

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 220.03, 220.031, AND 220.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON REGULAR AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS AFTER CONSIDERATION AT A WORKSHOP.

WHEREAS, the purpose of a workshop meeting is to allow Council members the opportunity to present ideas, debate, and discuss topics of interest, solve problems, and/or reach an actionable goal through collaboration; and

WHEREAS, requiring the introduction of legislation at workshops before its placement on a regular or special meeting agenda provides more opportunities for discussion and refinement; and

WHEREAS, a finalized agenda will allow appropriate time for the public and Council to prepare; and

WHEREAS, each member of Council should have the authority to place legislation not only on a workshop agenda but on the agenda of a regular or special meeting where legislative action can be taken; and

WHEREAS, allowing consideration and a possible vote on each Council member's proposed legislation is determined to be necessary and in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Subsection (c) of Section 220.03, "Rules," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson is hereby amended as follows, with additions being **underlined and in bold** and deletions being ~~underlined and stricken~~:

SECTION 220.03 RULES.

(c) Order of Business. All meetings of Council shall be open to the public in accordance with the Charter and statutes of Ohio providing for open meetings. Each written agenda for regular and special meetings of Council shall be **reviewed** ~~approved~~ at a prior Workshop and published by the Clerk of Council in advance of each regular or special meeting. **Except as otherwise provided in these Council Rules,** the agenda shall **consist of the items from the preceding Workshop agenda and** be administratively prepared, **revised, and finalized** by the City Manager or his/her designee **with the assistance of the Mayor and President of Council** after each Workshop and delivered to the Clerk of Council for publication. All agenda items shall be identified by title or subject matter and item or ordinance/resolution number. An item which appears on a subsequent

agenda shall be additionally identified by the month and agenda number when initially entered (e.g., 4-22) or, in the case of ordinances and resolutions, by the history of its previous readings, including dates of those readings. The minutes of the Council meeting shall identify matters by item number or ordinance/resolution number. The Mayor may declare a brief recess during the course of the meeting as appropriate. **As applicable, the** order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Call to Order;
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag;
- (3) Roll Call;
- (4) Approval of minutes of previous meetings;
- (5) Honorary resolutions;
- (6) Proclamations by Mayor;
- (7) Holding of public hearings in order of agenda;
- (8) Public comment;
- (9) Reading of any correspondence including petitions and recommendations received by the Mayor or members of Council at their discretion; Council Comments;
- (10) Reports of Council committees;
- (11) Reports or presentations of City Council other committees, City officials, the City Manager, or community organizations;
- (12) Nominations, appointments, and elections;
- (13) Consent agenda - At the request of any member of Council, without cause, an item in this portion of the agenda can be removed and placed on the legislative portion of the agenda for regular action. The consent agenda may include reports from various departments, bid awards, items having had two previous readings, acceptance of property and dedications, easement agreements, and such other items as Council determines, as provided in these Council Rules. Items which may not be included on the consent agenda are those which impose a tax or propose a levy or question for popular consideration on the ballot. Action on any item on the consent portion of the agenda shall not eliminate the need for a greater majority vote if one is called for by the Charter or these Council Rules. The consent agenda requires two motions; one to suspend the rules and a second motion for approval;
- (14) Legislation - All ordinances and resolutions that are not part of the consent agenda, including those that were removed from the consent agenda;
- (15) Adjournment/Recess: Unless the Council shall, by a two-thirds vote, agree to continue, no discussion or action on any item of business shall be initiated or continued after 11:00 p.m., and at that time, a regular meeting of the Council shall be recessed until the next meeting;
- (16) Adjournment.

Section 2. Subsection (d)(5) of Section 220.031, “Workshop Meetings,” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson is hereby amended as follows, with additions being **underlined and in bold** and deletions being ~~underlined and stricken~~:

220.031 WORKSHOP MEETINGS.

(d) Order of Business. All meetings of Council shall be open to the public in accordance with the Charter and statutes of Ohio providing for open meetings. All agenda items shall be identified by title or subject matter. The minutes of the workshop meeting shall identify matters by title or subject matter. The Chair may declare a brief recess during the course of the meeting as appropriate. The order of business shall be as follows:

(5) Discussion ~~and approval~~ of the **proposed** next regular or special council meeting agenda **as presented**. Items **on the Workshop agenda for the next regular or special meeting shall automatically be placed on the next regular or special meeting agenda unless one or more members of Council direct the City Manager to not move an item or items forward; however, said agenda item or items may not be added to or removed from such agenda if at least one Council member plus either the Mayor or another Council member then affirmatively request during the same Workshop meeting that the subject item remain on the agenda for the particular regular or special meeting being discussed** ~~by the affirmative votes of at least four members of the Council.~~

Section 3. Section 220.06, "Legislation," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson is hereby amended as follows, with additions being **underlined and in bold** and deletions being ~~underlined and stricken~~:

220.06 LEGISLATION.

Ordinances and Resolutions Generally. Ordinances and resolutions shall be introduced in the Council only in printed or written form in a format approved by the City Solicitor. Ordinances and resolutions may be originated by the Mayor, **the City Manager**, or any member of Council, but must be first introduced at a workshop for inclusion on a regular or special council meeting agenda.

Section 4. Those provisions of current Sections 220.03, 220.031, and 220.06 of the Codified Ordinances which are in conflict with the amendments set forth in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. The aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2026.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council