



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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 7, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive Session starting at 6:30 p.m.; followed by Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the meeting 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.

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, to enter into executive session for the purpose of interviewing applicants for boards and commissions. Invited to executive session were all members of Council and the Mayor. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

Aye: 4 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz and Mrs. Heater

Mr. Sutton entered the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Mayor Anzevino reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 2 - Mr. Banweg and Mrs. Kowalski

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Pitchford, Acting City Solicitor; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager -

Financial/Special Projects; and Ms. Andrus, Community Access Coordinator.

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [24-0045](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [April 16, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[April 23, 2024 Council Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)
[April 25, 2024 Council and Planning Commission Special Workshop - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bird, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mr. Sutton, Dr. Bird and Mr. Foster

6. Proclamation

A. [24-0046](#) Special Recognition of Poppy Days

Brief Description: Mayor Anzevino will proclaim May 17th and May 18th, 2024 in Hudson, recognizing Poppy Days.

Attachments: [Poppy Days 2024](#)

Members from the American Legion Auxiliary accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Correspondence and Council Comments

Dr. Goetz attended a Soccer 4 All event on Saturday, announced several concerts at the high school, and mentioned the Bike and Brainstorm event starting at the library on Saturday.

Mrs. Heater met with the Fiber to Residents team and said that they will come back to Council with recommendations.

Mr. Foster stated that the subcommittee met with the Department of Youth Services about YDC.

Mayor Anzevino congratulated students who participated in Lemonade Day, thanked the Hudson Kiwanis Club for inviting him to speak, reminded residents to use sunscreen this summer, and wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

9. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan noted the Bike and Brainstorm event on Saturday, May 11th, acknowledged Public Service Recognition Week, and announced the annual road tour on Saturday, May 18th.

10. Appointments

There were no appointments but Mr. Foster announced the May 10th application deadline for Board of Zoning & Building Appeals, Architectural & Historic Board of Review, and Tree Commission.

11. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to suspend the rule requiring three readings, except for Ordinance No. 24-55 and Resolution No. 24-57. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mrs. Heater, Mr. Sutton, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster and Dr. Goetz

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to approve the Consent Agenda, except for Ordinance No. 24-55 and Resolution No. 24-57. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Sutton, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz and Mrs. Heater

- A. [24-51](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION FOR COOPERATION AND COST SHARING FOR THE WIDENING OF PROSPECT STREET OVER THE TURNPIKE.**

Brief Description: The project would include the design and construction costs to widen the Ohio Turnpike's bridge on Prospect Street, so that a future trail along the west side of Prospect Street can be constructed by the City.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Project Location Map](#)
[Exhibit B - Prospect OTIC Bridge Report \(MP 182.1\)](#)
[Exhibit C - Agreement](#)
[Resolution No. 24-51](#)

Resolution No. 24-51 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- B. [24-52](#) **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 210.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF HUDSON AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING DESIGN SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description This Ordinance would allow staff to obtain pricing from professional design firms by soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP's) in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 153.69.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 24-52](#)

Ordinance No. 24-52 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [24-53](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE W. STREETSBORO STREET (SR 303) SIDEWALK INSTALLATION PROJECT.**

Brief Description: The project includes the installation of a new sidewalk along W. Streetsboro Street (SR 303) from Nicholson Drive to Terex Road.

Attachments: [W. Streetsboro Sidewalk Exhibit](#)

[Resolution No. 24-53](#)

Resolution No. 24-53 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [24-54](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERRAM ELECTRIC, INC. AND INCREASE FUNDS FOR THE ADAPTIVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT (PID 116924); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Bids were received on April 16, 2024, with the lowest bid being \$3,121,000. The City's Engineer's Estimate on this project was \$2,520,078.85. Per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) guidelines, the Engineer's Estimate is able to be corrected when, after bids are received, and it is discovered that the unit cost of certain item(s) have been understated in the Engineer's Estimate. In accordance with FHWA & ODOT guidelines, the correct Engineer's Estimate is now \$3,121,000. Staff is now requesting permission to increase funding for the Adaptive Traffic Signal project based upon the corrected Engineer's Estimate.

Attachments: [Adaptive Signals Budget Worksheet](#)

[Resolution No. 24-54](#)

Resolution No. 24-54 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [24-56](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JEREMY IOSUE OF THE LAW FIRM OF STEFANIK IOSUE & ASSOCIATES FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES IN LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The City would like to enter into an agreement with Jeremy Iosue for Labor and Employment Law special counsel.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Stefanik Iosue & Associates Agreement](#)

[Resolution No. 24-56](#)

Resolution No. 24-56 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Removed from the Consent Agenda

- E. [24-55](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-134, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, BY MAKING ADDITIONAL AND/OR AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS RELATED TO LEGAL EXPENSES**

Brief Description: This Ordinance amends appropriations for legal services involving the censuring case.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Censure Legal Appropriations](#)
 [Ordinance No. 24-55](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater and Mr. Sutton

Dr. Goetz stated that she did not think Council should spend any more money on the censure. Mr. Sutton responded that Council has a legal obligation to defend itself.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bird, that Ordinance No. 24-55 be adopted with rule suspension. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mr. Sutton and Dr. Bird

Nay: 1 - Dr. Goetz

- G. [24-57](#) **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARSHAL M. PITCHFORD AS THE CITY SOLICITOR AND SPECIAL COUNSEL, APPOINTING MR. PITCHFORD AND DiCAUDO, PITCHFORD & YODER AS SPECIAL COUNSEL, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: 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. The City Manager is appointing Marshal Pitchford as City Solicitor and reappointing Mr. Pitchford and the law firm of DiCaudo, Pitchford & Yoder as Special Counsel.

Attachments: [Solicitor Interview Rankings - FINAL COMBINED](#)
 [Exhibit A: DPY Agreement for Solicitor](#)
 [Resolution No. 24-57](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mr. Sutton, Dr. Bird and Mr. Foster

Dr. Goetz stated her concerns about Mr. Pitchford being spread too thin amongst several communities. Mr.

Foster responded that he found Mr. Pitchford to be more responsive than previous City Solicitors and Dr. Bird learned that this appears to be normal for smaller communities.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, that Resolution No. 24-57 be adopted with rule suspension. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mrs. Heater, Mr. Sutton, Dr. Bird and Mr. Foster

Nay: 1 - Dr. Goetz

12. Legislation

- A. [24-38](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CHRIST COMMUNITY CHAPEL AND ITS THE MEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY FOR SPACE AT CITY HALL.**

Brief Description: The Men of the Word Bible Study group would like to secure a space in City Hall.

Attachments: [Men of the Word Bible Study cabinet](#)

[Exhibit A: Rental Agreement: The Men of the Word Bible Study](#)

[Resolution No. 24-38](#)

Mr. Sutton indicated he did not support the legislation because city-owned things should be in City Hall, and the City should not engage in this type of business. Dr. Bird stated that unless the City wants to provide the appropriate accoutrements that groups need to use the space, the City should allow the group to have space for a cabinet in the closet. Mr. Foster commented that he would support this legislation because there is a limit on the group's ability to renew the lease.

A motion was made by Mrs. Heater, seconded by Dr. Bird, that Resolution No. 24-38 be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz and Mrs. Heater

Nay: 1 - Mr. Sutton

- B. [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](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 24-49, which constituted its second reading.

- C. [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](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 24-50, which constituted its second reading.

**D. [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 \(revised for 5-7-24\)](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 24-58, which constituted its first reading.

13. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, the City Manager, and the Acting City Solicitor. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 5 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater and Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. He reconvened the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

Aparna Wheeler, 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.