



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 2, 2026

6:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive session beginning at 6:30 p.m.; Council Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the meeting of Hudson City Council at 6:45 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. White, 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: 6 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Brezovec, Ms. D'Eramo, Dr. Goetz, Dr. Weinstein and Mr. White

Absent: 1 - Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. to enter into executive session. He resumed the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Sutton entered the meeting at 7:23 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; Mrs. Behnke, Economic Development Manager; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; and Mr. Ferda, HCTV Production Assistant.

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [26-0046](#) Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [May 19, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[May 26, 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. Proclamation

A. [26-0047](#) Special Recognition of Hudson Festival Days, June 12th and June 13th

Brief Description: This Proclamation recognizes the annual celebration of Hudson's Festival Days and the special events by local organizations.

Attachments: [Hudson Festival Days 2026](#)

Representatives from the various groups accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Anzevino read the proclamation in its entirety.

7. Public Comments

Mr. Michael Juppe, 5734 Williamsburg Cir., questioned why his letter was not read into the record at the May 19, 2026, Council meeting and addressed reports of numerous chemicals that were found under the Clinton Crossing property and tanks buried under the former JoAnn Fabrics property. He urged Council to perform more testing.

Mr. Anthony Ravidia, 1746 Edgar Dr., alleged wrongdoings by staff and spoke about the various lawsuits against him.

8. Correspondence and Council Comments

Dr. Goetz noted that she had traveled up and down State Route 303 earlier in the day and found that motorists were obeying the new striping of the lanes.

Mr. White provided an update on the Environmental Awareness Committee meeting that took place on June 1. He also mentioned that the Farmers Market starts this Saturday.

Ms. D'Eramo congratulated Linda Sucheski on her retirement after 40 years as the preschool director at Saint Mary Parish.

Mr. Brezovec responded to Mr. Juppe's question, noting it is Council's discretion and the timing and number of letters did not allow it. He also stated that the City does not own the former JoAnn facility but the City does own Clinton Crossing.

Dr. Weinstein provided an update on the Economic Growth Board meeting that took place on May 28.

Mr. Sutton provided a Tree Commission update.

Dr. Bird thanked City staff and contractors on the construction of the inclusive playground and said there was a great turnout at the Middleton Park input meeting, with residents bringing great ideas and information.

Mayor Anzevino congratulated Kristy Warner as the May recipient of his Kindness Challenge.

9. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan announced a "Meet City Staff" event, featuring Katie Behnke, Economic Development Manager, on June 3 at the library; the Western Reserve Academy Bicentennial events occurring June 4-6; and also staff working with senior living facilities to reduce the number of nuisance calls.

10. Appointments

A. [26-0048](#) **A Motion to Concur with the City Manager's Appointment of Marshal M. Pitchford as the Acting City Solicitor and Special Counsel.**

Brief Description: This motion seeks the concurrence of Council for the appointment of Marshal Pitchford as Acting City Solicitor and Special Counsel as well as DiCaudo, Pitchford & Yoder, LLC as Special Counsel.

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Mr. White, to approve the motion to concur with the City Manager's appointment of Marshal Pitchford as acting City Solicitor and Special Counsel.

Dr. Goetz acknowledged Mr. Iosue's legal opinion on the placement of the motion under Appointments but stated that she felt it was a highly unconventional approach and sets a dangerous precedent. She made a motion to move the appointment to the end of the Consent Agenda, however, Mayor Anzevino felt this was not allowable.

Responding to a question, Mr. Sheridan stated that a purchase order would be created for any billable hours reported during the June 1 through June 18 time period.

There was further discussion about the effective date of Consent Agenda, Item I, Ordinance No. 26-95 and how it aligns with Motion No. 26-0048.

Dr. Bird clarified that Motion No. 26-0048 is neither a contract nor anything that involves legislation, stating that it is an appointment and appropriately placed on the agenda.

The motion to approve the motion to concur with the City Manager's appointment of Marshal Pitchford as acting City Solicitor and Special Counsel carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Dr. Weinstein, Mr. White, Dr. Bird and Mr. Brezovec

Nay: 3 - Ms. D'Eramo, Dr. Goetz and Mr. Sutton

A motion was made by Mr. Brezovec, seconded by Dr. Goetz, to appoint Stephen Lyons to the HCTV Advisory Committee to fill a partial term ending March 20, 2028. 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

11. 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. 26-95. 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. 26-95. 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. [26-87](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR FIBER CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES FOR THE FIBER TO THE HOME SECOND YEAR BUILD-OUT PROJECT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Brief Description: This request will allow staff to bid and enter into contract for the procurement of fiber and related material for use in the construction of the fiber to the home (FttH) network over the next year.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-87](#)

Resolution No. 26-87 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. [26-88](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH ZAYO FOR DEDICATED INTERNET SERVICE AND INCREASING BANDWIDTH.

Brief Description: This request will enable Velocity Broadband to amend and renew its contract with Zayo (formally Crown Castle Fiber) for a three year term while also increasing the allotted bandwidth to 10Gbps which will match our other upstream circuits.

Attachments: [SOF - City of Hudson Renewal & Upgrade to 10 Gig - PRO146367](#)
[Resolution No. 26-88](#)

Resolution No. 26-88 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- C. [26-89](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-183 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S VELOCITY BROADBAND OPERATIONS DURING THE YEAR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This resolution requests permission allowing staff to make purchases of equipment, materials, supplies, and services in the operations area of Velocity Broadband that will not exceed a new limit of \$300,000.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-89](#)

Resolution No. 26-89 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [26-90](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CHAGRIN VALLEY ENGINEERING, LTD. FOR THE DESIGN OF THE DARROW ROAD PARK STORM WATER MANAGEMENT POND, PHASE 1.**

Brief Description: This project includes the design of a new storm water management pond inside Darrow Park to help alleviate flood flows to downstream properties off Tamarisk and Lascala Drive at a cost not to exceed \$135,857.70, which includes a 10% contingency.

Attachments: [Darrow Park Location Map](#)
[Resolution No. 26-90](#)

Resolution No. 26-90 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [26-91](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE HINES HILL ROAD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT THROUGH THE OHIO GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM.**

Brief Description: The City was originally awarded a grant from the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) in the amount of \$2,886,174. ORDC has recently awarded the City additional contingency funds bringing the total grant amount to \$4,290,000.

Attachments: [Funding Breakdown](#)
[Resolution No. 26-91](#)

Resolution No. 26-91 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [26-92](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-8 TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE FRANKLIN STREET WATERLINE PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**
Brief Description: Work will include the replacement of the waterline along Franklin Street between Aurora Street and the Middle school. Staff is requesting an increase in funding in the amount of \$17,051.00.
Attachments: [Bid Tabulation - Franklin Street Waterline 2026.05.19](#)
 [Resolution No. 26-92](#)

Resolution No. 26-92 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- G. [26-93](#) **A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE GREATEST AMERICAN CLEANUP GRANT BY KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL.**
Brief Description: The City Manager has accepted a Keep America Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to fund plantings to complete a recommended area of beds within downtown Hudson. The grant does not require a match.
Attachments: [Grant Contract - Signed](#)
 [Garden Bed Proposal](#)
 [Downtown Beautification Map](#)
 [Resolution No. 26-93](#)

Resolution No. 26-93 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- H. [26-94](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY ENERGY SAVINGS SMART THERMOSTAT PROGRAM**
Brief Description: This project involves participation in the Community Energy Savings Smart Thermostat Program; Hudson Public Power customers volunteer to participate in this energy savings effort by enrolling in a program that strategically alters temperature control settings during peak demand conditions.
Attachments: [CES Smart Thermostat Program Overview for Hudson Council May 26 ch](#)
 [Resolution No. 26-94](#)

Resolution No. 26-94 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Removed from the Consent Agenda

- I. [26-95](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 26-84, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO OBTAIN A PROFESSIONAL RECRUITING FIRM FOR THE PURPOSES OF OBTAINING IN HOUSE COUNSEL, AND DECLARING AN**

EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: An ordinance to expand the search for an in-house City Solicitor.

Attachments: [ABJ MaxRecruit Plus Description](#)
[City Solicitor ABJ Advertisement MaxRecruiter](#)
[Staff Email - Regarding Solicitor Posting 2026](#)
[Ordinance No. 26-95](#)

A motion was made by Dr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Brezovec, to suspend the rule requiring three readings for Ordinance No. 26-95. 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

A motion was made by Dr. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Brezovec, to pass Ordinance No. 26-95.

Dr. Goetz stated that the City would be better served financially and operationally by an in-house, full-time City Solicitor, not every avenue was exhausted to advertise for the position and a Council subcommittee was not formed to review the applications.

Responding to questions from Mr. Brezovec, Mr. Sheridan stated that the cost of a professional recruiter would be approximately 25 percent of the salary, or \$40,000, and that the terms of the contract would have to be renegotiated if the ordinance passed. Additionally, Mr. Brezovec acknowledged difficulty in finding applicants for the position and pulling out of an approved contract would not help the desirability to work in Hudson.

Mr. White felt that Council should support the City Manager and staff's decision and that the City Manager is always looking out for the City's best interest and cost savings. He further added that he has had a good experience with Mr. Pitchford and supports his appointment.

Dr. Bird stated that partisanship has influenced the discussions and addressed Mr. Pitchford's involvement on the board of Ohio Right to Life, however, municipalities like Hudson rarely address reproductive issues and should one appear, Mr. Pitchford would be asked to recuse himself. He further noted that some have criticized Mr. Pitchford's involvement in lawsuits such as the former City Manager and legal action towards a former Councilmember, but that those were under the direction of the previous Council majority. Dr. Bird cited Hudson's non-partisan elections and appointments made by Council should be based on the qualifications of the person, not their political viewpoint.

Dr. Weinstein reiterated her positive working relationship with Mr. Pitchford and if there is discontent about legislation or lawsuits filed, the blame should be carried by the Council that approved it, not the person who was directed to work on it.

Dr. Goetz maintained that her comments did not include anything political but that the City did not find a full-time, in-house City Solicitor as desired.

Further discussion followed regarding the number of hours of legal work, the presence of an Assistant City Solicitor at City Hall four days a week, and the process that was followed to find applicants.

A motion was made by Mr. Brezovec, seconded by Dr. Goetz, to amend Section 5 of Ordinance No. 26-95 to read "All prior resolutions, ordinances, and appointments that relate to or in any way conflict with this measure are hereby repealed and rescinded."

Mr. Brezovec stated that he offered the amendment to make the language as clean as possible and asked Mr. Pitchford for his legal opinion. Mr. Pitchford responded and stated he did not think it was necessary for the goal to be achieved.

The motion to amend Section 5 of Ordinance No. 26-95 failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Dr. Goetz, Mr. Sutton and Dr. Weinstein

Nay: 4 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Brezovec, Ms. D'Eramo and Mr. White

The motion to pass Ordinance No. 26-95 failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Ms. D'Eramo, Dr. Goetz and Mr. Sutton

Nay: 4 - Mr. Brezovec, Dr. Weinstein, Mr. White and Dr. Bird

12. Legislation

A. [26-78](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 876 SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATIONS

Brief Description: Following a discussion with City Council an ordinance to incorporate amendments to the short term rental policy and allowances currently regulated within Chapter 876 of the codified Ordinances.

Attachments: [City Council Memo Short Term Rentals and Maps 5.26..26](#)
[City Council memo short term rentals 5.5.26](#)
[City Council memo short term rentals 4.3.26](#)
[Exhibit A: Draft 876 redline amendment 4.3.26](#)
[City Council memo short term rentals 2.25.26](#)
[Chapter 876](#)
[Short-Term Rental Locations - 2026 Map](#)
[STR Comparison Chart of Peer Communities](#)
[Ordinance No. 26-78](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 26-78, which constituted its third reading.

Mr. Sutton stated that the Ordinance did not need to be postponed because residents did not ask Council to look at fees, rather they want to protect their neighborhood identities, and the legislation could be passed with meaningful zoning changes while looking at fees at a different date.

Dr. Weinstein supported the postponement due to the amount of discussion when the topic has been introduced. She further stated that fees are one way to address a negative impact but there are also other ways, so a more thorough look would be wise.

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Mr. Brezovec, that Ordinance be postponed to a date certain of September 15, 2026. 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

B. [26-79](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HUDSON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION REGARDING A SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND ACCEPTING A DONATION FOR A PASSENGER VAN.

Brief Description: This initiative arose in 2025 when the Hudson Senior Network Foundation (HSN) and Hudson Community Foundation (HCF) raised funds for a Senior project. The Senior Transportation Program was recognized as a need in the community. The HSN began researching a program in an adjacent community that provides a similar service and they along with HCF began collecting donations. To date, the groups have raised the needed costs for a passenger van (estimated State Bid Cost \$58,000) and are asking the City to accept the donation to purchase the van and provide a

senior transportation program to Hudson residents over the age of 65 years of age.

Attachments: [SCAT Information on service 5-1-26](#)
[SCAT Memo - Reviews 5-1-26](#)
[Senior Van Costs](#)
[Guidelines City of Hudson Senior Transportation Program - DRAFT 04-22-2026](#)
[Application City of Hudson Senior Transportation Program - DRAFT](#)
[Waiver & Release of Liability City of Hudson Senior Transportation Program](#)
[Six Mile Radius Map](#)
[HSN Van Survey Results](#)
[Resolution No. 26-79](#)

Mr. Sutton thanked the residents who worked on this initiative and those who donated but stated that he would not support the legislation because this Council previously wanted to pause the Connectivity Plan due to City finances, and as such, adding a new City service would be fiscally irresponsible and hypocritical.

Mr. Brezovec stated that he felt the expenses were not comparable and Dr. Bird had already mentioned re-starting discussion of the Connectivity Plan now that the City has a better picture of finances following the closure of JoAnn Fabrics.

Dr. Weinstein said that the Senior Van provides essential connectivity for senior citizens who would like to stay in their homes for essential services like doctor visits, while taking a more broader and holistic look at connectivity.

Dr. Bird thanked Mayor Anzevino for his role in bringing this topic forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Brezovec, seconded by Mr. White, that Resolution No. 26-79 be adopted on third reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Mr. Sutton

C. [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 second reading.

D. [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](#)

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

- E. [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 Ordinance No. 26-96, which constituted its first reading.

13. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Dr. Bird, seconded by Mr. White, to enter into executive session to consider the sale of real property and to discuss imminent and pending litigation and matters to be kept confidential by law. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the City Solicitor, and the Economic Development Manager. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m. to enter into executive session. He resumed the regular meeting at 10:38 p.m.

14. **Adjournment**

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.

