



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

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, June 16, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:36 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Williams

Absent: 1 - Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager for Operations; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Powell, Public Works Superintendent - Utilities; Mr. Richardson, Community Development Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, City Engineer; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [15-0072](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Executive Summary: Draft minutes of previous meetings are provided for City Council's review and approval.

Attachments:

[June 2, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[June 9, 2015 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

There being no changes, the above minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Honorary Resolutions

A. [15-82](#) A RESOLUTION THANKING RON BEVILACQUA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Executive Summary: This Resolution provides recognition and thanks to Ron Bevilacqua for his dedicated service as a member of the Tree Commission.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-82](#)

Mayor Currin read Resolution No. 15-82 in its entirety, thanking Mr. Bevilacqua for his service. Mr. Basil also expressed thanks (see comments for Resolution No. 15-83). Mayor Currin asked that a copy be mailed to Mr. Bevilacqua, who was unable to attend the Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, that Resolution No. 15-82 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Williams

B. [15-83](#) A RESOLUTION THANKING GEORGE SNIDER FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Executive Summary: This Resolution provides recognition and thanks to George Snider for his dedicated service as a member of the Economic Growth Board.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-83](#)

Mayor Currin read Resolution No. 15-83 in its entirety. Mr. Basil thanked Mr. Snider and Mr. Bevilacqua (see Res. No. 15-82) for their service, commenting that they exemplify the volunteer effort in Hudson. Councilmen Mr. DeSaussure and Smith also thanked Mr. Snider for sharing his advertising and marketing talents and creativity as a member of the Economic Growth Board. Mayor Currin read a statement of appreciation from Mr. Wooldredge, who was absent. Mayor Currin expressed thanks and presented a copy of the Resolution to Mr. Snider.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that Resolution No. 15-83 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Basil

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Smith announced that a Ward 4 Open Forum will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Barlow Community Center, and he encouraged interested residents to attend.

Mayor Currin read a statement, indicating that after 30 years of elected office in Hudson on the Board of Education, City Council, and as Mayor, he will not seek re-election in November, (see statement attached to record copy of these minutes). He pledged to serve out his full term as Mayor and to always be a positive voice for Hudson, Summit County, and northeast Ohio. He thanked elected colleagues, friends, associates, staff, and his family for

their support, and he challenged Hudson's voters, as they choose their 49th Mayor in November, 2015, to weigh heavy the background, knowledge, experience, loyalty and ability of candidates to positively represent Hudson.

8. Report of Manager

None.

9. Appointments

None.

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Smith, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, and Mr. DeSaussure

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, and Mr. Hanink

A. [15-0073](#)

A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE MAY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

Executive Summary: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [May 2015 Financial Report](#)

This motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. [15-84](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE HUDSON SPRINGS PARK CONNECTOR TRAIL PATH PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The Hudson Springs Park Connector Trail Project includes the installation of an asphalt pathway along the front of the park adjacent to Stow Road and an additional leg extending into the park. Staff is requesting permission to seek competitive bids for this project.

Attachments: [Path Construction Estimate](#)
[Hudson Springs Park Connector Trail Map](#)
[Resolution No. 15-84](#)

Resolution No. 15-84 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [15-85](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND BANK DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUND PROGRAM FOR ELIMINATING BLIGHTED PROPERTY AND FOR ADAPTIVE RE-USE THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: The Summit County Land Bank Discretionary Grant Fund Program offers grant funding to support neighborhood and community reinvestment and economic development efforts through the strategic acquisition, reclamation, rehabilitation and reutilization of property in Summit County to revitalize neighborhoods and communities, stabilize property values, reduce blight, return property to productive use, and improve the quality of life in our community.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-85](#)

Resolution No. 15-85 was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- E. [15-87](#) **A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5521.01 CONSENTING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE A NOISEWALL PROJECT (PID NO. 98622) WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HUDSON TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, AUTHORIZING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: ODOT is required to request and receive legislation from the City of Hudson prior to making any repairs to State Highways within the corporate limits of the municipality.
Attachments: [ODOT Participatory Legislation for Noisewall Project](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-87](#)

Resolution No. 15-87 was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- F. [15-88](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWE’S COMMUNITY PARTNERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR REPAIRS TO THE CITY CLOCK TOWER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Executive Summary: Lowe’s Community Partners grant program helps build better communities by providing monetary assistance to nonprofit organizations and municipalities looking for support of high-need projects such as: building renovations/upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades as well as safety improvements.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-88](#)

Resolution No. 15-88 was approved on the Consent Agenda.
- G. [15-89](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AVO INTERNATIONAL, D/B/A MEGGER GROUP, FOR ELECTRIC SUBSTATION TESTING EQUIPMENT.**
Executive Summary: Authorization for the City Manager to enter into contract with AVO International dba Megger to purchase electric system substation testing equipment.

Attachments: [Substation Eq bid Tad-2015](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-89](#)

Resolution No. 15-89 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- H. [15-90](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ASPHALT FABRICS AND SPECIALTIES, INC. FOR THE 2015 ROAD CRACKSEALING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This project involves the installation of rubberized crack sealer on various streets within the City.

Attachments: [Bid Tabulation - 2015 Crack Sealing](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-90](#)

Resolution No. 15-90 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- I. [15-91](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DURA MARK, INC. FOR THE 2015 ROAD LINE STRIPING AND PAINTING PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This project involves the application of reflectorized pavement marking and striping on various City Streets within the City.

Attachments: [Bid Tabulation - 2015 Line Striping](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-91](#)

Resolution No. 15-91 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- J. [15-92](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO UPGRADE THE CITY OF HUDSON'S CURRENT CIVIL DEFENSE WARNING SYSTEM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act has appropriated funding for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. This program provides assistance to local communities to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program. Funding is distributed through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Staff seeks authorization to apply for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-92](#)

Resolution No. 15-92 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- K. [15-93](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATCHING GRANT FOR THE REUTILIZATION OF THE SITE OF THE CURRENT HUDSON CITY SCHOOLS BUS GARAGE AND CITY OF HUDSON FACILITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation will

support neighborhood and community reinvestment and economic development efforts through the strategic acquisition, reclamation, rehabilitation and reutilization of property in Summit County to revitalize neighborhoods and communities, stabilize property values, reduce blight, return property to productive use, and improve the quality of life in our community. Staff seeks authorization to apply for a Community Development Matching Grant for environmental surveys, assessments, and demolition at the current site of the Hudson City Schools bus garage, Hudson Public Power facilities and City of Hudson salt dome.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-93](#)

Resolution No. 15-93 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

L. [15-94](#)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: Council authorization is required for payment of the invoice(s) shown on this Resolution in excess of \$3,000 for which a commitment was made before a Purchase Order was generated.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-94](#)

Resolution No. 15-94 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

D. [15-86](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF 6052 OLDE EIGHT ROAD TO TAP INTO THE CITY OF HUDSON'S WATER SYSTEM IN THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: The owner at 6052 Olde Eight Road, located at the northwest corner of SR 303 and Olde Eight Road in the Village of Boston Heights, has requested to tap-into the existing, 12" water main on SR 303 adjacent to the property. The house has poor water quality and a failing well system. In lieu of digging a new well, the owner has requested to tap the water main located on SR 303 and abandon the well.

Attachments: [6052 Olde Eight Aerial](#)
 [6052 Olde Eight Approval Letters](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-86](#)

Mr. Kelemen asked that Resolution No. 15-86 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow for passage of Resolution No. 15-86. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, and Mr. Hanink

Nay: 1 - Mr. Kelemen

Mr. Kelemen expressed objection to Resolution No. 15-86, as he felt it wrong to extend water to a Boston Heights resident when there are Hudson residents who do not have such service. He also objected to extending the Hudson water rate to residents outside of the City, and he requested that City Council consider a separate rate for non-residents prior to granting

authorization for the subject service. However, Councilmen Basil, DeSaussure and Williams commented in support of the Resolution. While Mr. Smith supported the Resolution, but he said that further discussion is warranted regarding a policy for handling future requests.

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Hanink, that Resolution No. 15-86 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, and Mr. Smith

Nay: 1 - Mr. Kelemen

11. Legislation

A. [15-72](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1042.03 AND 1042.04 OF THE STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE REVISING SEWER RATES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY.

Executive Summary: This ordinance will amend the City's sewer rates.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 15-72](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-72, which constituted its third reading.

Mr. DeSaussure expressed interest in waiting to vote on Resolution No. 15-72, pending receipt of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Summit County Department of Environmental Services regarding extending sewer service to Hudson residents. Mr. Smith inquired regarding consequences of delayed implementation, and Ms. Howington said that she prefers Council wait to vote on this Resolution until the MOU is available, so that both matters can be considered simultaneously, and Council may make an informed decision.

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Dr. Williams, that Ordinance No. 15-72 be adopted.

A subsidiary motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that Ordinance No. 15-72 be tabled until the City Council meeting of July 21, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, and Dr. Williams

B. [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](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-73, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Hanink, that Ordinance No. 15-73 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, and Mr. Basil

C. [15-74](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: In 2012 the City of Hudson approved a three (3) year negotiated economic development electric rate with the Allstate Insurance Co. located on Executive Parkway. The term of the existing agreement concludes on July 18, 2015. City Staff has participated in several meetings with Allstate Insurance representatives and has established a new “E” electric rate and associated terms moving forward. Staff now wishes for City Council to formally approve the new proposed Allstate rate agreement accordingly.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-74](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-74, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Smith, that Resolution No. 15-74 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Smith, Dr. Williams, Mr. Basil, and Mr. DeSaussure

D. [15-95](#)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$466,667 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING CITY PROPERTY CONSTITUTING THE SITE OF THE FORMER CUYAHOGA COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER BY PERFORMING SITE CLEARANCE, IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION AND PLACING THE SITE IN A CONDITION FOR USE AND OPERATION FOR CITY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance approves the rollover of \$466,667 in notes for the demolition of the buildings on the former YDC property. The original notes were \$1,400,000 in 2013. In 2014, we paid down on the note to \$700,000. We are now paying down the note by \$233,333 leaving a balance of \$466,667.

Attachments: [Fiscal Officer's Certificate](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-95](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-95, which constituted its first reading.

12. Presentations

A. [15-0074](#) Presentation: Community Development Department Presentation of the Code Enforcement Operation.

Executive Summary: As part of the scheduled presentations by City departments, the Community Development Director will explain and discuss the Code Enforcement function.

Attachments: [Outline for Code Enforcement Discussion](#)

Ms. Howington reported on a performance audit conducted by staff for Code Enforcement, and she asked City Council to provide endorsement of a proposed philosophy and direction regarding priorities. She reviewed current procedures for handling nuisance properties and proposed a streamlined process involving administrative enforcement through civil citations, with appeals to the City's Board of Zoning & Building Appeals and the Court of Common Pleas. City Solicitor Hunt said that staff proposes a repeal of Chapter 1442 of the Codified Ordinances, Public Nuisances, and adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code with exceptions pertaining to certain local matters. Ms. Howington also proposed that Code Enforcement be authorized to issue citations involving enforcement of the Land Development Code.

These matters were discussed, and there was consensus among Council members to move forward with changes to the Codified Ordinances as discussed. Other matters discussed included: the City's contract for building inspection services with the Summit County Building Department, Code Enforcement assignments, public education measures, and citizen guidelines.

This matter was discussed.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 8:46 p.m.

William A. Currin, Mayor

Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

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, excluding executive sessions, in accordance with Codified Ordinances, Section 220.03(d), Rules.