



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council Workshop

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor
Michael W. Bird, President of Council (Ward 4)
Kyle Brezovec, Council Member (At-Large)
Samantha D'Eramo, Council Member (At-Large)
Patricia L. Goetz, Council Member (Ward 1)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)
Amanda Weinstein, Council Member (At-Large)
Dan White, Council Member (Ward 2)

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

Saturday, January 17, 2026

9:00 AM

City Hall
1140 Terex Road

Special Workshop: Council Retreat

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 9:00 a.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 Bird, in accordance with Council Rules.

Present: 6 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Brezovec, Ms. D'Eramo, Dr. Goetz, Dr. Weinstein and Mr. White

Absent: 1 - Mr. Sutton

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; and Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects.

Ms. D'Eramo entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

None.

3. Discussion Items

- A. [26-0002](#) **Council Retreat 2026**
Brief Description: The Mayor, Council, and City staff will discuss pertinent

topics related to the City of Hudson.

Attachments: [Council Retreat](#)

1. City Council Items

A.) Dr. Bird spoke about continuing education and evidence-based studies. He encouraged new members to attend the Ohio Municipal League training.

B.) Dr. Goetz raised an issue brought forward by the Park Board funding the Boston Mills Road Trail. Discussion followed as to the purpose of the trail, what fund it should come from, and the difference between a sidewalk and a trail. Council further discussed upgrading Middleton Park, developing Robinson Park, and the cost-benefit of competition pickleball lighting versus recreational lighting.

C.) Council discussed removing the limit on campaign contributions or aligning the requirements with what the State allows.

D.) Council has already discussed the amendment to Ordinance No. 22-79, Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions, at a previous Council meeting.

E.) Council was in favor of an annual training session for boards and commissions, including their specific roles in the City, mission statements, and duties.

F.) Dr. Bird discussed ideas for codifying responsibilities for Council in their board liaison roles. Dr. Weinstein introduced the creation of a Public Safety Commission and Arts Commission or subcommittee, and expanding the role of the Environmental Awareness Committee related to ecosystems, flooding, conservation, and energy portfolios.

G.) Discussion followed about how best to notify applicants who have been appointed to a board or commission and to those who were not selected. Dr. Bird also suggested having applicants identify their first and second preference of boards.

H.) Following the vacancy of the Ward 2 Councilmember, Mayor Anzevino stated that he heard from residents wanting to know who had applied because the City did not post the information. There was consensus to, for future vacancies, post the applicants after the deadline had passed. Mayor Anzevino also suggested extending the time period to fill a vacancy from 60 days to a longer time period.

I.) Dr. Weinstein asked about the strategy for grant funding and to re-prioritize projects based on the grant funding landscape. Mr. Sheridan sought Council's consensus on using funds for different waterline projects with previous funding received from Congresswoman Sykes' office.

J.) Mr. Sheridan requested that the Mayor and Council copy him when communicating with staff, and shared how he communicates with the Mayor & Council.

2. Administration (Priority "A" items)

A.) Mr. Knoblauch stated that the Five Year Plan was adjusted due to the loss of JoAnn's and the City was able to absorb the loss as a result. He noted that the City moved connectivity projects from "funded" to "unfunded", which allowed the City to maintain a 40% carryover balance. Mr. Knoblauch also discussed the "Budget In Brief" document that is mailed out to all households and said that he receives a lot of positive feedback about it. Also discussed was HCTV funding, Fire/EMS hybrid staff funding, and the potential of a portion of the income tax coming back to the City in the future.

B.) Mr. Knoblauch provided information on the 4-year roll-out of Fiber to the Home and the pros and cons of decreasing the connection time to 3.5 years.

C.) Mr. Sheridan summarized the research done by the Recreation Center Subcommittee, stating that a center in Hudson is not currently budgeted, and most operate "in the red".

D.) Mr. Sheridan described what a Senior Van would look like and function as - taking residents to doctor appointments, grocery stores, and pharmacy certain days of the week. He said he would bring back to Council once it's ready for more discussion.

E.) Mr. Sheridan stated that Fire & EMS Renovations came in low, around \$2.3 million, and this will allow full time fire staffing by Labor Day.

F.) Mr. Griffith stated that a public meeting will be held in February regarding storm studies, which will require \$25 million in projects.

G.) Mr. Griffith noted that Mrs. Behnke spent the majority of 2025 working to authenticate the Hudson Innovation Park (former YDC property), which allows the State to promote it among a small number of properties.

H.) Mr. Griffith provided a brief background on Clinton Crossing (formerly known as Downtown Phase 2), citing a need to re-start the subcommittee and complete interviews.

I.) Discussion followed regarding District 11 and the timeline of when it should appear before Council. There was consensus to discuss at the January 27 Council Workshop, February 9 Planning Commission meeting, and a public hearing on February 17.

Administration (Priority "B" items)

J.) Mr. Sheridan updated Council on the Norfolk Southern land purchase between Barlow Road and Veterans Way.

K.) Regarding the HAWK signal, Dr. Goetz spoke with the resident who would benefit from it, and it was decided not to move forward with the project.

L.) Mr. Sheridan stated that the Hines Hill Road Bridge is in the design phase now, with a total City cost of \$2.8 million.

M.) Mr. Griffith updated Council on Mrs. Behnke's economic development efforts, including a focus on business retention, the Hudson Innovation Park, District 11, Clinton Crossing, and working with the schools for tax incentives.

N.) Mr. Sheridan stated that Mr. Powell will update Council on power sources.

O.) Mr. Sheridan provided an explanation on why the property was purchased, citing battery storage to take electricity off the load.

P.) Mr. Sheridan said that staff evaluates winter issues every spring to improve City functions.

Q.) Mr. Sheridan stated that Peg's Foundation and Western Reserve Academy are also celebrating milestone anniversaries, so celebrations around July 4th will have bigger events.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the special workshop adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Michael Bird, President of Council

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

Workshop Minutes prepared by Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council.

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