



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor
Christopher W. Foster, President of Council (Ward 2)
Christopher A. Banweg, Council Member (At-Large)
Karen E. Heater, Council Member (At-Large)
Nicole V. Kowalski, Council Member (At-Large)
Scott Ruffer, Council Member (Ward 4)
Katherine R. Schlademan, Council Member (Ward 1)
Skylar J. Sutton, Council Member (Ward 3)

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager
Marshal Pitchford, City Solicitor
Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

7:30 PM

Town Hall
27 East Main Street

Special Meeting:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Anzevino called to order the special meeting of Hudson City Council at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

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

4. Public Comments

None.

5. Correspondence and Council Comments

Mrs. Heater provided an update on the Park Board meeting that was held on February 27, 2023.

Mr. Foster thanked Mr. Comeriato and staff for taking care of some recent resident requests that he had brought to their attention.

Ms. Schlademan thanked Officer Alan for assisting her last night on SR 91 when her car broke down.

Mr. Sutton requested an update from staff on when the blended zoning discussion will be brought forward to Council.

Mrs. Kowalski stated that a resident had sent her a petition to add lighting to the downtown Green. She further stated that she will be abstaining from Resolution No. 23-28 and asked Council to let her know if there will be discussion, as she will leave Council chambers.

Mayor Anzevino stated that he had met with the Mayor of Macedonia and he has offered to provide a tour of the revitalized recreation center. He further stated that \$75,000 was raised for the Hudson Community First Program at the Toast of Hudson that was held at the Lake Forest Country Club, and reminded interested citizens that the PTO Pancake Breakfast will held Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Hudson High School from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. He also provided information on a couple upcoming events he will be attending.

6. Legislation

- A. [23-28](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF RODERICK LINTON BELFANCE, LLP FOR SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH *KOWALSKI V. THE CITY OF HUDSON* LITIGATION AND RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: To allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement with special counsel for certain litigation.

Attachments: [Engagement Agreement 2-1-23](#)
 [Resolution No. 23-28](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to suspend the rules requiring three readings on Resolution No. 23-28. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Abstain: 1 - Mrs. Kowalski

Mrs. Kowalski left Council chambers during discussion. Responding to Mr. Sutton's question, Ms. Schlademan stated that her questions from last week had been resolved, and she stated what the residents concern was. Ms. Schlademan asked why the special meeting was needed and Mr. Foster provided the reasoning.

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Heater, to pass Resolution No. 23-28. The motion carried by the following vote with Mrs. Kowalski not being present for the vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Banweg

Excused: 1 - Mrs. Kowalski

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Banweg, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Regular Workshop:**8. Call to Order**

Mayor Anzevino called to order the workshop of Hudson City Council at 7:50 p.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 President of Council Foster, in accordance with Council Rules.

Present: 7 - Mr. Banweg, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Heater, Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. Ruffer, Ms. Schlademan and Mr. Sutton

Staff in Attendance: Mr. Sheridan, City Manager; Mr. Pitchford, City Solicitor; Mr. Hannan, Community Development Director; Mr. Knoblauch, Assistant City Manager - Financial/Special Projects; Mr. Kosco, City Engineer; and Mr. Leiter, HCTV Production Assistant.

9. Correspondence and Council Comments

None.

10. Discussion Items**A. [23-0015](#) Capital Projects Update**

Brief Description: City staff will provide an update on major Capital Improvement Projects scheduled for 2023-2024.

Attachments: [Hyperlink - Story Maps](#)

Mr. Kosco provided a presentation on the upcoming capital projects that will be performed as well as projects that are currently under construction. There was discussion regarding projects involving Norfolk Southern, Colony Park sanitary pump station, and extension of Maple Grove Park on the north side of the Former Youth Development Center.

This matter was discussed.

B. [23-0016](#) Traffic Safety Study in Reserve at River Oaks Subdivision

Brief Description: City staff will present the recommendations from a recently completed safety study of the intersections within the Reserve at River Oaks Subdivision.

Attachments: [StructurePoint Intersection Analysis](#)
[River Oaks memo - Traffic Study 1.31.23](#)

Mr. Kosco provided background information regarding traffic concerns in Reserve at River Oaks. Brief discussion followed that included average speed detected, design standard changes for future developments, and speed tables. There was consensus to move forward with the striping of crosswalks and stop bars.

This matter was discussed.

C. [23-0017](#) Reserve at River Oaks Open Space-Trail dedication

Brief Description: Discussion regarding the previous Open Space dedication

approvals for the Reserve at River Oaks subdivision

Attachments: [River Oaks memo - Open Space dedication 1.31.23](#)

Mr. Hannan provided background information on the open space-trail dedication. Discussion followed that included meeting with the Home Owners Association on what they would like to see.

This matter was discussed.

D. [23-0018](#)

Downtown Organization Research

Brief Description: City staff researched how peer communities manage their downtown districts. The research was pursued to compare the Hudson community's framework to peer communities, see what other frameworks are in use, and determine any improvements that may be appropriate to implement.

Attachments: [Council Memo - Main Street 2.13.23](#)
[Main Street Research 2.13.23](#)

Mr. Hannan provided information on the purpose of this research.

This matter was postponed to the March 14, 2023, Council workshop.

11. Proposed Consent Agenda for March 7, 2023

A. [23-0023](#)

A MOTION THAT CITY COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MR. JOHN P. KOLESAR AS CITY SOLICITOR.

Brief Description: Pursuant to Charter Section 8.03, a majority of City Council members must concur with the City Manager's recommendation to appoint a City Solicitor.

This motion was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

B. [23-31](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 STORM SEWER LINING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER.

Brief Description: This project involves the lining of storm sewers and culverts in various areas in Hudson.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-31](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

C. [23-32](#)

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.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-32](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

- D. [23-33](#) **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER’S DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FOR AN EMS PRIORITY ONE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT ON BEHALF OF HUDSON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND ACCEPTANCE OF AWARDED FUNDING.**

Brief Description: The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services, provides a grant to assist EMS with purchase of approved training and equipment. Estimated funding is determined in June, based on the amount of funding available for the program. No matching funds are required.

Attachments: [Resolution No. 23-33](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

- E. [23-37](#) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-112 TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST TO COMPLETE THE SR 91 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PID NO. 106136) WITHIN THE CITY OF HUDSON, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HUDSON TO SERVE AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FUNDS THEREFOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Brief Description: The City’s initial project cost was \$175,000, however due to increased construction administration and Norfolk Southern Railroad fees, ODOT is requesting an additional \$195,711.00, for a total cost of \$370,711.00. The project will include the removal and replacement of the existing bridge under SR 91 just south of Ravenna Street which is being funded by ODOT. As part of the project, the City has requested widening of the sidewalk along the west side of SR 91 to better accommodate a future multi-purpose path along this section of roadway.

Attachments: [SR 91 Sidewalk Exhibit](#)

[Resolution No. 23-37](#)

[Resolution No. 23-37 \(as Revised 3-14-2022\)](#)

Mr. Kosco provided an explanation on the additional costs. Council discussion followed. There was consensus to obtain resident feedback on moving forward with this project, have staff supply other viable options, and move this item to Legislation until this information can be presented.

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

12. Proposed Legislation for March 7, 2023

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Brief Description: To allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement with special counsel for certain litigation.

Attachments: [Engagement Agreement 2-1-23](#)
 [Resolution No. 23-28](#)

Resolution No. 23-28 was approved during the Special Meeting.

- B. [23-29](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR DARLYNE ROLLER, 696 TEREX ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO.**

Brief Description: Mrs. Roller has submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for approximately 9 acres of property located at 696 Terex Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [Roller renewal application 2-2-23](#)
 [696 Terex Rd site location map](#)
 [696 Terex Road CD Inspection 2.13.23](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice Roller 696 Terex Rd](#)
 [Resolution No. 23-29](#)

Resolution No. 23-29 was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

- C. [23-34](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR CLYDE RARDIN, 2790 RAVENNA ST, HUDSON, OHIO.**

Brief Description: Mr. Clyde Rardin has submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for approximately 17.91 acres of property located at 2790 Ravenna Street in Hudson.

Attachments: [2790 Ravenna St Application](#)
 [2790 Ravenna St CD Inspection 2.15.23](#)
 [2790 Ravenna Street Locaton Map](#)
 [Resolution No. 23-34](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

- D. [23-35](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR KENNETH AND JOYCE KURLA, 1975 & 1983 NORTON RD AND 1936-1940 GEORGETOWN, HUDSON, OHIO.**

Brief Description: Kenneth and Joyce Kurla have submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for approximately 36.51 acres of property located at 1975 and 1983 Norton Road and 1936-1940 Georgetown Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [Application](#)
 [1975 Norton Road CD Inspection 2.22.23](#)
 [Site location Map](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice - Kurla](#)
 [Resolution No. 23-35](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

- E. [23-36](#) **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT OF LAND IN A CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF O.R.C. 929.02 FOR VINCENT ROMAN, 7005 WALTERS ROAD, HUDSON, OHIO.**

Brief Description: Mr. Vincent Roman has submitted the attached renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District for approximately 10.03 acres of property located at 7005 Walters Road in Hudson.

Attachments: [7005 Walters Rd Application](#)
 [7005 Walters Road CD Inspection 2.22.23](#)
 [7005 Walters Site Location Map](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice - Roman](#)
 [Resolution No. 23-36](#)

This Resolution was forwarded for further consideration at the March 7, 2023, Council meeting.

13. **Items to be Added to Future Agendas**

The following items will appear on the March 7, 2023, Council meeting:

- 1.) Proclamation recognizing Sunshine Week - March 12 -18, 2023.*
- 2.) Proclamation recognizing Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.*
- 3.) Honorary Resolution recognizing Dave Lehman for his service to the City.*

14. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Foster adjourned the Council workshop meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Christopher W. Foster, President of Council

Thomas J. Sheridan, City Manager, Clerk of Council Pro Tempore

Special Meeting and Workshop Minutes prepared by Melissa Raber, Business Operations Manager - Professional Services.

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