



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final 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, March 13, 2018

6:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Basil, President of Council Wooldredge called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 6:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Staff in Attendance: Ms. Howington, City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Ersing, Network Systems Administrator; Mr. Griffith, Management/Budget Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Leedham, Information Systems Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Ms. Reich, Office Manager; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Stifler, Economic Development Director; Mr. Vazzana, Assistant City Attorney.

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Dr. Williams, to enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to consider a personnel matter regarding the appointment of a public official, to interview Park Board applicants. Mr. Wooldredge recessed the meeting at 6:31 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Mr. Wooldredge reconvened the Council workshop at 7:42 p.m.

3. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Hanink requested that City staff begin enforcing the Land Development Code on the use of A-frame signs along Main Street. He stated that it is a hazard to pedestrians and unsightly. Discussion followed, which included enforcing now or waiting until the Land Development Code is rewritten, regulating size and location of signs, and having a discussion with the Main Street merchants. Mr. Wooldredge asked staff to get input from the Main Street merchants in regards to what they would like to see and then return to a future workshop with the results.

Ms. Bigham stated that she received 3 letters from constituents in regards to littering, the traffic control box at the corner of Main Street and Hudson-Aurora, and building a gym for kids (see letters attached to file copy of minutes).

4. Discussion Item

A. Velocity Broadband Finances and Operations

Ms. Howington introduced Velocity Broadband and gave an overview on the discussion item, which included a financial analysis of initial and current conditions to inform Council and clarify information in preparation for additional discussion scheduled for the Council Workshop on April 10, 2018. Mr. Knoblauch reviewed the current financial forecast compared to Magellan's projections and future suggested improvements to Velocity Broadband. Council discussion followed, including difference in tiers and upgrading current customers, strategy for obtaining new customers, capital costs related to Downtown Phase 2, residential service, and expansion into other communities.

This matter was discussed.

5. Items to be Added to Future Agendas

None.

6. Executive Session

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to enter into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to consider a personnel matter regarding the employment of a public employee. Mr. Wooldredge recessed the meeting at 9:24 p.m. after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Bigham, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

Mr. Wooldredge reconvened the Council workshop at 9:54 p.m.

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Wooldredge adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:55 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.