



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

David A. Basil, Mayor

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

Beth A. Bigham, Council Member (Ward 4)

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)

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

Jane Howington, City Manager

R. Todd Hunt, City Solicitor

Elizabeth A. Slagle, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Basil called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:32 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Absent: 1 - Mr. DeSaussure

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hutchinson, Assistant Public Works Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Finance Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; and Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. [17-0073](#) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

Attachments: [August 1, 2017 Special Workshop & Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)

[August 8, 2017 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

5. Honorary Resolutions

- A. [17-124](#) **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MRS. KELLY MARIE POTTER FOR HER ACTIONS TO HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF FELLOW CITIZENS.**
Executive Summary: This Resolution recognizes Kelly Marie Potter for her compassionate caring, quick thinking, and effective performance of life support measures to help save the lives of two citizens in our community, victims of choking and cardiac arrest incidents.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 17-124](#)

Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 17-124 in its entirety, recognizing and thanking Mrs. Potter. Mrs. Bigham said that Mrs. Potter is an inspiring and caring person. Mrs. Potter thanked elected officials for the recognition and noted that she did not act alone and that other bystanders participated in these life-saving events. She encouraged everyone to recognize opportunities in their lives where they can take action to help others. She reported that the gentleman who had suffered a cardiac arrest has donated 3 new automatic external defibrillators to Dr. Terry Gordon's national campaign to help ensure that an AED is placed in every school in our country.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, to pass Resolution No. 17-124. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

- B. [17-125](#) **A RESOLUTION THANKING MR. ROBERT SWEDENBORG FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HUDSON COMMUNITY.**

Executive Summary: This Resolution provides recognition and thanks to Rob Swedenborg for his dedicated service as a member of the Hudson Park Board.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 17-125](#)

Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 17-125 in its entirety and thank Mr. Swedenborg for his service on the Park Board. Mr. Kelemen thanked Mr. Swedenborg for his passion and drive, as demonstrated not only by his contributions to the parks, but also by his efforts in support of the Library and his service as a local school teacher. Mayor Basil said that Mr. Swedenborg has been a tireless supporter of the community, and he thanked him for his passion and professionalism. Mr. Swedenborg thanked Council for the opportunity to serve on the Park Board. He also thanked Mr. Hutchinson for his assistance and Ms. Kadish for her leadership as the most recent Park Board Chair.

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, to pass Resolution No. 17-125. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

6. Public Comments

Mr. Tim Lelko, 55 Owen Brown Street, commented regarding how the Downtown Phase II will affect Owen Brown Street residents, expressing concerns regarding density, parking, increased traffic in downtown, through-traffic on Owen Brown St., architectural integrity, contamination, remediation, and the sale price of the City's property for the developer. He encouraged Council to consider options to address these concerns (see statement attached to record copy of these minutes).

Mrs. Jill Flagg, 64 Owen Brown Street, said that the library was a great anchor in Downtown Phase I, and she encouraged Council to consider a new Town Hall as part of the Downtown Phase II Project. She expressed concerns regarding density in Phase II, and she questioned moving forward without the results of a traffic study and a Brandywine Creek tributary stormwater study. She encouraged Council to slow down the development process, so these issues can be understood before moving forward.

Mr. Joe Mulligan, 33 Owen Brown Street, suggested the City's web site provide improved information. He commented that Owen Brown St. residents are skeptical that potential traffic increases will be eased by removal of Hudson Public Power, Windstream, and the bus garage facilities. He noted that Owen Brown Street is a through connection on the current plan, and he spoke regarding density, access, and traffic calming measures, and he encouraged staff to explore solutions to address Owen Brown Street concerns. He also said the new street lights on North Main Street are too bright.

Mr. Ron Strobl, 24 Owen Brown St. expressed frustration regarding what he described as a miscommunication concerning traffic study results.

A brief discussion followed:

Mayor Basil said that the price of land has yet to be negotiated and determined. He also stated that a traffic count was performed predevelopment, however the City cannot do a traffic study before development plans are finalized.

Ms. Howington acknowledged that the N. Main Street lights are bright, but they will be turned down when the construction work has been completed. She said that the Brandywine Creek study will be done in the fall of 2018 in conjunction with the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District. She said that the City will consider impacts on Owen Brown Street residents as plans for Phase II proceed, and all interests will be balanced and engineered into the final plan. She noted that we are only at the conceptual plan stage, and the developer must do their proformas before a development agreement can be finalized with the City. She acknowledged traffic and parking issues, noting that the City is hiring a consultant to conduct a parking study, and a traffic study will be conducted after residential and commercial densities are determined. She said that the concerns now being expressed are exactly the concerns that need to be considered during the lengthy development process. In addition, she said that the City is working on updates to the web site.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Hanink said that he's been working with the City Engineer since before Downtown Phase II, and he supports keeping Owen Brown Street as is. Mayor Basil commented that City officials want to protect and preserve the character of Owen Brown Street.

Mr. Hanink was pleased to see positive Velocity Broad Band operating numbers for the third month in a row, and Mr. Wooldredge agreed that this was very encouraging.

Mr. Wooldredge provided a draft Resolution in support of the Schools' Bond Issue, which will appear on the November 7th Ballot, and he asked that this matter be discussed at an upcoming workshop.

8. Report of Manager

Ms. Howington provided a brief update on some of the City's current projects, including the painting of all hydrants on Akron and Cleveland water systems; roadway paving and construction of crosswalks and bump-outs on N. Main Street; and completion of the State Route 91 / Prospect Road intersection by Labor Day.

9. Appointments

None.

10. Suspension of the Rule Requiring Three Readings for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of legislation on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. Hanink

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. Hanink

- B.** [17-0075](#) **A Motion Directing the Clerk to Send Notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control Indicating No Request for a Hearing Regarding the Transfer of a Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages for Malted Meeple LLC, from 5100 Darrow Road to 53 Milford Drive, Hudson.**
Executive Summary: The Clerk is in receipt of a Notice to Legislative Authority dated July 25, 2017, from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning the opportunity to request a hearing regarding the transfer of this permit.
Attachments: [Notice to Legislative Authority - Liquor Permit for Malted Meeple, LLC](#)

This Motion was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D.** [17-127](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FOR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAINING GRANT.**
Executive Summary: The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, has awarded Hudson EMS \$4,800.00 for training equipment.
Attachments: [Resolution No. 17-127](#)

Resolution No. 17-127 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [17-128](#) **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE CITY MANAGER TO THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR A FIREFIGHTER EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS PROGRAM GRANT.**

Executive Summary: The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation introduced funding for employers wanting to minimize firefighters' exposure to dangerous environmental elements.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 17-128](#)

Resolution No. 17-128 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- G. [17-130](#) **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This Ordinance authorizes revisions to Hudson's Codified Ordinances to incorporate various ordinances and resolutions of a general and permanent nature that have been passed by Council since the date of the last updating in 2016 and to include changes reflecting current State criminal and traffic laws through July 2016.

Attachments: [Hyperlink - City of Hudson Codified Ordinances](#)
[Ordinance No. 17-130](#)

Ordinance No. 17-130 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. [17-0074](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the July 2017 Monthly Financial Report.**

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

Attachments: [July 2017 Financial Report](#)

Mr. Wooldredge asked that the July 2017 Financial Report be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Wooldredge questioned a large increase in the past due amounts for utility billing. Mr. Knoblauch acknowledged an increase from May to June, due to a local business that had a large balance. However, he said that the business has made a large payment, and he expected the past due amounts to be back in line next month. He said that he would follow-up with additional details.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mrs. Bigham, that this Motion be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Weinstein

C. [17-126](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH THE ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT COMPANY FOR TREE TRIMMING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.**

Executive Summary: The Public Works Department budgets annually for contract tree maintenance to trim and remove trees along Hudson streets; greens; public properties, and overhead electrical conductors. The Public Works Department seeks City Council approval to renew the current contract with the Asplundh Tree Expert Company.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-190](#)
 [2018-2019 Tree Maintenance Bid Tab A-1 through A-10](#)
 [Resolution No. 17-126](#)

Mr. Hanink asked that Resolution No. 17-126 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanink, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 17-126. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein and Dr. Williams

Mr. Hanink asked that the City work with Asplundh to make sure tree limbs are not cut too dramatically and that they do a better job of shaping street trees. He also noted that in the past years, the City Arborist brought in a specialist to instruct residents how to maintain trees and remove small limbs below the large growth. He suggested an organized effort, using citizen volunteers to help maintain younger street trees.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanink, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Resolution No. 17-126. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

F. [17-129](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOU RITENOUR DECORATORS FOR THE TOWN HALL FAÇADE RESTORATION PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This Resolution authorizes Town Hall improvements, including removal of existing failed paint surfaces, repairs to wood and brick surfaces, replacement of existing failed glass panes, and application of new paint.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 16-190](#)
 [Town Hall Facade Restoration Bid Tab](#)
 [Lease Agmt. with Hudson Fire Dept. Assn. \(Res. No. 15-34, passed 3-17-15\)](#)
 [Lease Agmt. with Destination Hudson \(Res. No. 15-35, passed 3-17-15\)](#)
 [Resolution No. 17-129](#)

Mr. Wooldredge asked that Resolution No. 17-129 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Weinstein, to suspend the rule

requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 17-129. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge and Mrs. Bigham

Mr. Wooldredge questioned the bid award to Lou Ritenour Decorators, and he inquired of the City's experience with this company. Mr. Hutchinson said that this bidder is experienced with Town Hall, they have done good work in the past, and they were able to give the City a solid bid for Town Hall Façade Restoration Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to pass Resolution No. 17-129. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. Hanink

11. Legislation

- A. [17-115](#) **AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HUDSON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO RE-DESIGNATE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX REVENUES SO AS TO COMBINE THE PREVIOUSLY-DESIGNATED FUNDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Executive Summary: This Ordinance will allow the question of whether or not the City should combine the Fire and EMS share of income taxes to go to the November 2017 ballot.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 03-226, passed 12-17-03, for Ballot Issue Increasing Income Tax from 1% to 2%](#)
[Ordinance No. 17-115](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 17-115, which constituted its third reading.

Dr. Williams said that he was not ready to make this decision, suggesting that the Ordinance instead be considered as a May 8, 2018, Ballot Issue. Mr. Hanink agreed, noting that additional discussion is necessary regarding EMS operations and billing to ensure long-term sustainability for EMS. Mrs. Bigham agreed. Mr. Hanink said that he prefers removing all percentages and making Council in charge of allocating resources. Discussion followed regarding timing, and Mr. Hunt said that the deadline for passage will be early Feb. for the May 8, 2018, Ballot. Mayor Basil said that this Ordinance could be discussed at a workshop before coming off the table.

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to table Ordinance No. 17-115 to the first regular meeting in January 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Kelemen

- B. [17-116](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 220.05(b), “EXECUTIVE SESSION, REASONS,” AND SECTION 206.02, “MEETINGS TO BE PUBLIC: EXCEPTIONS,” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE MOST CURRENT AND RELEVANT LIST OF TOPICS PERMITTED TO BE DISCUSSED BY A PUBLIC BODY DURING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Executive Summary: This Ordinance will update the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson to include the most recent additions to the list of discussion topics that members of a public body may consider in an executive session pursuant to RC § 121.22(G) that are applicable to a municipal corporation in Ohio.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 17-116](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Ordinance No. 17-116, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to pass Ordinance No. 17-116. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen and Mr. Weinstein

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Basil adjourned the Council meeting at 8:38 p.m.

David A. Basil, 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.