



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

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, June 16, 2026

6:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive session starting at 6:30 p.m.; Regular Council meeting beginning 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: 6 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Brezovec, Ms. D'Eramo, Dr. Goetz, Dr. Weinstein and Mr. White

Absent: 1 - Mr. Sutton

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Mr. Brezovec, 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 candidates to be interviewed. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Absent: 1 - Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. to enter into executive session. He reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Sutton entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Roll Call

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

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor & Special Counsel; Ms. Wheeler, Clerk of Council; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Ferda, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Tabak, Police Chief.

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [26-0049](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [June 2, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[June 9, 2026 Council Workshop Minutes - Draft](#)

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

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

6. Public Comments

Mr. Todd Zedak, 16 Hudson Common, commended Mr. Sheridan on promptly addressing a trip hazard on the Gazebo Green. He also spoke about a resident-initiated referendum to rescind Ordinance No. 25-146 (District 11), stating that Council should repeal the legislation and start over via the process already in place.

Mr. Phil Leiter, 134 Aurora St., also spoke about the resident-initiated petition and how the creation of a 50-acre development would be an existential threat to downtown. He further stated that the issue should be sent to the voters to determine if they want a Valor Acres or Pinecrest in Hudson.

Ms. Laura Jones, 1790 Old Tannery Circle, spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit on State Route 91 from 45 to 35 mph, stating that it would make the area safer.

Ms. Marcia Carsten, 7481 Herrick Park Dr., stated that as she gathered signatures for the referendum petition, no one knew about the District 11 zoning change and she is concerned about large-scale residential housing. She urged Council to rescind the District 11 legislation and restore the District 8 zoning.

State Rep. Derrick Hall, 844 Merriman Road, Akron, Ohio, stated that one of the issues he continues to hear about from residents is the burden of property tax. He thanked Mr. Knoblauch for being a key contributor to the meetings he has held with finance directors and mayors to find a solution.

Mr. Anthony Ravida, 1746 Edgar Dr., addressed a comment made by Dr. Bird regarding the Solicitor and claimed that he spoke to a lawyer who applied for the City Solicitor vacancy but never received a call.

Mr. Michael Juppe, 5743 Williamsburg Circle, stated that he asked Ohio EPA to search the Terex/GM property for underground storage tanks and there was no record of the tanks ever being removed. He requested Council to determine the baseline of chemicals in the water, which can be remediated if levels increase upon developing

the land.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Dr. Goetz brought forward a resolution to rescind the prior censures against former Councilmember Nicole Kowalski. She stated that Mrs. Kowalski was not afforded due process, per Robert's Rules of Order, and read a resolution into the record:

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE PRIOR CENSURES OF FORMER CITY COUNCILMEMBER NICOLE KOWALSKI

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2022, and October 15, 2024, City Council adopted motions censuring former Councilmember Kowalski, and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to bring finality to these matters and clarify the status of the prior actions in the official records of the City, and

WHEREAS, subsequent review of the circumstances surrounding the prior censures has caused the Council to conclude that the censure actions are procedurally deficient and otherwise inconsistent with the principles of fairness and due process expected by this governing body, and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that taking away the prior censures is appropriate and consistent with the interests of orderly municipal governance.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Hudson City Council as follows,

Section 1. The Council hereby rescinds, vacates, withdraws and nullifies the sentence adopted against former Councilmember Nicole Kowalski on December 6, 2022, and October 15, 2024.

Section 2. The Council expressly declares that the prior censures shall have no continuing force and effect or any value.

Section 3. The Council further states that it no longer finds the prior actions of Council justified, and formally withdraws Council's prior admonishments against former Councilmember Kowalski.

Section 4. This resolution shall not constitute (a) a determination regarding the truth or falsity of the allegations underlying the prior censures; (b) an admission of liability by the City or any person; (c) a waiver of any legal rights of defenses or immunities; or (d) an endorsement or condemnation of the conduct previously alleged.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to annotate the official records of the Council to reflect that the prior censures have been rescinded by formal action of this Council.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon admission.

Mr. Sutton raised a point of order and cited Codified Ordinance 220.06, which states that legislation must be introduced in printed or written form at a Workshop for inclusion on a regular or special Council meeting agenda. Mayor Anzevino concurred with Mr. Sutton. Dr. Goetz then requested to change her resolution to a motion and, in conferring with Mayor Anzevino, Mr. Pitchford upheld Dr. Goetz's request.

A motion was made by Dr. Goetz, seconded by Ms. D'Eramo, that City Council hereby rescind and vacate the censures adopted against former Councilmember Nicole Kowalski on December 6, 2022, and October 15, 2024. In support of this motion, the Council finds as follows: 1.) The censures were adopted while Kowalski served as a member of Council, 2.) Subsequent review of the circumstances surrounding the prior censures has caused the Council to conclude that the censure actions were procedurally deficient and otherwise inconsistent with the

principles of fairness and due process expected of this body, 3.) the Council no longer finds the prior actions of the Council justified, 4.) the Council further finds that rescinding the prior censures is in the best interests of fairness, institutional finality, and the efficient administration of Council affairs. Now, therefore, be it moved that 1.) Hudson City Council desires to bring finality to these matters and clarify the status of the prior actions and the official records of the City, 2.) nothing in this motion shall be construed as (a) a determination regarding the truth or falsity of the allegations underlying the prior censures, (b) an admission of liability by the City; (c) a waiver of any legal rights, defenses, or immunities; or (d) an endorsement or condemnation of the conduct previously alleged, 3.) Hudson City Council rescinds and vacates the censures previously adopted against former City Councilmember Nicole Kowalski on December 6, 2022, and October 15, 2022, 4.) Hudson City Council formally withdraws Council's prior admonishments of former Councilmember Kowalski, and 5.) Hudson City Council directs the City Clerk to note in the official records of the Council that the censures have been rescinded by action of the Council.

Dr. Bird stated that while it was changed to a motion, there was a lot of language for Council to vote on without seeing something in writing ahead of time. He requested that the motion be amended to just rescinding the censures, dates, and name of the former Councilmember.

Mr. Brezovec asked Dr. Goetz for a hard copy of what appeared to be a motion consisting of a subsection of the resolution. Responding to the question, Dr. Goetz stated she had the motion on her phone.

Mayor Anzevino referenced procedures for discipline of members, citing sections within Robert's Rules of Order, 12th Edition, Section 61.2., with a footnote stating that "it is also possible to adopt a motion of censure without formal disciplinary procedures", and as Chair of the meeting during the censures, he stated that no penalties, removal from boards or commissions, or suspensions were levied against Mrs. Kowalski, except for the Council to express their displeasure of the actions taken. He emphasized that he did not believe the body was procedurally deficient.

Dr. Weinstein stated that while on the campaign trail, she heard a lot about civility in the community and on Council, and creating an environment where people could disagree without punishment. She further stated that the censure shows evidence of someone not being treated fairly, but would have preferred to discuss this at a Workshop and to have had a chance to read the language of the motion.

Ms. D'Eramo echoed Dr. Weinstein's comments, stating that she felt the previous Council's decisions were very partisan and it was handled inappropriately, but also would have liked to discuss this more.

Mr. Brezovec concurred with the other Council and the Mayor's comments, that censure should not be used as a weapon, and that he would be supportive of a simplified motion.

Dr. Bird added that he believes censures are mostly partisan and that if something illegal occurs, the person should be charged or an ethics violation should be filed.

An amended motion was made by Dr. Goetz, seconded by Ms. D'Eramo, that City Council hereby rescind and vacate the censures adopted against former Councilmember Nicole Kowalski on December 6, 2022, and October 15, 2024.

Mr. Pitchford added that he appreciated the affirmative statement that Council was not waiving any immunities or other claims in this motion. He requested that those parts be included to make sure the record is clear that Council is not waiving any immunities by adding back subpart A, B, and C.

An amended motion was made by Dr. Goetz, seconded by Ms. D'Eramo, that City Council hereby rescind and vacate the censures adopted against former Councilmember Nicole Kowalski on December 6, 2022, and October 15, 2024. Nothing in this motion shall be construed as (a) a determination regarding the truth or falsity of the allegations underlying the prior censures, (b) an admission of liability by the City, (c) a waiver of any legal rights, defenses, or immunities, or (d) an endorsement or condemnation of the conduct previously alleged.

Mr. Sutton stated that this discussion proves why things need to be introduced at a Workshop, as they often contain complex legal language that Council needs to understand. Additionally, he said that some of the information that the censures were based on was privileged information and he is unable to discuss why those decisions were made. Further, he cited that this was the reason it was not well-received by the public and that most of the current Councilmembers were not privy to that information.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Mr. Sutton

Correspondence and Council Comments - Continued

Mr. Brezovec provided an update from the June 15 Park Board meeting. He also requested a discussion on the number of signatures required to meet the threshold for a referendum petition.

Ms. D'Eramo stated that a Safety Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 17.

Dr. Weinstein noted that she, Mr. White, and Mr. Sheridan met with residents from Village West to discuss both city and neighborhood issues, and it was a great way to have dialogue. She further acknowledged that the Land Development Code is long and complex and encouraged residents to reach out with questions, citing that amendments can be initiated by Planning Commission, City Council or property owners. Additionally, Dr. Weinstein stated that changes to District 11 followed the process and the timeline has been published, with discussions taking place for over a year when the topic was initially proposed.

Dr. Bird responded to a public comment with a definition of the word "tool" as he used it previously, and not meant to be derogatory. He further stated that he received concerns from the Head of School at Hudson Montessori School regarding the speed on SR 91. Additionally, he said there was a disconnect regarding District 11, describing the shift from heavy industrial to light industrial flex and reduces the allowances of planned developments, and suggested that residents document their concerns so that staff can address the consequences. Lastly, Dr. Bird was complimentary of the charettes that took place and the feedback received.

Mayor Anzevino noted that a ribbon-cutting was held for the expansion of Acropolis Health; a meeting is set up with the Young Entrepreneur Institute; a proclamation will be read for America's 250th anniversary; and a reminder that on June 17, 1799, David Hudson first set foot in this area, which was later named in his honor, and on June 26, David Hudson stood in the center of town and began a settlement.

8. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan stated that the City secured a \$150,000 grant for the Barlow Road railroad crossing near Little Tikes; the parking lot at Hudson Springs Park would be closed June 17 and 18 for paving; a public input meeting will be held on June 18 at 5:30 at the high school auditorium regarding the Brandywine Watershed; City offices are closed on June 19 for Juneteenth; and addressed utility disruptions caused by contractors installing Velocity Broadband fiber.

9. Appointments

A motion was made by Dr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Brezovec, to appoint Martin Kardish to the Cemetery Board for a full term ending June 15, 2030. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Mr. Sutton

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Brezovec, seconded by Dr. Bird, to suspend the rule requiring three readings for the Consent Agenda, except Ordinance No 26-98. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Mr. Brezovec, to approve the Consent Agenda, except Ordinance No. 26-98. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. [26-0050](#) A Motion to Acknowledge the Timely Receipt of the May 2026 Monthly Financial Report

Brief Description: Financial summaries are provided each month for Council's review.

Attachments: [May 2026 Financial Report](#)

Motion No. 26-0050 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. [26-97](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH COGENT COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF AN INTERNET CIRCUIT FOR THE CITY'S VELOCITY BROADBAND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: This amendment is to adjust the services previously agreed on, to now include an additional monthly programming fee for redundancy configuration.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-97](#)

Resolution No. 26-97 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Removed from the Consent Agenda

C. [26-98](#) AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING PORTIONS OF DARROW ROAD (STATE ROUTE 91) AS BEING AN "URBAN DISTRICT" UNDER STATE LAW AND AMENDING THE CITY'S TRAFFIC CODE TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 45 MILES PER HOUR TO 35 MILES PER HOUR ON DARROW ROAD (STATE ROUTE 91) BETWEEN VALLEY VIEW ROAD AND THE CITY'S NORTHERN CORPORATE LINE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: Staff have completed an evaluation of the speed limit along Darrow Road (SR 91) between the Northerly Corporate Line and Valley View Road, which has a current speed limit of 45 mph. Based on these findings, staff recommend that the City proceed with legislation to officially designate this segment as an "Urban District." This designation provides the legal framework to reduce the posted speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph.

Attachments: [Speed Limits June 2026](#)
 [Ordinance No. 26-98](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Brezovec, seconded by Dr. Bird, to suspend the rule requiring three readings on Ordinance No. 26-98. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mr. Sutton stated that the City has never used the Urban District classification before and that, in contacting ODOT, no rural examples could be identified, and on this road, very few structures with varying definitions meet the criteria. He further stated that the City should not stretch the definition of "Urban District" and the measurements used therein are meant for density, not proximity.

Dr. Weinstein recollected that any part of the Urban District definition can be used to meet the criteria and that it helps to have a more consistent speed limit. She further stated that she heard from residents in the area concerned about the speed and with the installation of new sidewalks, it is a significant safety concern.

Mr. Brezovec noted that the legislation states that the City worked with ODOT and a consultant to determine that the City has sole authority to declare the portion of the road as an "Urban District". He later asked about the consequences if the legislation was challenged. Mr. Pitchford responded that while there are always opportunities for legal recourse, the City has met the definition.

Dr. Bird stated his appreciation of the consultant's expertise, and that the northern border of SR 91 up to I-480 looks similar to SR 91 south to Valley View Road and therefore supportive of the change.

Ms. D'Eramo stated that this area has been studied for over 10 years, discussed at the Workshop, and pinpointing items about the definition of an Urban District is not relevant when it comes to safety.

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Dr. Weinstein, that Ordinance No. 26-98 be adopted with the rule suspension. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Mr. Sutton

11. Legislation

- A. [26-85](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING SPECIFIC INFORMATION.**

Brief Description: The Codified Ordinances' Council meeting notification provision is outdated and must be updated.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-85](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 26-85, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Brezovec, seconded by Dr. Bird, to approve Ordinance No. 26-85. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- B. [26-86](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HYDRANTS ALONG MIDDLETON ROAD AND STOW ROAD.**

Brief Description: This project includes the installation of 14 fire hydrants on the City of Akron watermain along Middleton Road and Stow Road.

Attachments: [Hydrant Location Map](#)
[Resolution No. 26-86](#)

Mr. Sutton stated that he supported the idea conceptually but would vote no so as to not expose the City to legal liability.

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 26-86, which constituted its third reading.

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Dr. Goetz, to approve Resolution No. 26-86. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Ms. D'Eramo, Dr. Weinstein, Mr. White, Dr. Bird and Mr. Brezovec

Nay: 2 - Dr. Goetz and Mr. Sutton

- C. [26-96](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHSTAR TOWERS II, LLC.**

Brief Description: Consideration of a long term lease agreement between the City of Hudson and Northstar Towers II, LLC for the lease of City-owned property for the construction, installation, and operation of a telecommunications (cell) tower and related communications equipment to benefit the southern portion of the City.

Attachments: [Cell phone tower location](#)
[Resolution No. 26-96](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 26-96, which constituted its second reading.

- D. [26-99](#) **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DIRECTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Following a discussion with Council on available options for natural gas aggregation programs, this ordinance will provide to the voters the ability to approve an Opt-Out natural gas aggregation program

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 26-99](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 26-99, which constituted its first reading.

12. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Dr. Goetz, to enter into executive session to discuss details of security arrangements and emergency response protocols where disclosure could be expected to jeopardize the security of the public, the public body, and the public office, and to discuss pending and imminent litigation and matters to be kept confidential by law. Invited to the executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, Chief of Police, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Clerk of Council, and Acting City Solicitor. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting to enter executive session at 9:13 p.m. He resumed the regular meeting at 10:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Dr. Goetz, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and matters to be kept confidential by law. Invited to the executive session were the City Manager, the Acting City Solicitor, Mayor, Dr. Bird, Ms. D'Eramo, Mr. Brezovec, Dr. Weinstein, Dr. Goetz, and Mr. White. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 10:05 p.m. to enter executive session. He resumed the regular

meeting at 10:21 p.m.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the regular meeting at 10:21 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.