



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, City Solicitor & Special Counsel
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive Session beginning at 6:30 p.m.; followed by Regular 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.

Present: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to enter into executive session to interview applicants for boards and commissions. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, and the applicants. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the meeting into executive session at 6:30 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; and Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant.

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [25-0098](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [August 5, 2025 Meeting and Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Mrs. Heater, that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

6. Proclamation

A. [25-0099](#) Special Recognition of Colt Nelman, Local Masters World Champion of the 2025 International Soap Box Derby

Brief Description: Mayor Anzevino will recognize Colt Nelman, Local Masters World Champion of the 2025 International Soap Box Derby.

Attachments: [Colt Nelman Soap Box Derby](#)

Councilmembers congratulated Colt on his accomplishment and Mayor Anzevino recalled that he previously gave Colt a special recognition for helping out a fellow student.

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

7. Public Comments

Ms. Linda O'Neil, 7063 St. Ives Blvd., read a letter into the record as Chair of Park Board, citing the Board's displeasure of the proposed Charter amendment to combine Park Board, Tree Commission, and Cemetery Board.

Dr. Dan Bestic, 7608 Yennicook Way, stated his objections to proposed Ordinance No. 25-92, citing its passage would prohibit his business from expanding, lower the value of a property he purchased in District 2, and suggested the City offer loans or reimbursements.

Ms. Tracey Mackay, 5230 Knollshire Dr., President of League of Women Voters of Hudson, spoke in regards to proposed Ordinance No. 25-91 and asked Council to consider several factors, such as: transparency, decision-makers, stakeholders, training, and liability.

Ms. Inge Orendt, Hudson Common Dr., spoke against proposed Ordinance No. 25-91, stating that there is no reason to change the City ordinance to allow concealed weapons in City public buildings, where they are currently not allowed.

Ms. Cynthia Curtin, Judge at Stow Municipal Court, introduced herself to Council after being appointed by Governor DeWine after Memorial Day.

Dr. Mimi Becker, 47 Laurel Lake Dr., urged Council to postpone the vote on proposed Ordinance No. 25-91 to

consider range of options for enhancing security for people who come into public government buildings. Dr. Becker also spoke about the Brandywine Creek study and asked City staff to encourage contract people to work with larger property owners because there are things going into the Creek that should not be going into the Creek.

Mr. Robert Kagler, 65 Manor Dr., spoke about the City Charter, process for forwarding amendments to the ballot, and the August 5th Council vote on the proposed Charter Amendments.

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 8:17 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m.

8. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mrs. Heater provided a Park Board update, stating that Middleton Park is a priority in the five-year budget cycle and the results of the parks survey would be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Banweg gave a Military and Veterans' Commission update, noting that its next event is a stair walk on September 11th, from 8:30-10:00 through the Hudson High School Memorial Stadium.

Mr. Sutton stated that he was contacted by local arborist with concerns about tree calipers taken at different heights, and would like to take the discussion to the Tree Commission.

Mrs. Kowalski received a letter from resident Ms. Madeline Lepidi-Carino, 200 Laurel Lake Dr., stating her objection to Section (i)(6) on proposed Ordinance No. 25-91.

Mrs. Kowalski also read a statement into the record about not seeking re-election in November.

Mr. Foster stated his agreement with Mr. Kagler's public comments, responded to Ms. Lepidi-Carino's letter, and offered an apology to the Charter Review Commission on behalf of Council.

Mayor Anzevino reminded residents that schools are back in session, congratulated Hudson Community Living on their ribbon cutting, and also congratulated Hudson Veterinary Hospital celebrating 80 years in business.

9. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan stated that Art on the Green will be held on the former Joann property this year but will return to the Downtown Green next year.

He also noted that August 8th was the one year anniversary of the 2,000 year storm event that caused flooding in the City and said staff has been working on watershed studies, the design of stormwater improvements, and the construction of two projects out of the review.

Mr. Sheridan further asked Council to remove Resolution No. 25-113 from the Consent Agenda and postpone it to September 2nd in order to allow more time for staff to review.

10. Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that Linda O'Neil and George Murray be appointed to full terms on the Park Board, and Amy Manko and Andrew Brown be appointed to full terms on the Architectural & Historic Board of Review. The motion carried by

the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Banweg

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 for the Consent Agenda, except Resolution No. 25-113. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg and Dr. Bird

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Dr. Bird, to approve the Consent Agenda, except Resolution No. 25-113. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird and Mr. Foster

B. [25-114](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GPD GROUP FOR THE BRANDYWINE CREEK WATERSHED STUDY UPDATE.

Brief Description: The Brandywine Creek Watershed Study Update will expand and update a previously completed storm water hydraulic study conducted in the watershed in 2019. This study update will expand the existing storm system model and evaluate the trunk storm water infrastructure within the Brandywine Creek Tributary Watershed, and to identify and recommend future improvements to mitigate flooding.

Attachments: [Brandywine Creek Tributary Study Update Map](#)
[Resolution No. 25-114](#)

Resolution No. 25-114 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. [25-115](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ACCESS AND STORMWATER EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTRY CLUB OF HUDSON LOCATED AT 2155 MIDDLETON ROAD.

Brief Description: This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into an Access and Stormwater Easement Agreement with The Country Club of Hudson located at 2155 Middleton Road to permit access to inspect and make emergency repairs to the storm water management system installed as part of the site construction of the “Ben Curtis Golf Academy” project at the property.

Attachments: [Location Map](#)
[Ben Curtis 241206 - Access and Stormwater Easement Agreement-2025](#)
[Resolution No. 25-115](#)

Resolution No. 25-115 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [25-116](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TEMPORARY EASEMENTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT (PID# 120285) FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Due to the sidewalk installation, temporary right-of-way acquisitions are required for the project.

Attachments: [Temporary Easement Summary](#)

[Resolution No. 25-116](#)

Resolution No. 25-116 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [25-117](#) **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF TALLGRASS SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. AND TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: American Municipal Power (AMP) has negotiated a power purchase agreement (PPA) for competitively priced green energy and capacity from the Tallgrass Project located in Central Ohio. The City's power supply consultant is recommending Hudson purchase 1.5 MW from the PPA to replace a portion of its remaining requirements need.

Attachments: [Energy Supply with Tallgrass](#)

[Hudson 2025 Energy Sources](#)

[Hudson 2027-011392-SCHED-Tallgrass Member Legislation Template](#)

[Tallgrass Waste Heat Recovery Project](#)

[Tallgrass WHP Power Purchase Agreement - Columbus \(Execution Version 5.22.25\)](#)

[Hudson 2027-011392-SCHED-TallGrass Energy Schedule Template](#)

[Resolution No. 25-117](#)

Resolution No. 25-117 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [25-118](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-100 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SET RATES FOR VELOCITY BROADBAND COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Brief Description: Ordinance No. 15-100 gave authority to the City Manager to establish rates for Velocity Broadband's commercial customers. This legislation gives the City Manager authority to establish rates for both commercial and residential customers.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-118](#)

Ordinance No. 25-118 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. [25-113](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR HUDSON DRIVE WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT.**
- Brief Description:** This project will expand the City's water distribution network by extending a new 12" diameter waterline along Hudson Drive from Hudson Gate Drive to the location of the new Public Works Facility. The project also includes the reconstruction of the water service connection to City Hall.
- Attachments:** [Financial Breakdown 2025.08.26](#)
[Exhibit - Hudson Dr Waterline Alternates Eval 2025.08.26](#)
[Exhibit - Hudson Dr Waterline and City Hall Water Service](#)
[Resolution No. 25-113](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 25-113, which constitutes a first reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that Resolution No. 25-113 be postponed to a date certain of September 2, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster and Dr. Goetz

12. Legislation

- A. [25-91](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 672.02 IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW.**
- Brief Description:** The City of Hudson is interested in updating its concealed weapons ordinance to conform with Ohio law on the topic.
- Attachments:** [Ordinance No. 25-91](#)

Dr. Bird stated that the title of the Ordinance suggests passage is necessary to comply with State law and that allowing some people to carry a concealed weapon in government buildings is allowed but not required. He offered that if a risk assessment demonstrates a need for weapons, then more police presence should be added.

Mr. Banweg responded that the Ordinance does not require handguns are carried in Council Chambers and does not require a policy to allow handguns. It only allows the Council President to set a policy.

Mrs. Kowalski stated her preference is that handguns should not be carried by civilians in City Hall and kept strictly to law enforcement.

A motion to pass was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton.

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Mrs. Kowalski, to modify the first sentence in Section (i)(6) by deleting all language after the phrase "or rest facility..." that refers to issuing a policy that permits bringing a concealed handgun into City government buildings. The motion

failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Mrs. Kowalski, Dr. Bird and Dr. Goetz

Nay: 4 - Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Heater

Mrs. Kowalski summarized the proposed amendment she sent to Council earlier in the day, stating that she believes it sets a policy that is transparent to the public and those individuals carrying a concealed weapon will only be known to the Chief of Police, the City Manager, and Council President.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kowalski, seconded by Dr. Goetz, that Ordinance No. 25-91 be amended to Section (i)(6), to state the person is an elected City of Hudson official, qualified adult authorized to carry a concealed handgun, and provide notice of intent to the Chief of Police, City Manager, and Council President. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Sutton, Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater and Mrs. Kowalski

Nay: 1 - Dr. Goetz

The motion to pass Ordinance No. 25-91 as amended carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 3 - Dr. Bird, Dr. Goetz and Mrs. Kowalski

B. [25-92](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1205 AND 1206 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELEVANT TO REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO BOARDING KENNELS AND VETERINARY FACILITIES.

Brief Description: Ordinance to revise the districts which permit boarding kennels and Veterinary facilities and to incorporate a 500 foot setback to adjacent residential uses for boarding kennels and veterinary facilities.

Attachments: [Council Memo 8.15.25 LDC Amendment Vet Clinic and Boarding Kennels Existing Vet Clinics and Boarding Kennels](#)
[PC Decision 25-755 - LDC amendment - Boarding Kennels and Vet Clinics](#)
[Draft Ordinance \(7.17.25\) with PC Recommendation](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-92](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-92, which constituted its third reading. A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Foster, to pass Ordinance No. 25-92.

Mr. Sutton has been working to come up with language to strike a more fair balance between commercial and residential uses and requested to postpone the legislation.

Referring to a public comment, Mr. Banweg requested staff to provide a more complete picture of the case.

Mr. Foster stated that the zoning change is related to the general welfare of residential properties but also acknowledges the setback could be punitive to Dr. Bestic's properties and supports the postponement.

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Banweg, that Ordinance No. 25-92 be postponed to a date certain of September 16, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

- C. [25-119](#) **AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE RIGHT TO OPERATE A LOW-SPEED, UNDER-SPEED, UTILITY VEHICLE, OR MINI-TRUCK IN THE CITY OF HUDSON.**
Brief Description: The City is interested in creating a regulatory scheme addressing vehicles, such as golf carts and UTVs, after recent changes to State Law.
Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-119](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-119, which constituted its first reading.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the meeting at 9:09 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.