



# City of Hudson, Ohio

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

*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, May 15, 2018

7:30 PM

Town Hall

---

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**3. Roll Call**

**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. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mrs. Slagle, Clerk of Council; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Ersing, Network Systems Administrator; Mr. Griffith, Management/Budget Director; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leedham, Information Systems Director; Mr. Leiter, Production Assistant; Mr. Powell, Assistant Public Works Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Sheridan, Assistant City Manager - Professional Services; Mr. Stifler, Economic Development Director; and Mrs. VanBlarcum, HCTV Programming Director*

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

**A. [18-0044](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings**

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

**Attachments:** [May 1, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT](#)  
[May 8, 2018 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

## 5. Honorary Resolutions

### A. [18-67](#) A RESOLUTION THANKING MR. FRANK YOUNGWERTH FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HUDSON COMMUNITY.

**Executive Summary:** This Resolution provides recognition and thanks to Frank Youngwerth for his dedicated service to the community.

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 18-67](#)

*Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 18-67 in its entirety, thanking Mr. Youngwerth for his contributions to the Hudson community. Council members also thanked him and spoke of his dedication and passion for HCTV and the community. Mayor Basil said that Mr. Youngwerth epitomizes the volunteer spirit of Hudson, and his contributions are a testament to his commitment. Mr. Youngwerth thanked elected officials and Barbara VanBlarcum, and he expressed gratitude for his involvement with HCTV and "Good Day in Hudson".*

**A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Resolution No. 18-67. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

### B. [18-68](#) A RESOLUTION HONORING R. TODD HUNT FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF HUDSON.

**Executive Summary:** This Resolution recognizes Todd Hunt for his dedicated service.

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 18-68](#)

*Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 18-68 in its entirety. Mayor Basil and Council members expressed appreciation for Mr. Hunt's dedicated service and valuable legal expertise, and they looked forward to his continued service with the City. Ms. Howington also thanked him, and she explained that, going forward, Mr. Hunt will focus on more complex legal issues in the role of Special Counsel for the City.*

**A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, to pass Resolution No. 18-68. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

## 6. Public Comments

*Ms. Liz Murphy, 143 Ravenna Street, spoke in favor of the Community-Wide Fiber Initiative, and affiliated Resolution Nos. 18-65 and 18-66, calling it a win for everyone, with lower costs for Internet service at faster speeds, greater efficiency, and the ability to handle multiple devices. She said the service is attractive to younger people and businesses, increases Hudson's appeal, and will improve property values. She urged Council to place this issue on the November ballot and urged voters to read information on City's website.*

*Mr. Jerald Moss, attorney, of 405 Kenmar Parkway in Broadview Heights, spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Pet Cemetery Association, owner of property located adjacent to 7008 Walters Road, and Mr. Iannaggi. He said that there has been no change in the status of all pending litigation with the Romans, owners of the subject property. For reasons of public health, safety, and welfare, he urged Council to reject Resolution No. 18-56 and said that the City would effectively be siding with the Romans if Council supported this Resolution.*

*Mr. Bob Bellin, 6325 Paderborne Drive, spoke in favor of the Community-Wide Fiber Initiative, but he suggested the City speed up deployment to a year, outsource operations, and hire a company to manage it. He*

*suggested tabling Resolution Nos. 18-65 and 18-66 to allow for further evaluation.*

*Mr. Steve Libby, 359 West Streetsboro Street, spoke in favor of the Community-Wide Fiber Initiative and its advantages over current services offered by Spectrum, and he predicted that consumer demand will only grow.*

*Mr. Matthew Zipay, 205 Brentwood Drive, spoke in favor of the Community-Wide Fiber Initiative, agreeing with previous speakers. He said that the key issue will be the ability of service providers to meet future Internet needs.*

*Mr. Chris Thomas, Spectrum, Director of Government Affairs, 530 S. Main Street, Akron, spoke of services currently offered by Charter/Spectrum, as well as the company's plans to offer enhanced services in the future. He said that the company is committed to expanding its fiber network, and he spoke against the City's Community-Wide Fiber Initiative.*

*Mrs. Sara Norman, 2212 Edgeview Drive, encouraged officials to more strictly enforce the City's Land Development and Zoning Codes in order to help preserve Hudson's character. She also spoke against the City's Community-Wide Fiber Initiative, saying that citizens are overtaxed, and it is not the government's role to manage communications.*

*Mrs. Pam Reed, 7631 Herrick Park Drive, spoke as a resident and business owner in favor of the Community-Wide Fiber Initiative, stressing the importance of fast and reliable Internet service.*

*Mr. Jeremy Skelly, 1566 Barlow Road, spoke in favor of the Community-Wide Fiber Initiative. He urged officials to consider Internet services as important as electricity or water. He believed that the City can provide quality Internet service for less than the current provider, and he trusted the City to manage it properly.*

## **7. Correspondence and Council Comments**

*Mr. Kelemen said that while he was not present at the May 8, 2018, workshop, he was dismayed by the conversation that took place regarding Velocity Broadband. As a Council person, he said that he is not critical, distrustful or doubtful of staff; however he explained that Council's role is be skeptical, to take advice from residents and to ask questions on their behalf. He said that residents rely on Council members to ask questions. He asked if there are better options for the Community-Wide Fiber Initiative.*

## **8. Report of Manager**

*Ms. Howington recognized John Colabro for his duty to the country and service to the City. She said that he works very hard as a volunteer firefighter, is currently in the U.S. Army National Guard, and is going through Army ROTC. She noted that service to community and service to country often go hand in hand.*

### **A. Tobacco 21 Initiative: Cory Kendrick, Population Health Director, Summit County Public Health**

*Ms. Howington introduced Cory Kendrick, who spoke about the Tobacco 21 Initiative to raise the minimum age of tobacco use to 21 years of age. He said that this solution would take access out of the social circles of students at 14-18 years of age, making it much more difficult for youth to start smoking and vaping. He urged City Council to help make a positive impact to improve youth health by passing a Resolution in support of this nation-wide initiative. Discussion followed regarding fees and fines, as well as current efforts to support the initiative at the state level. (See supplemental materials attached to file copy of these minutes).*

**B. Velocity Broadband Initiative**

*Ms. Howington explained that staff was prepared to respond to recent questions raised by Council regarding the Community-Wide Fiber Initiative. Mr. Leedham and Mr. Ersing provided a 6-year history of the City's Velocity Broadband, referring to Council direction in the Strategic Plan 2012-2017, subsequent steps taken to build-out fiber to primary businesses, and potential future steps to extend fiber to the greater community in 24 months. Discussion followed regarding due diligence in projecting capital expenditures, operating costs and revenue, benefits of fiber compared to existing technologies, funding options and business models, including property tax, establishing a utility and potential partnerships, resident comments, customer response time, and tracking quality measures.*

**9. Appointments**

*Mr. Wooldredge said that the City is accepting applications for the Architectural & Historic Board of Review and the Tree Commission through May 18, 2018.*

**10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Dr. Williams, 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:** 7 - Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. DeSaussure

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

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

**A. [18-0045](#)****A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the April 2018 Monthly Financial Report**

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

**Attachments:** [April 2018 Financial Report](#)

**This motion was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

- B. [18-69](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ALSTOM GRID, LLC FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MAJOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROSPECT STREET SUBSTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**  
**Executive Summary:** This contract is for the purchase of 69Kv Circuit Breakers which will be provided by Alstom Grid LLC. This equipment is required for the completion of scheduled upgrades as part the Prospect Street Substation Improvement project.  
**Attachments:**      [69Kv Gas Circuit Breakers for Prospect St. Substation Improvements](#)  
                                 [Resolution No. 18-69](#)

Resolution No. 18-69 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [18-71](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE INC. FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE INGLESIDE DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PID 107018); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
**Executive Summary:** The existing bridge on Ingleside Drive is in poor condition and rated structurally deficient. The City applied for and was awarded federal funds through the Municipal Bridge Program for the replacement of the Ingleside Drive Bridge.  
**Attachments:**      [Resolution No. 18-71](#)

Resolution No. 18-71 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [18-72](#)      **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:** Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation uses the Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant (FEEEG) Program to partner with Ohio employers to minimize exposure to dangerous environmental elements. The program is available to eligible Ohio employers who wish to purchase qualified/allowed items for optimal protection against exposures.  
**Attachments:**      [Resolution No. 18-72](#)

Resolution No. 18-72 was passed on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [18-73](#)      **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH R. TODD HUNT OF THE LAW FIRM OF WALTER|HAVERFIELD LLP FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES.**

**Executive Summary:** This Resolution will authorize a new agreement with Todd Hunt for special counsel services.

**Attachments:**      [Ordinance No. 18-73](#)

**Ordinance No. 18-73 was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

- G. [18-0046](#)      **A MOTION THAT CITY COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MR. MATTHEW VAZZANA AS CITY SOLICITOR.**

**Executive Summary:** Pursuant to Charter Section 8.03, a majority of City Council members must concur with the City Manager's recommendation to appoint a City Solicitor.

**This motion was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

- C. [18-70](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SIRKOCH ASSOCIATES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MAJOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PROSPECT STREET SUBSTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

**Executive Summary:** This contract is for the purchase of six (6) 7.62Kv Distribution Regulators which will be provided by Sirkoch Associates. This equipment is required for the completion of scheduled upgrades as part the Prospect Street Substation Improvement project.

**Attachments:**      [Bid Tab Report for Six 7.62 Kv Distribution Voltage Regulators](#)  
                                 [Resolution No. 18-70](#)

*Mr. Wooldredge asked that Resolution No. 18-70 be removed from 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 Resolution No. 18-70. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*Mr. Wooldredge asked if there were any competitive bids, and Mr. Powell explained that there were no other bids received.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Wooldredge, seconded by Mr. Hanink, to pass Resolution No. 18-70. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**11. Legislation**

- A. [18-56](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A NEW AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR JOHN ROMAN, 7005 WALTERS ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO. (As Revised 5/15/2018)**

**Executive Summary:** Mr. John Roman has submitted the attached Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for property located at 7005 Walters Road in Hudson.

**Attachments:** [Application for Placement of Farmland in Agricultural Dist - 7005 Walters Rd](#)  
[Letter to Council from Applicant - J. Roman](#)  
[Anticipated Farm Income - 7005 Walters Rd](#)  
[Map](#)  
[Code Enforcement Inspection Report - 7005 Walters Rd 4-4-18](#)  
[Public Hearing Notice 4-8-18](#)  
[Resolution No. 18-56 \(As Introduced 4/17/2018\)](#)  
[Resolution No. 18-56 \(As Revised 5/15/2018\)](#)

**Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 18-56, which constituted its third reading**

*Mr. Hunt advised that Council must take action on Resolution No. 18-56 at this meeting. Mr. DeSaussure commented that the FOPCA is doing a great job running the pet cemetery. He spoke in support of the Resolution and said that the City is not trying to intervene in lawsuits between the FOPCA and the Romans. He said that the subject property qualifies for an Agricultural Use District, and the application was timely submitted by Mr. Roman in accordance with statute. Mayor Basil agreed and noted that the Resolution obligates the applicant to comply with the City's Land Development Code.*

**A motion was made by Mr. DeSaussure, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to pass Resolution No. 18-56. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

- B.        [18-65](#)        A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF CITY IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A COMMUNITY-WIDE FIBER NETWORK IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$21,000,000 AND A PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO SUPPORT THE BONDS. (As Revised 5/15/2018)**

**Executive Summary:** This Resolution is a State Code-required precursor to legislation placing a voted bond issue/property tax levy on the ballot. A copy of this Resolution will be sent to the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the estimated annual property taxes from the levy.

**Attachments:**        [Hudson City Schools - Resolution of Necessity](#)  
                                 [Resolution No. 18-65 \(As Introduced 5/1/2018\)](#)  
                                 [Resolution No. 18-65 \(As Revised 5/15/2018\)](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution 18-65, which constituted its second reading.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bigham, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No.18-65. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Aye:**    3 -    Mrs. Bigham, Mr. Hanink and Mr. Kelemen

**Nay:**    4 -    Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge

- C.        [18-66](#)        A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF IMPROVEMENT BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$21,000,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE FIBER NETWORK AND A PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO SUPPORT THE BONDS. (As Revised 5/15/2018)**

**Executive Summary:** This Resolution is to allow Hudson voters to determine whether or not they support funding the capital buildout of a community-wide fiber network through a property tax levy.

**Attachments:**        [Resolution No. 18-66 \(As Introduced 5/1/2018\)](#)  
                                 [Resolution No. 18-66 \(As Revised 5/15/2018\)](#)

Mayor Basil read the title of Resolution No. 18-66, which constituted its second reading.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bigham, seconded by Mr. Kelemen, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 18-66. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Aye:**    3 -    Mr. Hanink, Mr. Kelemen and Mrs. Bigham

**Nay:**    4 -    Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge



- D.        [18-74](#)        **A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND BEST PRACTICES.**  
**Executive Summary:** The City government in its culture and actions will reflect its commitment to environmental sustainability and will continuously improve environmental practices and will continue to strive to be a model of environmental best practices for the future of the community.  
**Attachments:**        [Resolution No. 18-74](#)

Mayor Basil read Resolution No. 18-74 in its entirety, which constituted its first reading.

A motion was made by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Wooldredge, to suspend the rule requiring three readings to allow for passage of Resolution No. 18-74. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Aye:**    4 -    Mr. Hanink, Mr. Weinstein, Dr. Williams and Mr. Wooldredge  
**Nay:**    3 -    Mr. Kelemen, Mrs. Bigham and Mr. DeSaussure

## 12.        **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Basil adjourned the Council meeting at 9:53 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.*