



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council Workshop

William A. Currin, Mayor

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

David A. Basil, City Council Member (Ward 2)

Dennis N. Hanink, City Council Member (Ward 1)

Alex D. Kelemen, City Council Member (Ward 3)

Keith W. Smith, City Council Member (Ward 4)

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

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

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

President of Council DeSaussure called to order the workshop meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m.

Present 7 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Technician; Mr. Papp, Project Manager.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

None.

3. Proposed Consent Agenda Items

- A. [15-68](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE GPD GROUP FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE BARLOW ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The selected consultant will develop the plans and specifications for the Barlow Road Improvement Project. The limits of the project are Barlow Road from Terex Road to SR 91 (Darrow Road). The project's scope includes widening of the existing pavement, a multiuse path, re-grading of the ditches and storm sewer improvements. The Barlow Road grades near the rail crossing will also be improved. The design will strive to minimize the impacts to adjacent properties. Lighting at the intersections and improved signing and pavement markings are included. The Barlow Road and Terex Road intersection

will be studied for short and long term solutions including realignment and signal options. The selected short term solution for intersection and the connection from west terminus of the project to connect a multi-use path to the Metro Parks Hike and Bike trail will be developed. The signal at Barlow and SR 91 may be upgraded as part of this project.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-68](#)

Mr. Papp stated that the design would be completed this year with a projected bid date in Winter of 2015 and construction in Spring 2016.

Mr. Hanink asked if items can be changed on the plans due to cost; he also stated that the cost estimate is higher than was originally discussed. Mr. Papp stated that the cost will depend on what the existing condition of the pavement is and other items as well as what improvements are made at Terex Road and Barlow Road. Mr. Papp stated that Council will be kept informed as the design goes along. The project could be scaled back or done at in phases to keep costs down.

Mr. Papp stated that the Consultant has been asked to study the Barlow and Terex intersection on a conceptual basis and make recommendations based on cost and other factors. They will proceed with design for the short term lower cost option. Mr. Papp stated that Terex Road is eligible for Federal Funds and City Staff could apply for Federal funds based on the conceptual design of the intersection.

Mr. Wooldredge asked if money will need to be borrowed for this project. Ms. Howington stated that it will be discussed in the fall at budget time.

Mr. Wooldredge asked if sidewalks and/or pathways are included in the design scope. Mr. Papp stated that the current scope calls for a multi-use path/sidewalk and the City could apply for Federal enhancement funds for this portion of the project. That funding would not be available for 5+ years.

Mr. Kelemen asked if the Veterans Way Trail would be incorporated into this plan or would it be eliminated. Mr. Papp stated that the two designs will be coordinated for any segments that overlap.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the May 19, 2015 Council meeting.

4. Legislation and Other Discussion Items

A. [15-73](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 254 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED “EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND PERSONNEL RULES”, TO ADOPT A CELLULAR PHONE USE AND ALLOWANCE POLICY.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance adopts the City policy for cell phone use and allowance as approved by the Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board (PAAB) on April 2, 2015.

Attachments: [7.04 - Cell Phone Authorization - PAAB 4-2-2015](#)
[7.05 A - Cell Phone Allowance Policy - PAAB 4-2-2015](#)
[7.05 CI - City Issued Cell Phones - PAAB 4-2-2015](#)
[7.06 Cell Phone & Pager Use - PAAB 4-2-2015](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-73](#)

Ms. Howington summarized why the Cell Phone Policy was drafted and what it entailed.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the May 19, 2015 Council meeting.

B. [15-0062](#)

A Discussion regarding the status of the Downtown Corridor Improvements Design.

Executive Summary: GPD Group, the City's design consultant, has been working on the plan development for the Downtown Corridor Improvement Project. The City Staff has held several meetings with the N. Main St. merchants and one meeting with the public. The sidewalk and curb materials, sidewalk on the Green, and parking have been the most significant items of feedback. Staff would like Council's input before moving toward finalizing of the plans with the consultant.

Attachments: [Figures 1 - 9](#)

Mr. Papp summarized Council's consensus as the following: leave meandering brick paver path in bid package as alternate item; add sidewalk from SR 303 to Church Street; install the rapid flashing beacon on a ground mounted pedestal; install stamped and dyed concrete to have the look of sandstone for sidewalks; go with option 3 that leaves parking on the south side of Aurora Street and eliminates the 4 spaces on the north; change to diagonal parking from Owen Brown Street to Clinton Street; and proceed with the non-compliant parking pavement markings along Main Street between Clinton Street and Owen Brown Street as shown on Figures 7 and 8.

This matter was discussed.

5. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

6. Executive Session

None.

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. DeSaussure adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Hamilton DeSaussure, Jr., President of Council

Jane Howington, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Office Manager.

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