



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, February 4, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Executive session to begin at 6:30 p.m.; followed by the 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: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Heater

2. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to enter into executive session to interview an applicant for Planning Commission and to discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, and the applicant. The applicant was not invited to the executive session regarding a public employee. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Dr. Goetz, Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Absent: 1 - Mrs. Heater

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; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant; and Mr. Tabak, Police Chief.

5. Approval of the Minutes

A. [25-0015](#)

Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

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

Attachments: [January 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)
[January 28, 2025 Council Workshop Minutes - DRAFT](#)

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

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

6. Public Comments

Mr. Anthony Ravida, 1746 Edgar Dr., spoke about the process by which he installed a fence and the court case that occurred afterwards.

7. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mrs. Kowalski thanked everyone who attended her Council forum and provided an EAC update .

In response to Mr. Ravida's comments, Mr. Banweg requested a forensic look at the case to gain a better understanding of what took place. He also attended an emergency preparedness conference and hopes to apply best practices to policies in Hudson.

Mr. Foster also responded to Mr. Ravida's comments, citing that the fence should not have been installed in the public right-of-way, should not have been metal, and that Mr. Ravida had been offered and refused a land-lease agreement.

Mayor Anzevino encouraged Mr. Ravida to review the land-lease agreement that was offered, based on his own experience. Mayor Anzevino also stated that Random Acts of Kindness Week runs through February 8th, the State of the City is on February 13th, and that he would be unavailable for the workshop on February 11th .

8. Report of Manager

Mr. Sheridan stated that he would provide all the information regarding Mr. Ravida's case to the Mayor & Council and that staff is working towards a resolution. He also stated that City offices are closed on February 17th for Presidents' Day, the State of the City is on February 13th, that Council would receive a flood update in a month, and asked Council to send any questions or comments to him regarding the Fire/EMS study which will be discussed on February 18th.

9. Appointments

Mr. Foster appointed Mr. Banweg as Council liaison to the Charter Review Commission.

10. Suspension of the Rules for the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Banweg, seconded by Dr. Bird, was to suspend the rule requiring three readings for the Consent Agenda, except Resolution No. 25-13 and Resolution No. 25-19. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to approve the Consent Agenda, except Resolution No. 25-13 and Resolution No. 25-19. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. [25-14](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 10' TRAIL ALONG E. BARLOW ROAD.

Brief Description: The project includes the installation of a new, 10-foot wide, multi-purpose, asphalt trail within Barlow Farm Park and concrete trail along the north side of Barlow Road that will connect the Barlow Farm Park trail to the existing Summit County Metro Parks trail. This project will also include crossing infrastructure and safety improvements to the Norfolk Southern railroad property.

Attachments: [Exhibit E Barlow Rd Trail](#)
[Resolution No. 25-14](#)

Resolution No. 25-14 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

C. [25-15](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND AN EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN FOR THE E. BARLOW ROAD TRAIL PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brief Description: This agreement amendment with Norfolk Southern would be for on-going engineering review and design services for a new multi-purpose path that would connect the City's Barlow Farm Park to Summit County's Wood Hollow Metropark. Part of the proposed path will cross the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks in between the two parks.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - DRAFT Supplemental PE Agreement](#)
[Exhibit A - DRAFT Supplemental PE Agreement - REVISED 2025.02.04](#)
[Resolution No. 25-15](#)

Resolution No. 25-15 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- D. [25-16](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A QUIET ZONE ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE E. BARLOW ROAD TRAIL QUIET ZONE IMPROVEMENTS.**

Brief Description: As part of the upcoming E. Barlow Road Trail Project the railroad track crossing on Barlow Road will become a Quiet Zone and Norfolk Southern Railway Company requires a Quiet Zone Administrative Agreement be executed prior to review and administration of the improvements.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-16](#)

Resolution No. 25-16 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- E. [25-17](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN 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 awarded a grant from the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) in the amount of \$2,886,174.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-17](#)

Resolution No. 25-17 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- F. [25-18](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-SAVING TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT) GRANT.**

Brief Description: Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the US Department of Transportation awards grant funding through PROTECT for the purpose of ensuring surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. The City could receive up to 80% of the project funds in Federal grant funding for the "S. Main Street (SR 91) Storm Sewer Redirection at Railroad Underpass Project."

Attachments: [Staff Memo - PROTECT](#)

[Resolution No. 25-18](#)

Resolution No. 25-18 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- H. [25-20](#) **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE FOR A PURCHASE MADE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: Council authorization is required for payment of the

invoice shown on this Resolution in excess of \$3,000, for which a commitment was made before a Purchase Order was generated. Approval required for: Ohio State Highway Patrol, LEADS Annual Dues, \$7200

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-20](#)

Resolution No. 25-20 was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Removed from the Consent Agenda

- A. [25-13](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A RETROACTIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH THOMAS J. SHERIDAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: City Council will take action pertaining to City Manager Thomas Sheridan's Employment Agreement and his annual review.

Attachments: [Exhibit A: Sheridan Employment Contract Amendment](#)

[Exhibit A: Sheridan Employment Contract Amendment - Feb. 4, 2025](#)

[Resolution No. 25-13](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Sutton, to pass Resolution No. 25-13.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to substitute Exhibit A dated February 4, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

The motion to pass Resolution No. 25-13 as amended carried by the following vote:

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

- G. [25-19](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE TERMINATION AND ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DESTINATION HUDSON, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PHYSICAL ASSETS, RETAIL INVENTORY AND FURNITURE FROM THE VISITOR CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: As part of the termination of the Lease, DH desires and agrees to sell to City and City desires and agrees to purchase from DH, certain physical assets of DH, consisting exclusively of certain retail inventory and furniture from the Visitor Center and Gift Shop operated by DH.

Attachments: [Exhibit A - DH Lease Termination and Asset Purchase Agree - FINAL Resolution No. 25-19](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Resolution No. 25-19, which constituted its first reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to suspend the rule requiring three readings. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Banweg

Nay: 2 - Dr. Goetz and Mrs. Kowalski

11. Legislation

A. [25-12](#)

AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 99-44, THE CURRENT BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM, WITH UPDATED GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, AND LANGUAGE.

Brief Description: An ordinance to amend the current Backflow Prevention Program with updated guidelines, standards, and language. Since the adoption of the existing program, various agencies providing backflow guidance have supplemented relevant information. This suggested amendment encompasses that information.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 99-44](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Ordinance No. 25-12](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-12, which constituted its second reading.

B. [25-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE ORDER AND RULES OF A PUBLIC HEARING.

Brief Description: The Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson make reference to, but do not define “Public Hearing.” This ordinance establishes an order of business and reasonable limitations on discussion for all public hearings before any official City body, whether it be City Council or any other board, committee or commission.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-21](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-21, which constituted its first reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Foster, that Ordinance No. 25-21 be referred to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeal and to the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. [25-22](#)

AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC COMMENT AT ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION MEETING AND ESTABLISHING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

Brief Description: The City of Hudson is interested in defining an ordinance which requires boards/commissions to accept a comment from the public (provided the topic is relevant to the board), and also provide them with the tools to reject comments which are not relevant to them.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-22](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-22, which constituted its first reading.

- D. [25-23](#) **AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 220.03(n) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUDSON IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION WITH ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUBSTITUTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: This new rule change is to reestablish prior practice of moving to adopt legislation with certain, specified amendments without having to first put the item up for discussion through a simple motion to adopt.

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-23](#)

Mayor Anzevino read the title of Ordinance No. 25-23, which constituted its first reading.

12. Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to enter into executive session to discuss real estate matters and pending court action. Invited to executive session were all members of Council, the Mayor, the City Solicitor, and the City Manager. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. to enter into executive session. He reconvened the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Invited to executive session were Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Dr. Goetz, Mr. Foster, the City Manager, the City Solicitor, and the Community Development Director. Mr. Sutton was not invited to one of the topics of the executive session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 4 - Mr. Banweg, Dr. Bird, Mr. Foster and Dr. Goetz

Abstain: 2 - Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Sutton

Mayor Anzevino recessed the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m. to enter into executive session. He reconvened the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Anzevino adjourned the meeting at 9:50 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.