his dedicated service as the City's Economic Development Director.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-104](#)

Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 16-104 in its entirety and thanked Chuck Wiedie for his service. He commented that Mr. Wiedie has made a significant difference and has played an instrumental role in positively changing Hudson's reputation for being business-friendly. Council members all expressed thanks for his help in laying a foundation for future economic growth and in establishing a healthy business environment, as well as thanks for his assistance with the Jr. Leadership Hudson Program. Mr. Wiedie accepted the Resolution, thanking his family, administrative staff, elected officials, and support staff for their support and friendships. He also thanked area businesses and organizations, saying that it has been an honor to serve the Hudson community.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to pass Resolution No. 16-104. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Kelemen

7. Notification of Public Hearing

A. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. regarding Ordinance No. 16-87, entitled "An Ordinance Repealing Section 1206.04(b)(3), "Special Events," of the Land Development Code; and Declaring an Emergency."

Mayor Basil announced the public hearing scheduled for Ordinance No. 16-87.

8. Public Comments

None.

9. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Kelemen updated Council regarding recent Environmental Awareness Committee activities, including discussion of changes in curbside and community recycling, as well as Committee efforts to get more recycling containers in the First & Main area.

Mr. Hanink recognized Mrs. Church's service on the Architectural & Historic Board of Review, expressing gratitude for her contributions and commenting that AHBR members are tasked with detailed work and are responsive to community needs. He thanked Mrs. Church for her dedicated service and involvement with the Architectural Design Standards.

Mr. Hanink commented that placement of planters along Clinton and Park Streets have improved the streetscape. Mayor Basil and Dr. Williams agreed.

Mr. Weinstein said that energy generated by the new Barlow Community Center solar panels is being tracked and reported online at <http://solarlog-web.net/barlow>.

10. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington announced that City Council will be on recess until the workshop on July 12, 2016. She reviewed festivities planned for July 2nd and announced street closings for that day. She said that due to the holiday on Monday, July 4th, refuse and recycling pick-up days will be delayed by one day during that week. She said that construction work will begin on June 27th for the North Main Street Improvement Project, noting that project updates are available on the City's website. Finally, she introduced and welcomed Mr. Jim Stifler as the City's new Economic Development Director.

11. Appointments

Mayor Basil commented that City Council interviewed some exceptionally strong candidates for positions on boards and commissions, and he thanked them for their interest in serving.

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, that the following citizens be appointed: Mr. Thomas King and Mr. Keith Smith to serve on the Park Board for full terms commencing on July 6, 2016; Mr. Phillip Butto to serve on the Tree Commission for a partial term expiring July 5, 2018; and Mr. Frank Congin to serve on the Architectural & Historic Board of Review for a full term commencing June 21, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Weinstein

12. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. DeSaussure, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein and Dr. Williams

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

- A. [16-0063](#) **A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE MAY 2016 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Executive Summary: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [May 2016 Financial Report](#)

Concerning the May 2016 Financial Report, Mr. Wooldredge requested an explanation of transfers out, and Mr. Knoblauch agreed to provide a memo in follow-up.

This motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [16-0064](#) **A MOTION DIRECTING THE CLERK TO SEND NOTICE TO THE OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL INDICATING NO REQUEST FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF A PERMIT TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM OTANI HUDSON INC., DBA OTANI JAPANESE RESTAURANT, TO M&M HUDSON INC., DBA OTANI JAPANESE RESTAURANT, 180 WEST STREETSBORO STREET, UNITS 11 & 12, HUDSON.**

Executive Summary: The Clerk is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority dated June 10, 2016, from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning City Council's opportunity to request a hearing regarding this permit transfer.

Attachments: [Notice to Legislative Authority](#)

This motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [16-105](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL FOR A GRANT TO FUND AN AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The Summit County Safety Council has created a grant program to purchase one Automated External Defibrillator annually for one entity located in Summit County.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-105](#)

Resolution No. 16-105 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [16-106](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO GEORGIA-PACIFIC FOR A BUCKET BRIGADE GRANT TO BENEFIT THE HUDSON FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade grants help fire departments in communities near Georgia-Pacific facilities to fund equipment and resources needed to be safe, efficient and effective.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-106](#)

Resolution No. 16-106 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [16-107](#) **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING APPLICATION SUBMISSION BY THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE FOR A 2016 DR. PEPPER SNAPPLE PARK BIN GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE HUDSON PARKS.**

Executive Summary: Dr. Pepper Snapple has partnered with Keep America Beautiful to provide recycling bins for parks and recreational spaces.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-107](#)

Resolution No. 16-107 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [16-108](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE BRANDYWINE DRIVE CATCH BASIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The Brandywine Drive Catch Basin Improvement Project will involve the installation of two new storm sewer inlets on Brandywine Drive to reduce storm water spread within the roadway. The two new inlets will be installed on the south side of Brandywine Drive between N. Main Street and Pitkin Drive.

Attachments: [Brandywine Dr Catch Basin Aerial](#)
 [Resolution No. 16-108](#)

Resolution No. 16-108 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- G. [16-109](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE RANETT AVENUE STORM CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The Ranett Avenue Culvert Replacement Project will involve the removal and replacement two existing corrugated metal culverts that are failing under the roadway and causing settlement of the pavement. The culverts are located within the right-of-way near homes #7816 - #7832 Ranett Avenue in the North Haven Subdivision.

Attachments: [Ranett Ave Culvert Replacement Aerial](#)
 [Resolution No. 16-109](#)

Resolution No. 16-109 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- H. [16-110](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER COMMERCIAL REALTY, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: Premier Commercial Realty, LLC is desirous of building an approximate 125,000 square-foot commercial/industrial building on Lot #4 on Hudson Crossing Parkway in the Hudson Crossing Business Park, Hudson, Ohio provided that the appropriate development incentives are available to support the economic viability of their project.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-110](#)

Resolution No. 16-110 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

I. [16-111](#) **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES MADE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: Council authorization is required for payment of the invoice(s) shown on this Resolution in excess of \$3,000 for which a commitment was made before a Purchase Order was generated.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-111](#)

Resolution No. 16-111 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

13. **Legislation**

A. [16-44](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1205.04(b), 1205.12(b) and (c), 1206.03(a), 1207.04(f), 1207.19(d) AND 1213.02(a) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND SECTION 618.14 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING AGRICULTURAL USE REGULATIONS.**

Executive Summary: The ordinance would allow the limited keeping of chickens and clarify regulations concerning the keeping of horses and other agricultural operations.

Attachments: [2016-4-6 PC Staff Report](#)

[2016-4-11 PC Recommendation](#)

[2016-4-19 Peer Communities Revised](#)

[2016-4-19 Draft Ordinance with PC Recommendations](#)

[Ordinance No. 16-44 \(as introduced 3-15-2016\)](#)

[Ordinance No. 16-44 \(Council revisions 6-21-2016\)](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 16-44, which constituted an additional third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Dr. Williams, to pass Ordinance No. 16-44. A subsidiary motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Dr. Williams to amend Ordinance No. 16-44 to reflect an increase in the property size limit from 1/3 acre to 1 acre for the keeping of chickens. Discussion followed regarding this and other proposed amendments pertaining to set-back, landscape buffer, and maximum number of chickens per dwelling. Council members considered voting Ordinance No. 16-44 down, as suggested by Mr. DeSaussure; however, Ms. Howington suggested tabling the Ordinance to allow staff to prepare a revised Ordinance for Council action, with revisions to include all amendments proposed by Council members. Mr. Wooldredge withdrew his motions and Dr. Williams withdrew his seconds.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, that Ordinance No. 16-44 be tabled for further action until the meeting of July 19, 2016, and for discussion at the workshop of July 12, 2016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mr. DeSaussure

- B. [16-58](#) A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT TO INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE ON JUNE 21, 2016, AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT ISSUE TO HUDSON VOTERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE REDUCTION OF THE CURRENT INCOME TAX CREDIT BY TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) AND SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON THIS ISSUE.**

Executive Summary: This Resolution is being introduced at Council's request.

Attachments: [Tax Credit Reduction Presentation 4-26-2016](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions - DRAFT - discussed May 10, 2016](#)

[Resolution No. 16-58 \(Revised 6/21/16 to reflect corrected meeting date\)](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 16-58, which constituted an additional third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, that Resolution No. 16-58 be withdrawn from further consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Hanink

- C. [16-88](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 220, "COUNCIL", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD A NEW SECTION 220.08 ENTITLED "COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS".**

Executive Summary: This Ordinance is being introduced at Council's request.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 16-88](#)

Mr. Kelemen voiced opposition to Ordinance No. 16-88, explaining his preference that Council compensation remain based upon attendance at regular meetings at which legislative action is taken. All other Council members expressed support for passage of the Ordinance, referring to the definition of "meetings", time commitments, the intent of Ordinance No. 15-127 placing the ballot issue before voters was to ease financial hardship, and the monthly compensation remaining unchanged at \$160 maximum. Mayor Basil also supported passage of Ordinance No. 16-88, saying that service on Council requires personal sacrifice and dedication, and that the ballot issue passed by voters was to encourage citizens to consider Council service.

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 16-88, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, to pass Ordinance No. 16-88. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Kelemen

- D. [16-100](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER (“AMP”) TO PURCHASE RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES AND OFFER HUDSON PUBLIC POWER CUSTOMERS THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMP ECOSMART CHOICE PROGRAM.**

Executive Summary: The AMP EcoSmart Choice Program allows Hudson Public Power (HPP) customers to support and participate in renewable energy development through the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (REC’s) based on their total monthly electric use. There is no customer contract required. The program is offered to all HPP customers. There is no cost to the City to offer this program. HPP will receive a portion of the total REC sales.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-100](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 16-100, which constituted its second reading.

- E. [16-101](#) **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEW AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.**

Executive Summary: The revised schedule simplifies the existing schedule and accounts for in-house review of projects.

Attachments: [20160524 Draft Fee Schedule](#)

[Ordinance No. 16-101](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 16-101, which constituted its second reading.

- F. [16-112](#) **AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.02, TO REVISE THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CITY RESIDENTS WHO PAY INCOME TAX TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY OR JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This Ordinance is being introduced at Council’s request.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 16-112 \(as introduced 6-21-2016\)](#)

Mr. Hanink noted that he will not be in attendance for the workshop of July 12 and meeting of July 19, 2016, and he voiced his opposition to Ordinance No. 16-112, commenting that language in the Ordinance does not specify that revenues will be used for infrastructure; and furthermore that with continued good stewardship, careful fund management, and economic growth, he believed that connectivity and infrastructure goals are achievable without a tax increase. Mr. Wooldredge commented that there are two issues to consider: 1.) should voters have an opportunity to decide the issue; and 2.) should the Ordinance be amended to add a sunset. Mayor Basil said that further discussion of Ordinance No. 16-112 has been scheduled for the workshop of July 12, 2016.

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 16-112, which constituted its first reading.

- G.** [16-113](#) **A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT OF THE COMPLETE STREETS INITIATIVE.**
Executive Summary: As part of Pedal Hudson’s effort to apply for Bike Friendly Designation from the American League of Cyclists, Pedal Hudson has asked the City to consider adopting a Complete Street Resolution. The Resolution would demonstrate Hudson’s commitment to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians within our infrastructure projects and development regulations.
Attachments: [Complete Streets Coalition Fact Sheet](#)
 [Resolution No. 16-113](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 16-113, which constituted its first reading.

- H.** [16-114](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1207.13, “TRANSPORTATION / CIRCULATION / PEDESTRIAN LINKAGE,” OF CHAPTER 1207, “ZONING DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN STANDARDS,” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE.**
Executive Summary: The ordinance amends provisions concerning traffic impact studies and fire access, and repeals standards better located in the Engineering Standards.
Attachments: [Proposed Amendments to LDC Section 1207.13 \(6-15-16\)](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice \(published in Hub-Times on 7-17-16\)](#)
 [Ordinance No. 16-114](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 16-114, which constituted its first reading, and he referred the matter to the Planning Commission.

14. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Basil adjourned the Council meeting at 8:38 p.m.

David A. Basil, Mayor

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.