

Resolution No. 16-58 was withdrawn from further consideration on June 21, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-58
(Revised 6/21/2016)

OFFERED BY: MAYOR BASIL

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.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hudson through community input, determined connectivity to be an important community asset; and

WHEREAS, City Council appointed an ad hoc advisory committee on September 4, 2013 to work with staff to develop a plan to connect Hudson's neighborhoods and the surrounding region, including the Summit Metro Parks and Cuyahoga Valley National Park, through a series of trails, sidewalks and paths; and to provide a recommendation to City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council provided a vehicle for citizen input and comment on the Connectivity Plan, after which Council passed Resolution No. 14-12, formally adopting in concept the Connectivity Plan on February 19, 2014, thereby making such capital improvements a priority; and

WHEREAS, funding for capital improvements, such as roads, connectivity and walkways, are funded through the City's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, revenue from the State Local Government Fund has been reduced 50% and the estate tax has been eliminated; and

WHEREAS, those reductions have eliminated approximately \$1.8 million per year from Hudson's General Fund budget; and

WHEREAS, municipal capital improvements are funded with income tax revenues from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, approximately seventy percent (70%) of working Hudsonites work outside of Hudson; and

WHEREAS, Hudson receives no portion of the income tax paid by Hudson residents to other communities where they work; and

WHEREAS, Hudson currently provides a 100% local income tax credit for income taxes paid to other communities; and

WHEREAS, City Council has analyzed the implementation of a twenty five percent (25%) income tax credit reduction and has determined this additional revenue would provide the ability to expedite completion of capital projects, such as road reconstruction and connectivity, with payment for such projects in reasonable time frames that stay within the useful life of such projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. It is the intent of City Council to seek public input on this matter as it prepares 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 to seek public input on this matter.

Section 2. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:

David A. Basil, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2016.

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

First Reading: April 5, 2016

Second Reading: April 19, 2016

Third Readings: May 3 and 17, 2016