



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council Workshop

David A. Basil, Mayor

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council (At-Large)

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., Council Member (At-Large)

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)

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

President of Council Wooldredge called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present 5 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent 2 - Mr. DeSaussure and Mr. Kelemen

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Ersing, Network Systems Administrator; Mr. Griffith, Management/Budget Director; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leedham, Information Systems Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; Mr. Stifler, Economic Development Director; and Mr. Sugar, Associate Planner.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Weinstein thanked Mr. Hannan and Mrs. Lori Williams for leading the Janes Walk on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

3. Discussion Items

A. [18-0041](#) 2018 Connectivity Plan Update

Executive Summary: The 2018 Connectivity Plan update reflects changes to the network since 2013 as numerous trails segments have been funded and incorporates minor adjustments in the scoring methodology.

Attachments: [Connectivity Plan Priority Ranking 2018 Draft](#)
[Connectivity Plan Calculations 2018 4-12-2018](#)
[Connectivity Plan 2018 scoring methodology](#)

Mr. Sugar introduced the Connectivity Plan update and explained how the paths are scored and prioritized, based on the following: proximity to downtown and schools; connection to parks, regional trails, and neighborhoods; and past plans that include, Safe Routes to Schools Plan and the Connect Hudson Plan. He further explained the changes that were made to the plan, including, removal of built paths and re-routing of paths that were deemed unfeasible to build, inclusion of funded paths when calculating scoring of paths to allow for better connectivity, use of midpoint of sections by schools or to downtown instead of the closest point, simplified scoring by combining walkways and park paths, and award of bonus points to proposed paths that will connect two existing paths. Brief discussion followed. Staff will return to the July 24, 2018 workshop with the final draft.

This matter was discussed.

B. [18-0042](#) A-Frame Sign Discussion

Executive Summary: The City of Hudson Administration would like to review and discuss the current status of A-frame signs in the community and a draft regulation framework.

Attachments: [A Frame SR 4.24.18 Council workshop](#)

Mr. Hannan recommended key information to be incorporated within an A-Frame sign regulation, including size, placement, material of sign, revising projecting sign regulation for upper level tenants, and permitting fees. Ms. Kendra Altomare provided feedback on behalf of the Main Street merchants, which included, allowing the A-Frame signs to be plastic, regulating the size of the sign and location for consistency. Brief discussion followed.

This matter was discussed.

C. [18-0029](#) Tree plantings in the public right-of-way for the N. Main Street Project.

Executive Summary: Council requested a discussion concerning the planting of trees in the public right-of-way.

This matter was postponed to the May 22, 2018 workshop.

D. [18-0028](#) City of Hudson Traffic Calming Policy

Executive Summary: The City of Hudson Traffic Safety Committee created a traffic calming policy in 2016 for any future requests from the public on traffic calming measures to existing local roadways in Hudson. Council has requested a discussion of the policy.

Attachments: [Traffic Calming Policy & Procedures - 10-21-16](#)
[TMS Engineers Inc. Letter 7-11-17](#)

Mr. Mike Schweickart, TMS Consultants, and Mr. Sheridan presented the Traffic Calming Policy. General discussion followed.

This matter was discussed.

E. [18-0043](#) Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing.

Executive Summary: City Council will consider the current “Jobs Preservation

Agreement,” to which the City has been a signatory community since 2011.

Attachments: [Final Full Version of 2017-2018 Jobs Preservation Agreement](#)

Mayor Basil summarized what the agreement is and stated that this agreement will automatically renew, unless there are any suggested changes. There being no changes suggested by Council, no further action is necessary unless another signatory community proposes changes.

This matter was discussed.

- F. [18-66](#) **A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF A 2.7 MILL PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE BROADBAND NETWORK THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO BE REPAID ANNUALLY OVER A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF TEN YEARS.**
Executive Summary: This Resolution is to allow Hudson voters to determine whether or not they support funding the capital buildout of a community-wide fiber network through a property tax levy.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 18-66](#)

Mrs. Bigham asked what steps were taken to evaluate the private sector regarding what their plans are for the future and consideration of a public/private partnership Mr. Ersing stated that staff reached out to both incumbents, and received feedback from one, stating that there were no plans to upgrade any equipment, with the exception of new neighborhoods. Mr. Ersing also stated that 4 years ago a RFQ for public/private partnership was put out, however, of the two proposals that were received neither were qualified. General discussion followed.

Resolution No. 18-66 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 15, 2018 Council meeting.

4. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

None.

5. Executive Session

None.

6. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:25 p.m.

William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

Jane Howington, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Office Manager.

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 in accordance with Codified Ordinances, Section 220.031 (a), Rules for Workshop Meetings.