



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Agenda - Final-revised 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, City Solicitor & Special Counsel
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive session to begin at 6:30 p.m.; followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Executive Session**

To interview an applicant for Planning Commission and to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

4. **Roll Call**

5. **Approval of the Minutes**

- A. [25-0015](#) **Minutes of Previous Council Meetings**
Brief Description: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for City Council's review and approval.

Attachments: [January 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[January 28, 2025 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

6. **Public Comments**

7. **Correspondence and Council Comments**

8. Report of Manager**9. Appointments****10. Consent Agenda**

- A. [25-13](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A RETROACTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THOMAS J. SHERIDAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: City Council will take action pertaining to City Manager Thomas Sheridan's Employment Agreement and his annual review.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Sheridan Employment Contract Amendment](#)

[Exhibit A: Sheridan Employment Contract Amendment - Feb. 4, 2025](#)

[Resolution No. 25-13](#)

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- B. [25-14](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 10' TRAIL ALONG E. BARLOW ROAD.**

Brief Description: The project includes the installation of a new, 10-foot wide, multi-purpose, asphalt trail within Barlow Farm Park and concrete trail along the north side of Barlow Road that will connect the Barlow Farm Park trail to the existing Summit County Metro Parks trail. This project will also include crossing infrastructure and safety improvements to the Norfolk Southern railroad property.

Attachments: [Exhibit E Barlow Rd Trail](#)

[Resolution No. 25-14](#)

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C. [25-15](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND AN EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN FOR THE E. BARLOW ROAD TRAIL PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This agreement amendment with Norfolk Southern would be for on-going engineering review and design services for a new multi-purpose path that would connect the City's Barlow Farm Park to Summit County's Wood Hollow Metropark. Part of the proposed path will cross the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks in between the two parks.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - DRAFT Supplemental PE Agreement](#)
[Exhibit A - DRAFT Supplemental PE Agreement - REVISED 2025.02.04](#)
[Resolution No. 25-15](#)

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D. [25-16](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A QUIET ZONE ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE E. BARLOW ROAD TRAIL QUIET ZONE IMPROVEMENTS.**

Brief Description: As part of the upcoming E. Barlow Road Trail Project the railroad track crossing on Barlow Road will become a Quiet Zone and Norfolk Southern Railway Company requires a Quiet Zone Administrative Agreement be executed prior to review and administration of the improvements.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-16](#)

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E. [25-17](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE HINES HILL ROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT THROUGH THE OHIO GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM.**

Brief Description: The City was awarded a grant from the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) in the amount of \$2,886,174.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-17](#)

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F. [25-18](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-SAVING TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT) GRANT.**

Brief Description: Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the US Department of Transportation awards grant funding through PROTECT for the purpose of ensuring surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. The City could receive up to 80% of the project funds in Federal grant funding for the "S. Main Street (SR 91) Storm Sewer Redirection at Railroad Underpass Project."

Attachments: [Staff Memo - PROTECT](#)
[Resolution No. 25-18](#)

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G. [25-19](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE TERMINATION AND ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DESTINATION HUDSON, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PHYSICAL ASSETS, RETAIL INVENTORY AND FURNITURE FROM THE VISITOR CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: As part of the termination of the Lease, DH desires and agrees to sell to City and City desires and agrees to purchase from DH, certain physical assets of DH, consisting exclusively of certain retail inventory and furniture from the Visitor Center and Gift Shop operated by DH.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - DH Lease Termination and Asset Purchase Agree - FINAL](#)
[Resolution No. 25-19](#)

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H. [25-20](#)**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE FOR A PURCHASE MADE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Council authorization is required for payment of the invoice shown on this Resolution in excess of \$3,000, for which a commitment was made before a Purchase Order was generated. Approval required for: Ohio State Highway Patrol, LEADS Annual Dues, \$7200

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-20](#)

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11. Legislation

- A. [25-12](#) **AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 99-44, THE CURRENT BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM, WITH UPDATED GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, AND LANGUAGE.**
Brief Description: An ordinance to amend the current Backflow Prevention Program with updated guidelines, standards, and language. Since the adoption of the existing program, various agencies providing backflow guidance have supplemented relevant information. This suggested amendment encompasses that information.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 99-44](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-12](#)

*Second Reading***Legislative History**

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- B. [25-21](#) **AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE ORDER AND RULES OF A PUBLIC HEARING.**
Brief Description: The Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson make reference to, but do not define “Public Hearing.” This ordinance establishes an order of business and reasonable limitations on discussion for all public hearings before any official City body, whether it be City Council or any other board, committee or commission.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-21](#)

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- C. [25-22](#) **AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC COMMENT AT ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION MEETING AND ESTABLISHING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in defining an ordinance which requires boards/commissions to accept a comment from the public (provided the topic is relevant to the board), and also provide them with the tools to reject comments which are not relevant to them.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-22](#)

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- D. [25-23](#) **AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 220.03(n) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION WITH ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUBSTITUTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This new rule change is to reestablish prior practice of moving to adopt legislation with certain, specified amendments without having to first put the item up for discussion through a simple motion to adopt.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-23](#)

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12. Executive Session

To discuss real estate matters and pending litigation. There will be two separate motions to go into executive session.

13. Adjournment

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