



# 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*

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Saturday, January 18, 2025

8:30 AM

City Hall  
1140 Terex Road

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### Council Retreat

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the special workshop of Hudson City Council at 8:30 a.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 Mr. Sheridan.

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

*Others & Staff in Attendance: Mayor Anzevino, Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Griffith, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects.*

#### 2. Discussion Items

##### A. [25-0005](#) 2025 Council Retreat

**Brief Description:** Councilmembers will hear from City Staff on a variety of topics related to City government, communications, community development, finance, public works, safety services, and information technology.

**Attachments:** [2025 Retreat List](#)

##### *A. Council & Mayor*

*1.) Regarding growth management, Mr. Sutton stated that the Planning Commission should be more involved and that the analysis should be forward-looking instead of reviewing the last two years. Mr. Banweg suggested the formation of a subcommittee of the Planning Committee to look at this item.*

*2.) During the discussion on Prairie State, Council requested clarification of terms and dates of the contract, and what they mean.*

*3.) Dr. Bird requested a discussion item on City-funded training and educational opportunities for Council. Mr.*

Foster voiced concerns about biases in material as well as conferences being cost-prohibitive. Mayor Anzevino offered to bring the topic to the next Mayor's Association of Portage, Summit, and Stark Counties to survey other communities.

4.) Other items brought by Council: Mrs. Heater asked if staff could assemble a list of active contracts with outside organizations and Mr. Sutton requested a review of the HCTV app vs. live-streaming on an existing platform.

#### *B. Administration*

Mr. Sheridan summarized the Hines Hill Road Bridge project and an update on the inclusive playground. Discussion followed on a recreational center and programming being organized by either the City vs. HCER, and if the playground can be phased. Mr. Sheridan also provided an update on the lighting of the pickleball courts.

#### *C. Finance*

Mr. Knoblauch reviewed the Budget In Brief document that will be mailed to residents in mid-February and Council suggested changes. Bonds and the City budget were also discussed.

#### *D. Community Development*

- 1.) Council discussed Downtown Phase 2, including the installation of a pump station; the former YDC property; Recreation Center update; and senior services.
- 2.) There was consensus that a full LDC re-write would cause some loss of protections that have been built-in.
- 3.) Mr. Sutton suggested looking at all the BZBA cases to see where there is a misunderstanding of the Code.
- 4.) Council discussed the Visitor's Center, in terms of staffing options and functions as a City office.

#### *E. Engineering*

Mr. Sheridan provided an update on watershed studies, the Norfolk Southern Railroad purchase update, Rails to Trails, adaptive signals, and Clinton at SR 91 signal upgrades.

#### *F. Communications*

Mr. Sheridan stated that a third-party company would control a community calendar. The City and other groups would submit events to it.

#### *G. VBB/IT*

Mr. Knoblauch provided a Fiber to Home update and provided next steps. Council was not in favor establishing wi-fi downtown.

Mrs. Kowalski left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

#### *H. Other Updates and Discussion Items*

Council wants to see distinct recommendations for the Fire/EMS Study.

### **3. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.