



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, August 18, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Currin called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:32 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. Richardson, Community Development Director; Mr. Robbins, Police Chief; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager, Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director, and Mr. Wilcox, Patrol Sergeant.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [15-0092](#)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments:

[August 4, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[August 11, 2015 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

There being no changes, Mayor Currin declared the above minutes approved as submitted.

5. Honorary Resolutions

A. [15-113](#) A RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH SLAGLE FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF HUDSON.

Executive Summary: This Resolution recognizes Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council, for twenty years of service with the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-113](#)

Mayor Currin read Resolution No. 15-113 in its entirety, thanked Mrs. Slagle for her service, and presented a copy to her. Mr. Basil and Mr. DeSaussure commented, as well. Mrs. Slagle thanked elected officials for the recognition and said that she is honored to serve the Hudson community in the past, present and future.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, to pass Resolution No. 15-113. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. [15-114](#) A RESOLUTION HONORING SERGEANT TROY WILCOX FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF HUDSON.

Executive Summary: This Resolution recognizes Sgt. Troy Wilcox for twenty years of service with the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-114](#)

Mayor Currin read Resolution No. 15-114 in its entirety. Mr. Basil commented that the Hudson Police Department is a fine example of the professionalism and helpfulness of City staff, and he thanked Sgt. Wilcox for being part of that fine tradition. Mayor Currin said that he was proud of Sgt. Wilcox's accomplishments. He thanked him for helping to keep the City safe and presented him a copy of the Resolution. Sgt. Wilcox thanked elected officials and staff, as well as his wife and parents who were in attendance, for their support. Officers Campbell, Laboda and Price were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, to pass Resolution No. 15-114. 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. Hanink noted that the new school year begins tomorrow, and he encouraged drivers to be cautious, watch for students, and be mindful of their safety.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington thanked Mr. Hanink for reminding all of the start of school. She mentioned that the coming weekend is the last for the First & Main Green summer concert series. She announced that two of the City's largest festivals are fast approaching, Art on the Green (August 29 - 30, 2015) and Taste of Hudson (September 6 - 7, 2015). She said that the City is currently recruiting for volunteer fire fighters, and she asked interested citizens to call the Fire Department. She commented that current Fire and EMS volunteers are incredibly dedicated people, who serve a valuable role for the City.

9. Appointments

None.

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Basil, seconded by Mr. Hanink, 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. Hanink, 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. [15-0093](#) A MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF THE JULY 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

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

Attachments: [July 2015 Financial Report](#)

This motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. [15-115](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-139 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance will amend the 2015 budget for additional and/or amended appropriations as listed in the attached Exhibit A.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - 2nd Q Approp 2015](#)

[Ordinance No. 15-115](#)

Ordinance No. 15-115 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [15-116](#) **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A CITY FIRE ENGINE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The Fire Department has replaced two 1994 fire engines and would like to sell the old engines. City Council will consider a letter from the City of Ravenna, expressing interest in the purchase of one of these fire engines. The Fire Department intends to sell the other fire engine through GovDeals.com, as previously authorized.

Attachments: [Description of Fire Engines No Longer Needed](#)
 [City of Ravenna Letter of Interest to Purchase Fire Engine](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-116](#)

Ordinance No. 15-116 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [15-117](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT TO RELOCATE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS GARAGE AND CITY SALT STORAGE STRUCTURES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: As part of the preparations for the downtown phase II project City staff has been actively at work on the relocation City facilities and the school bus garage from their current locations to the former Koberna property located at 5810 Hudson Drive. Staff received three (3) submittals for the projects initial professional services RFP and is now prepared to award the contract.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-117](#)

Resolution No. 15-117 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [15-118](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR PREFABRICATED PUBLIC RESTROOM STRUCTURES FOR THREE CITY PARKS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: Staff is seeking permission to purchase and install prefabricated concrete public restroom structures for Oak Grove Park, Colony Park and Cascade Park through CXT Concrete Buildings.

Attachments: [Pricing Information](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-118](#)

Resolution No. 15-118 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [15-119](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A & A SANITATION FOR SERVICING OF CITY OUTDOOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES.**

Executive Summary: The Public Works Department budgets annually for refuse and recycling contract services for public properties and downtown waste receptacles. The Public Works Department seeks City Council approval to enter into a contract with AA Sanitation.

Attachments: [Resolution 14-155 Permission to Bid](#)
 [Bid Tab 2014-2015 Refuse-Recycling Downtown Cans](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-119](#)

Resolution No. 15-119 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- G. [15-120](#) **AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REQUIREMENT THAT DEVELOPMENT BE SERVED BY PUBLIC WATER FACILITIES AS IT PERTAINS TO PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF AKRON WATER SERVICE AREA IN HUDSON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The renewal of an ordinance that would suspend City regulations that require that development must use public water for an additional six months.

Attachments: [Water Provider Map](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-42, establishing moratorium \(adopted April 7, 2015\)](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-120](#)

Ordinance No. 15-120 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- I. [15-122](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FOR DISPATCHERS, FOR THE YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2017; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This legislation seeks approval of the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement that was negotiated by the City Manager with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for Dispatchers and authorization for the City Manager to enter into said agreement.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-122](#)

Resolution No. 15-122 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- J. [15-126](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE FORMER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER ON HINES HILL ROAD FROM THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT TO THE CITY OF HUDSON.**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 15-126](#)

Resolution No. 15-126 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- H. [15-121](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AKHIA PUBLIC RELATIONS, INC. FOR MARKETING OF THE CITY'S BROADBAND SERVICES KNOWN AS VELOCITY BROADBAND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This project involves the award of a contract for marketing services to continue the Broadband Marketing Initiative to support the implementation, public education and sales of Velocity Broadband to businesses and residents as approved by Council.

Attachments: [Broadband Proposal - AKHIA 8-8-15](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-121](#)

Mr. Kelemen asked that Resolution No. 15-121 be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

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. 15-121. 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 commented that the Broadband Project had been discussed as a pilot project, but Resolution No. 15-121 referred to marketing services through 2016. His preference was for Council to fund marketing efforts through 2015 and discuss further expenditures during 2016 Budget deliberations. He proposed tabling this Resolution.

Mr. DeSaussure expressed opposition to tabling the Resolution, explaining that the Broadband Project is a Council priority, ongoing marketing efforts are important, and the contract amounts are stated as "not to be exceeded," which provides flexibility to staff. Remaining Council members also expressed opposition to tabling Resolution No. 15-121. Responding to Mr. Hanink's inquiry, Ms. Howington explained that costs of preliminary broadband marketing to date have been funded by allocations for Economic Development, but the City can make a journal entry to adjust and track all related expenses in the Broadband Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelemen, seconded by Mr. Hanink, that Resolution No. 15-121 be tabled until the City Council meeting of September 15, 2015. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Mr. Kelemen

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

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, to pass Resolution No. 15-121. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Mr. Kelemen

11. Legislation

- A. [15-33](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1205, "ZONING DISTRICTS" AND CHAPTER 1207, "ZONING DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN STANDARDS," OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS-IN-LIEU OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PEDESTRIAN AND NON-VEHICULAR CIRCULATION SYSTEMS.

Executive Summary: This legislation would create a Pedestrian Linkages Fund as recommended by the Connect Hudson Plan that came out of the Safe Routes Hudson initiative.

Attachments: [Existing vs Proposed](#)
[Staff Report - Planning Commission Meeting of 7-13-2015](#)
[Planning Commission Recommended Amended Ordinance No. 15-33](#)
[Planning Commission Recommendation 7-13-2015](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-33](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-33, which constituted an additional third reading, and he announced that a public hearing has been scheduled for the City Council meeting of September 1, 2015.

- B. [15-61](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX D, "ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN STANDARDS", OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AT SECTION III-2b.

Executive Summary: The amendment would generally permit the use of modern or so-called substitute materials on historic structures when repair is not feasible.

Attachments: [PC Staff Report w/ Attachments \(8-10-2015\)](#)
[Lauren Burge Letter \(1-8-2015\)](#)
[Proposed Amendments - AHBR \(1-14-2015\)](#)
[PC Amendments \(8-10-2015\)](#)
[Ordinance No. 15-61](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-61, which constituted its second reading, and he announced that a public hearing will be held at the City Council meeting on October 6, 2015.

C. [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](#)

Mr. DeSaussure said that the City has been in communications with the Summit County Department of Environmental Services and is actively negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the operation of the sewers, which would make Ordinance No. 15-72 essentially mute; and therefore, he said that it makes sense to postpone Council action on this rate issue.

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

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

D. [15-108](#) **AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF HUDSON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTIONS 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, 3.07, 3.09, 3.11, 3.12, 4.02, 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 6.04, 8.05, 9.01, 9.02, AND 9.07 OF THE CHARTER OF HUDSON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: Pursuant to the Charter, the Charter Review Commission has submitted a report of proposed amendments to the City Charter for consideration at the general election to be held on November 3, 2015. The Commission has also recommended that the amendments be presented as three separate ballot issues.

Attachments: [Recommendation to City Council](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-108](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-108 \(As Amended 8/4/15\)](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-108 (as amended 8/4/2015), which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, to pass Ordinance No. 15-108 (as amended 8/4/2015). The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. [15-109](#) **AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 1480.04, 1480.05 and 1480.99 AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1442 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON REGARDING NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: The proposed ordinance would eliminate the Nuisance Board and expand administrative authority to handle code enforcement matters.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 15-109 \(original version\)](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-109 Comparison of Original to Amended Version - discussed at 8-25-15 workshop](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-109 \(as amended for adoption\)](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-109 (as amended 8/18/2015), which constituted its third reading.

Mayor Currin questioned the amended version dated August 18, 2015. Mr. Hunt said that certain amendments were requested by Mr. Wooldredge at the August 4, 2015, Council meeting, and he provided an explanation of changes relating to the demolition process for historical structures in Darrowville and potential conflicts with the Land Development Code. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil to pass the original version of Ordinance No. 15-109 (unamended).

A subsidiary motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Basil, that Council action on Ordinance No. 15-109 be tabled until the September 1, 2015, Council meeting, with discussion of the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 15-109 being scheduled for the August 25, 2015, Council Workshop. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

F. [15-123](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE 2015-2016 “SUMMIT COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR JOB CREATION AND RETENTION AND TAX REVENUE SHARING.”**

Executive Summary: The current version of this agreement expired on June 30, 2015. Communities have met twice to consider an amendment proposed by the City of Hudson. This change is reflected in the red-line version of the agreement which is attached. The new proposed agreement is being circulated to signatory communities by the County, and they are asking for adoption by September 30, 2015.

Attachments: [Redline Draft of 2015-2016 Jobs Preservation Agreement](#)
 [Final Full Version of 2015-2016 Jobs Preservation Agreement](#)
 [Resolution No. 15-123](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 15-123, which constituted its first reading.

G. [15-124](#) **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

Executive Summary: The ordinance would adopt the City's update to the Comprehensive Plan

Attachments: [Hyperlink to Draft Plan - We have found that the medium quality \(MQ, 129.05MB\) version suffices.](#)
 [2015 Draft Comprehensive Plan \(large PDF document, allow time for download\) 8-7-2015](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-124](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-124, which constituted its first reading, and he referred the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review, public hearing and recommendation, pursuant to Section 9.03 of the Charter.

H. [15-125](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1048.02 OF THE STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE TO CORRECT AN OVERSIGHT IN THE 2015 AMENDMENT TO THE RATE SCHEDULES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: As the result of an administrative oversight the most recent amendments to the ordinance 1048.02 "Rate Schedules" resulted in unintended consequences to certain Hudson Public Power customers. As such, staff wishes to delete the language from the ordinance and correct the oversight.

Attachments: [Ordinance 1048.02 Amendment](#)
 [Ordinance No. 15-125](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-125, which constituted its first reading.

I. [15-127](#) **AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF HUDSON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF HUDSON RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: Mayor Currin has sponsored this Ordinance to submit to the voters a proposed Charter amendment to change the compensation of all Members of Council to eighty dollars (\$80.00) per attendance at a regular meeting of Council per month but not to exceed compensation for attendance at two (2) regular meetings per month.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 15-127](#)

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 15-127, which constituted its first reading.

Mr. Basil said that the issue of Council member compensation has been formally considered earlier this year by the 2015 Charter Review Commission and by City Council. He expressed support for raising the current rate of compensation and said that it is appropriate to let voters make the decision. Remaining Council members expressed support for passage of Ordinance No. 15-127. Mayor Currin explained that he had introduced this Ordinance and said that, if approved by voters, the Charter amendment would reflect a minor change in compensation, and the rate would equal that earned by Hudson Board of Education members. He said that a change would make an appropriate impact, so that no Council member is affected adversely by miscellaneous costs in order to serve in a manner that it is expected. He said that Council's work has become increasingly more difficult through the years, and this proposed Charter amendment would ensure that all ages and genders have the ability to serve. Mayor Currin encouraged Council members to put this matter to public vote with passage of Ordinance No. 15-127.

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 Ordinance No. 15-127. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Dr. Williams, to pass Ordinance No. 15-127. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the Council meeting at 8:34 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.

