

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.031(a) OF CHAPTER 220, "COUNCIL," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-114 passed on October 2, 2013, this Council amended Sections 220.03(d) and 220.031(a) of Chapter 220, "Council," of the Codified Ordinances to require that an audio recording or a video recording serve as a permanent record of the detailed discussions of this Council and all actions taken during public meetings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-114, this Council further determined that a written record of the subject matter of Council's discussions and formal actions needs to continue to be made and amended the Codified Ordinances to accommodate both a written record and an audio and video record to serve as the minutes of Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the last year, Council has found it, at times, burdensome to call in City staff members to operate the audio and video recording equipment for certain Council workshop meetings of a brief and/or routine nature; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to amend Section 220.031(a) of Chapter 220, "Council," of the Codified Ordinances to give Council the discretion to have both a written record and an audio and video record to serve as the minutes of Council Workshop meetings or to only have a written record to serve as the minutes of Council Workshop meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Section 220.031, "Workshop Meetings", of the Codified Ordinances is amended at Subsection (a) only to hereinafter read as follows:

(a) In General. Workshop meetings of City Council shall generally take place on Tuesdays on the weeks following the first and third ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday regular Council meetings and shall be held at 7:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall, 27 East Main Street, or other location as decided by the President of Council. Workshop meetings are informal meetings of Council to discuss matters to be considered by Council at regular Council meetings or other matters concerning the City. All workshop meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the Charter and statutes of Ohio providing for open meetings. Council shall take no legislative action at workshop meetings. Minutes of workshop meetings will be full and accurate minutes, which will enable the public to understand and appreciate City Council's discussion. The official minutes of workshop meetings shall be in the form as set forth in Section 220.03 of this Code ~~and~~ except that it shall be within the

discretion of City Council to determine that a workshop meeting will not be audio recorded and/or video recorded, in which case the Clerk of Council shall be responsible for preparing full and accurate written meeting minutes which will enable the public to understand and appreciate City Council's discussion and such written meeting minutes shall serve as the official minutes of such workshop meeting. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of Council, or the Clerk's designee, to provide for and to produce the official minutes for workshop meetings. Citizen comments will generally not be solicited at workshop meetings.

Section 2: Subsection 220.031 (a) of Chapter 220, "Council" of the Codified Ordinances as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 3: This Ordinance is determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and for the further reason that it is necessary for the continued and efficient operation of the Council, its meetings and record keeping practices; wherefore, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage, provided it receives five (5) affirmative votes 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: _____

William A. Currin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing ORDINANCE No. 15- ____ was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2015.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council