



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Workshop

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor
Christopher W. Foster, President of Council (Ward 2)
Christopher A. Banweg, Council Member (At-Large)
Michael W. Bird, Council Member (Ward 4)
Patricia L. Goetz, Council Member (Ward 1)
Karen E. Heater, Council Member (At-Large)
Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager
Marshal Pitchford, Acting City Solicitor & Special Counsel
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22, and he handed the workshop over to President of Council Foster, in accordance with Council Rules.

Present: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 1 - Dr. Bird

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Comeriato, Assistant City Manager - Operations; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Varnes, Fire/EMS Chief; and Mr. Wash, Assistant Public Works Director.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mr. Sutton stated that Christ Community Chapel reached out to him regarding them being mentioned in the lease agreement that went before Council last week and asked that they be removed, as they are not part of the lease. He further noted that he has a conflict of interest regarding the Resolution to enter into a contract with Osborn Engineering, and requested someone pull that item so he can recuse himself from that vote.

Mr. Banweg addressed some questions he has received regarding the case involving a Hudson High School student. He further noted the Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 27th, and is looking forward to the community coming together for this event.

Mayor Anzevino stated that Ascent Chamber Music Festival will be holding a unique event on the Gazebo Green on June 27th at 7:00 p.m., he and Mr. Sheridan had an introductory meeting with Akron Mayor Malik, May 17th and May 18th are Poppy Days with poppies being passed out at Acme and Drug Mart, he will film Season 2 Episode 4 of Meet the Merchants on May 16th, and he presented a recognition certificate to Ms. Jill Centrello earlier this evening for her work with giving back to the City.

Mr. Foster addressed the case involving a Hudson High School student. He further provided an update on the

Planning Commission meeting that was held on May 13, 2024.

3. Discussion Items

A. [24-0047](#) **Fire and EMS Discussion with Council**

Brief Description: This meeting will be a brief review of Hudson Fire and EMS current operational models as well as an updated review of a combined full-time Fire and EMS model that was first brought to Council in April of 2022. Those reviews will be followed by a discussion on the proposed feasibility of creating a “hybrid model” for staffing the fire department with personnel on station during all hours, in which current daytime staff is not on duty.

Attachments: [Fire-EMS Options Summary - Attachment A](#)
[Part Time Hybrid Model Attachment B](#)
[Hybrid Model Discussion Points](#)
[Population Density - Urban vs Rural Map](#)

Mr. Sheridan stated that Mr. Foster requested discussion on a hybrid full-time EMS and Fire model that was previously brought to Council in 2022.

Chief Varnes reviewed the 4 different Fire/EMS options which included associated costs, satellite stations, number of calls, rural vs. suburban requirements, and staffed vs. un-staffed response times. Discussion followed regarding the cost noted for the Safety Center and what was included in that cost, staffing of satellite locations, criteria to move from rural to suburban, and response time increase for hybrid scenario.

This matter was discussed.

B. [TMP-7274](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A NEW PARK FACILITY RESERVATION POLICY.**

Brief Description:

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Mr. Foster provided an explanation on the reasoning for this policy. Mr. Wash reviewed the policy change which includes no more than 50% of the tennis and pickleball courts may be utilized for a reservation and can only occur one-time a year. Discussion followed that included addition of not allowing reservations on holiday weekends, possibility of not allowing reservations at all for the courts, reservations only for Hudson groups, and only allow events that are fundraising for improvements to Park facilities.

This matter was discussed.

C. [TMP-7276](#) **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A HUDSON CITY FLAG, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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Mayor Anzevino outlined the changes that were made to the City Flag which updated parapets at top of clock tower, bolded Hudson, radius on white arch changed to a single radius, and updated the star in upper left quadrant. Discussion followed that included removal of the star and increase rule lines next to Est. 1799. Mr. Sheridan stated that he will have a proof of the flag done to show Council the final design.

This matter was discussed.

- D. [TMP-7281](#) **A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 08-147 AND WITHDRAWING THE AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS FOR JOINT PLANNING AND ECONOMIC PURPOSES.**

Brief Description: A memorandum of understanding was signed by former Hudson Mayor William Currin and former Boston Heights Mayor Bill Goney.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 08-147](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Sutton stated that he requested that this be repealed to provide clarity to the property owners in this area.

This matter was discussed.

4. Proposed Consent Agenda for May 21, 2024, Council Meeting

- A. [TMP-7275](#) **A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the April 2024 Monthly Financial Report**

Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [April 2024 Financial Report](#)

This Motion was forwarded for further consideration at the May 21, 2024, Council meeting.

- B. [TMP-7271](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF HUDSON FOR THE 2023 AUDIT.**

Brief Description: This legislation authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract for the City's annual audit for 2023.

Attachments: [City of Hudson FY23 Engagement Letter](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Responding to a question, Mr. Knoblauch stated that the City has utilized a private auditing firm for the past 10 years, and typically after 10 years, the State Auditor's office will require that they perform the audit.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the May 21, 2024, Council meeting.

- C. [TMP-7254](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH OSBORN ENGINEERING FOR THE VETERAN’S WAY RETAINING WALL FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

Brief Description: The Veterans Way Retaining Wall Feasibility Study will develop a set of alternative design solutions that will be used to identify the final construction design method to repair a failing retaining wall originally constructed with the Milford Road Connector project located near the Veterans Way railroad overpass.

Attachments: [Location Map](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Sutton stated that he will need to recuse himself from this Resolution, due to a conflict.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the May 21, 2024, Council meeting.

- D. [TMP-7269](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (“LPA”) AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ADAPTIVE SIGNALS PROJECT (PID# 106924); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The Adaptive Signals Project is funded in part by federal funds and must adhere to all Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) requirements. The Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) administers the project funding through a Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grant. After the project bids were opened, staff contacted AMATS to inquire about additional grant funding. AMATS confirmed the availability of \$347,541, bringing the total CMAQ grant to \$2,666,480. ODOT then requires the City to approve an amended agreement and cover 20% of the local match, along with any project cost overruns. ODOT will contribute a maximum of 80% toward eligible construction costs.

Attachments: [Amended LPA Agreement](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the May 21, 2024, Council meeting.

- E. [TMP-7272](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A HUDSON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE VEHICLE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This resolution authorizes the sale of an EMS vehicle “as is” to Church Hill Rescue Squad in Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the May 21, 2024, Council meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation for May 21, 2024, Council Meeting

- A. [24-49](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 410.01, SCHEDULE I, “EXISTING POSTED SPEED LIMITS,” OF THE TRAFFIC CODE TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 35 MILES PER HOUR TO 30 MILES PER HOUR ON E. STREETSBORO STREET (SR 303) BETWEEN COLLEGE STREET AND N. HAYDEN PARKWAY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Based upon the results of a recent Speed Zone Study submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation, it has been determined that the speed limit along E. Streetsboro Street (SR 303) from College Street to N. Hayden Parkway should be lowered from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Attachments: [Exhibit - SR 303 Speed Limit Lowering](#)
[Ordinance No. 24-49](#)

Ordinance No. 24-49 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 21, 2024, Council meeting.

- B. [24-50](#) **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL TO CONTINUE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS AND JOB CREATION GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF SUMMIT.**

Brief Description: The City has established a Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) to periodically review each existing Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and Job Creation Grant Agreement for compliance and to make recommendations to continue, modify or terminate each of the agreements. The duly appointed TIRC met on March 5, 2024, reviewed each CRA and Job Creation Grant Agreement and made certain recommendations to City Council.

Attachments: [TIRC Minutes 3.5.2024](#)
[Resolution No. 24-50](#)

Resolution No. 24-50 was forwarded for further consideration at the May 21, 2024, Council meeting.

- C. [24-58](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1064 ENTITLED “COMMUNITY ROOMS” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE RENTAL FEE EXEMPTIONS**

Brief Description: This code amendment was first discussed at the January 9, 2024, workshop. The amendment would authorize the Hudson troop organizations of the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, to be exempt from rental fees associated with city rental space. At the January meeting the Council requested that the legislative language be reviewed. This has been completed and is being brought back to the Council for consideration.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-58 \(revised for 5-7-24\)](#)

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6. **Items to be Added to Future Agendas**

Mr. Foster noted that a Proclamation related to Principal Trivelli retirement and patriot award will appear on the May 21, 2024, Council agenda.

7. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Foster adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Christopher W. Foster, President of Council

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Business Operations Manager - Professional Services .

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