



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

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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 Bird, in accordance with Council Rules.

Present: 7 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Brezovec, Ms. D'Eramo, Dr. Goetz, Mr. Sutton, Dr. Weinstein and Mr. White

Others & Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Ersing, Assistant IT Director; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leedham, Innovation & Technology Director; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; Mr. Powell, Public Works Director; and Ms. Stasik, Community Relations Manager.

2. Correspondence and Council Comments

Dr. Goetz thanked the Public Works Department for keeping the streets clear.

Mayor Anzevino thanked 3 young adults for assisting with shoveling a driveway to allow EMS access to a residence. He further reported that he attended the Mayor's meeting earlier in the day and held discussions with the leadership team of the Young Entrepreneur Institute.

Dr. Bird asked Council Members to get back to him regarding information he sent out in regards to Boards and Commissions.

3. Discussion Items

- A. [26-0007](#) **Adaptive Signal Update**
Brief Description: City Staff and the City's Traffic Engineering Consultant,

TMS Engineers, will present an update on the performance of the Adaptive Signal system.

Attachments: [Adaptive Signal Map](#)

Mr. Kosco and Mr. Michael Schweickart, TMS Engineers, presented information regarding the performance of the Adaptive Signals since its implementation in July 2025 and how the smart signals operate. Council discussion followed that included questions in regards to expanding the system, retrieval of videos, alerts to notify staff if there's an issue, what happens if there is an outage with the software system, how often have adjustments been made to signal timings, and if there has been a difference in traffic volume since implementation. Council further requested a metric that is easy to understand showing how the new systems are operating compared to the old system.

This matter was discussed.

B. [26-0008](#)

America250 Project: Hudson Gazebo Enhancement

Brief Description: In 2026, the City of Hudson will honor 250 years of our nation's history through special events and a legacy project as America250 is celebrated in our community. The project proposal is for an enhancement of the gazebo to support special events and community initiatives.

Attachments: [Memo - America250 Legacy Project](#)
[260116 City of Hudson Gazebo Renderings Option A - C](#)
[260116 City of Hudson \(Gazebo\) - Schematic Design Set](#)
[City of Hudson - America250 Event Series](#)

Mr. Hannan and Ms. Stasik presented information related to enhancements to the gazebo on the downtown green in preparation for America 250th celebration. She further showed three enhancement options, associated costs and the timeline of the project. She further outlined the events planned for Celebrate America250. Council discussion followed that included acoustic for the designs, available funding grants, amount of encroachment into the grass area, ways to reduce costs, keeping seating inside of the gazebo, and obtain public input on the designs. Council preferred Option B, with the expectation that it be made ADA accessible, include a stamped brick border, and use standard broom finished pavement on the interior. Ms. Stasik also discussed the standard process she follows when developing grant strategies.

This matter was discussed.

C. [25-146](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF HUDSON AND CHAPTER 1205, CHAPTER 1206, AND CHAPTER 1213 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ESTABLISH ZONING DISTRICT 11.

Brief Description: Proposed amendment to the Land Development Code to establish Zoning District 11 along the South Darrow Road Corridor.

Attachments: [Council memo 1.27.26 Workshop](#)
[PC Decision 26-1284 - LDC amendment Draft Regulations - D11 Extension Request](#)
[South Darrow Road Zoning Timeline Jan 2026](#)
[Exhibit A: District 11 Regulations Draft 9.2.25](#)
[Zoning District 11 Boundary Map](#)
[Hudson Zoning Map - Proposed 9.16.25](#)
[South Darrow Subcommittee District 8 to Proposed District 11 Matrix 7.21.2025](#)
[City Council Memo - Subcommittee Research Summary](#)
[South Darrow Road Zoning Timeline 08.29.2025](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-146](#)

Mr. Hannan provided background information and an overview of the proposed changes. Brief discussion followed. At the request of staff, a motion was made by Dr. Bird to request the Planning Commission review staff's further recommendations relevant to density, setback, and bufferyards at their February 9, 2026 meeting and forward any additional comments prior to the public hearing that is scheduled for February 17, 2026.

This matter was discussed.

- D. [TMP-8465](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL RULES TO DEFINE THE ROLE AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL LIAISONS.**
Brief Description: This legislation defines the basic role and duties of City Council liaisons to the City's various boards, commissions, committees and/or task forces.
Attachments: [Draft Ordinance](#)

Dr. Bird provided an explanation on the reason for this Ordinance. Discussion followed regarding removing the language stating that a Council liaison can sit at the dais. Dr. Bird stated that he will discuss this change with Mr. Pitchford.

This matter was discussed.

4. Proposed Consent Agenda for February 3, 2026, Council Meeting

- A. [TMP-8453](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HUDSON, OF OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250-OH).**
Brief Description: To use the authorized America250 logo, municipalities must pass a Resolution provided by the Ohio History Connection to become an "America250-OH" city.
Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

Ms. Stasik provided an explanation on the reason for this Resolution.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

- B. [TMP-8457](#) A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-151 TO**

INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN PHASE 2 PROJECT (PID 120285); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: This project includes new pedestrian safety improvements along various locations on SR 91 and SR 303 including new curb ramps, sidewalk along S. Main Street between Bard Drive and Stoney Hill Drive, and upgrades to pedestrian signals. Staff is requesting an increase in funding in the amount of \$127,884.34.

Attachments: [Downtown Ped Summary Table](#)
 [Downtown Ped Map](#)
 [Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Kosco provided an explanation on the request for an increase in funding.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

C. [TMP-8455](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES WITH QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTION, INC.**

Brief Description: The City of Hudson Engineering Department currently performs public inspections with our staff, and the City also contracts with a private construction management and inspection services on various capital improvement projects and for private developments as they arise within the City, on an as needed basis.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Sheridan stated that the City utilizes this inspection firm to supplement inspection on projects when needed.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

D. [TMP-8422](#) **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT TWO DONATED LOWELL ELLSWORTH SMITH PAINTINGS FROM THE HUDSON SOCIETY OF ARTISTS.**

Brief Description: The Hudson Society of Artists has offered to make a generous donation to the City of Hudson of two paintings, titled “Winter Landscape” and “Fall Landscape with Two Figures,” painted by esteemed artist and longtime Hudson resident Lowell Ellsworth Smith, to be displayed and viewed by the public.

Attachments: [Draft Ordinance](#)

Mr. Sheridan stated that the Hudson Society of Artists offered to donate two paintings to hang at City Hall that were painted by longtime Hudson resident Lowell Ellsworth Smith. He further stated that he requested the Ordinance to document this donation and preserve the donated paintings.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

- E. [TMP-8435](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A SMALL UTILITY ENTERPRISE LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC. (ESRI) FOR A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This legislation will extend our existing small utility ELA with ESRI allowing the City to continue using ESRI's GIS mapping suite to manage the City's GIS program. The term of the contract is three years at a total cost of \$36,600 (\$12,200 per year).

Attachments: [ESRI ELA Quote 26-29](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Leedham provided background on this program and how the system is utilized.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

- F. [TMP-8436](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE FIBER TO THE HOME PROJECT.**

Brief Description: This contract is for the construction of the second year (7/2026-6/2027) of Velocity Broadband fiber to the home (FTTH) network construction project.

Attachments: [Deployment Yr 2 - w Labels](#)
[Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Knoblauch stated that this Resolution would authorize the second year of build-out for the Fiber to the Home Project. Responding to a question, Mr. Ersing stated that Year 2 will also be bid out in 4 different areas, with some areas possibly being bid out together.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

- G. [TMP-8452](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CUSTOMER SUPPORT SOFTWARE WITH CALIX, INC.**

Brief Description: This contract would involve the purchasing of additional software services from Calix to upgrade the current Calix support software used by Velocity Broadband, providing enhanced service to customers.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution](#)

Mr. Ersing provided an explanation on the purpose of this software.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

5. Proposed Legislation for February 3, 2026, Council Meeting

- A. [25-110](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1206 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELEVANT TO REMOVE ASSISTED LIVING, CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES, AND INSTITUTIONAL RESIDENTIAL FROM ALLOWED USES WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL-FOCUSED DISTRICTS.**

Brief Description: Proposed amendment to the Land Development Code to remove Assisted Living, Continuing Care Retirement Communities, and Institutional Residential from allowed uses within the commercial focused districts.

Attachments: [Exhibit A and B](#)
[City Council memo July 8 2025 workshop](#)
[EMS One Mile Buffer](#)
[Signed PC Decision](#)
[Map of Existing Facilities](#)
[LDC draft 10.24.25 with PC Recommendation](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-110](#)

Dr. Bird stated that due to additional information received, Council may request that this item be postponed to a date certain at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

Ordinance No. 25-110 was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

- B. [25-169](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A RETROACTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THOMAS J. SHERIDAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: City Council will take action pertaining to City Manager Thomas Sheridan's Employment Agreement and his annual review.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Sheridan Employment Contract Amendment - 2025](#)
[Resolution No. 25-169](#)

Resolution No. 25-169 was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

- C. [26-13](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 672.02(i)(6) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN CITY BUILDINGS.**

Brief Description: This amendment rescinds the prior rule allowing City elected officials to carry a concealed handgun in City buildings under certain circumstances.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-13](#)

Ordinance No. 26-13 was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

- D. [TMP-8456](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1, “PLAN SUBMISSIONS AND GENERAL NOTES,” OF CHAPTER 1419, “ENGINEERING STANDARDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION” OF THE BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE.**
Brief Description: Section 1 - Plan Submission and General Notes of the City of Hudson Engineering Standards for Infrastructure Construction was last updated in 2019. Staff would like to update this section to reflect various changes due to industry standards that have changed since the last update.
Attachments: [Engineering Standards Summary of Changes](#)
 [Exhibit A: Section 1 - Redlined](#)
 [Draft Ordinance](#)

Mr. Kosco provided an explanation on some of the proposed changes.

This Ordinance was forwarded for further consideration at the February 3, 2026, Council meeting.

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This Ordinance will come back to Council at a later date.

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

None.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Dr. Bird adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Michael Bird, 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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