CITY OF HUDSON
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 5, 2011

Mayor Currin called to order the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Hudson at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall.

Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge.

Officials Present: Mrs. Slagle, Acting Clerk of Council; Mr. Schroyer, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Hunt, City Solicitor; Mr. King, Community Development Director; Ms. Roberts, Communications Manager; Mr. Wiedie, Economic Development Director.

The minutes of the regular meeting on September 21, 2011, the workshop meeting on September 27, 2011, and the special meetings on September 27, 2011, and October 3, 2011, were approved as written.

Mr. Greg Janik, resident of 36 Thirty Acres and Chair of the former Ad Hoc Deer Committee, spoke regarding the proposed Deer Hunting Ordinance. He thanked City Council for their careful consideration to address the overpopulation of deer in the City. He felt that citizens should have an opportunity to vote on the proposed hunting program, and he urged Council to place the issue on the ballot. He provided copies of an Initiative Petition regarding the City of Solon's Deer Preservation Act, as well as a Referendum regarding the City of Broadview Heights' Deer Hunting Ordinance. (See materials attached to record copy of these minutes). He supported the Hudson's proposed $25 hunting permit fee, saying that it would legitimize the program, but he suggested the proposed legislation should address potential conflicts that may arise between abutting property owners. He felt that an "antlerless" program, in which only doe could be hunted, would dramatically reduce the deer population. He also shared his plans to gather signatures for a Referendum upon passage of the proposed legislation, so that Hudson voters could decide the issue. Lastly, Mr. Janik encouraged the City to utilize cautionary street signs and roadside deer reflectors to reduce deer-vehicle collisions.

Mrs. Raija Daley, 132 South Main Street, referred to a recent Hudson Hub-Times article, indicating that contraception for deer is illegal in Ohio. She said that according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, contraceptive programs are legal with ODNR permission. She acknowledged that there is an overpopulation of deer in the City. Instead of implementing a deer hunting program, she suggested the City consider requesting ODNR permission to utilize contraceptives or consider a program to tranquilize and transport deer from Hudson to southern Ohio for hunting purposes.

Mrs. Nancy Paolucci, 5195 Topaz Drive, expressed public safety concerns regarding the proposed deer hunting program, including a concern that hunters would come into neighborhoods without permission, endangering children and dogs, as well as concern that enforcement of the program would overburden the Police Department. She said that the City of Solon decided against a similar program due to safety concerns.

Ms. Joelyn Karlson, 10024 Primrose Circle, Twinsburg, Ohio, representing the County of Summit Developmental Disabilities (DD) Board, advocated for the passage of Issue 25 on the November ballot. She urged voters to approve renewal of Summit County's only developmental disabilities levy, noting that the current levy will expire on December 31, 2012. She said that this is not a new tax and that the 4.5 mill levy is for a six-year period. She said that Summit DD is a safety net that provides services for more than 4,000 eligible individuals with developmental disabilities, and she reported that the Board has delivered on promises from the last levy period, including elimination of waiting lists for day programs and residential services. She provided information about the levy (see hand-out attached to record copy of these minutes). She encouraged voters to learn more at www.VoteForSummitDD.org, and she asked for City Council's endorsement of Issue 25.

Mr. Alex Kelemen, resident of 6101 Stow Road and candidate for Ward 3 City Council, spoke regarding utilization of the former Youth Development Center (YDC) property on Hines Hill Road. He commented on the critical decision facing City Council, to keep or demolish the YDC buildings. He questioned the City's annual grounds and buildings maintenance costs of $250,000, noting that Cuyahoga County's costs were significantly less, according to an August 9, 2009, Plain Dealer article. He felt that Council should review the following options: the cost to maintain the grounds without the buildings; the cost to maintain only the Eastman High School, with all other buildings being demolished; and the cost to maintain the high school, along with the best dorm cottage building, with all remaining buildings being demolished. Mr. Kelemen felt that retaining the high school building through the winter would provide an opportunity to further evaluate its costs and potential, as well as provide opportunities to find short-term uses. He was not in favor of running deficits at the YDC property, but he cautioned that demolition would destroy existing infrastructure and potential opportunities. (See comments and Plain Dealer article attached to record copy of these minutes).

Mr. Daniel Steidl, 178 South Main Street, supported the proposed Deer Hunting Ordinance. On his 20-acre lot, he said the browse line is 5 ½ feet high. He said the many deer on his property make it difficult for him to pursue his hobby of growing apple trees, as he is not able to fence his 25 apple trees. In accordance with State of Ohio regulations, he said that the City's Ordinance should not require a property owner to obtain an Ohio Hunting License to hunt on his own land. Also, he felt that a provision is needed to allow for dispatching an injured animal without the potentially lengthy process of obtaining permission from the property owner of an abutting property, should the animal wander across a property line, to prevent unnecessary suffering of the animal.

Mr. Rick Dingledine, resident of 3901 Silverwood Drive, Stow, Ohio, and former Hudson Township and City of Hudson employee, spoke in favor of the proposed Deer Hunting Ordinance. He said that Twinsburg has a similar program that has proven very successful. Mayor Currin thanked Mr. Dingledine for his comments and for 32 years of service to the Township and City.

Mr. Basil announced that the next Ward 2 Open Forum will be held on October 18, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Barlow Community Center. He said the meeting is open to Ward 2 residents, as well as all Hudson residents.

Mr. Hanink, who was recently appointed to City Council, commented that orientation meetings with department managers have been extremely helpful. He thanked Mrs. Slagle for organizing the schedule and thanked all involved City staff for taking time to provide him the opportunity to become more familiar with City operations.

Mr. Schroyer announced that the City's new web site will be functional on October 21, 2011, and Ms. Roberts will provide an overview at the October 25, 2011 Council workshop. On behalf of Mr. Sheridan, he announced that the Atterbury Boulevard Project will be substantially complete by November 10, 2011, with only a small number of punch-list items remaining for completion in Spring, 2012.

Mr. Basil moved to appoint Mr. Michael Dostal, 7387 Stoneyledge Circle, to the Planning Commission to fill the term expiring on January 1, 2014, which was vacated by Mr. Hanink when he was appointed to City Council. Mr. Wooldredge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil. Nay: None. Motion carried. Mr. Dostal was appointed to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 11-103 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY AT 49 VILLAGE WAY FOR OUTDOOR DINING PURPOSES." Mr. Basil moved to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow passage of Resolution 11-103. Mr. Wooldredge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure. Nay: None. Motion carried. Mr. Wooldredge moved to pass Resolution No. 11-103. Mr. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink. Nay: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 11 -103 declared passed.

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 11-104 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY AT 60 VILLAGE WAY FOR OUTDOOR DINING PURPOSES." Mr. Basil moved to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow passage of Resolution 11-104. Mr. Wooldredge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure. Nay: None. Motion carried. Mr. Wooldredge moved to pass Resolution No. 11-104. Mr. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink. Nay: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 11 -104 declared passed.

Mayor Currin read the title of Ordinance No. 11-105 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART TEN, "STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE", OF THE CITY OF HUDSON TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 1074, "DEER HUNTING"."
Mr. Basil moved to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow passage of Ordinance No. 11-105. Mr. Wooldredge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure,

Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers. Nay: None. Motion carried. Mr. Basil moved to pass Ordinance No. 11-105. Mr. Wooldredge seconded the motion. Mr. Basil said that Council appreciates all public comments concerning this matter. He noted that transporting animals is not permitted in the State of Ohio, and he said that Council has considered contraception in the past, concluding that the results are questionable and difficult to track. He said that safety is Council's primary concern. He asked Mr. Schroyer to continue to work with the Police Department to ensure safety, as well as the ability to respond to wounded animals. Without emergency language, he said the Ordinance will become effective in thirty days after passage, and Hudson's program will be similar to Twinsburg's program. Mr. DeSaussure moved to amend Ordinance No. 11-105 to allow property owners to hunt on their own land without requiring an Ohio Hunting License. Mr. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Mr. Wooldredge said that it is important for hunters to be qualified, regardless of property ownership. He said that all hunters should be certified. Mr. Hunt clarified that the proposed Ordinance, as currently worded, is in accordance with Ohio regulations and would not require property owners hunting on their own land to obtain an Ohio Hunting License. He said that the proposed amendment is not necessary. Mr. DeSaussure withdrew his motion to amend Ordinance 11-105. Mr. Hasbrouck withdrew his second. Motion declared withdrawn. Mr. Jeffers and Mr. Williams said that the program will be a work in progress and that it may need some changes after the first hunting season. Mr. Basil asked administrative staff to look into the use of signs and reflectors that have been used in previous years. He said this Ordinance may not completely solve the deer population problem, but it is a step in the right direction. Roll Call on motion to pass Ordinance No. 11-105: Aye: Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers. Nay: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 11-105 declared passed.

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 11-106 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREAT-HUDSON, LLC AND GABLES MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC." Mr. Wooldredge moved to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow passage of Resolution No. 11-106. Mr. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Basil, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge. Nay: Mr. DeSaussure. Motion carried. Mr. Wooldredge moved to pass Resolution No. 11-106. Mr. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Mr. Wooldredge said that timing is urgent for passage of this legislation. Mr. Williams supported passage, noting that the access road that the developer has agreed to build will provide relief to traffic congestion on State Route 91. Mr. Hasbrouck agreed. Roll Call on motion to pass Resolution No. 11-106: Aye: Mr. Basil, Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge. Nay: Mr. DeSaussure. Motion carried. Resolution No. 11-106 declared passed.

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 11-107 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CHANGE ORDER WITH PERRIN ASPHALT COMPANY, INC. UNDER THE 2011 ASPHALT REPAIR PROGRAM CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." Mr. Basil moved to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow passage of Resolution 11-107. Mr. Wooldredge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure. Nay: None. Motion carried. Mr. Wooldredge moved to pass

Resolution No. 11-107. Mr. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink. Nay: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 11-107 declared passed.

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 11-108 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PURCHASES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." Mr. Basil moved to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow passage of Resolution 11-108. Mr. Wooldredge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure. Nay: None. Motion carried. Mr. Wooldredge moved to pass Resolution No. 11-108. Mr. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink. Nay: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 11-108 declared passed.

Mayor Currin read the title of Resolution No. 11-109 entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JOHN A. SHUTSA & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE SEASONS GREENE ECO-INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT." Mr. Basil moved to suspend the rules as provided in Section 220.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow passage of Resolution 11 -109. Mr. Wooldredge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hanink, Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure. Nay: None. Motion carried. Mr. Wooldredge moved to pass Resolution No. 11-109. Mr. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Mr. Hasbrouck, Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wooldredge, Mr. Basil, Mr. DeSaussure, Mr. Hanink. Nay: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 11-109 declared passed.

For the benefit of all in the audience, especially the students attending, Mayor Currin read the City's mission statement.

There being no further business, Mayor Currin adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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William A. Currin, Mayor

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Elizabeth Slagle, Acting Clerk of Council