

Charter Review Suggestions by Elected Officials

Charter Section	Charter Section No.	Proposed by	Suggestion	CRC Action
ARTICLE II - FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND POWERS	2.01 - Form of Government	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Keep the form of government	3/4/20 No changes proposed
ARTICLE III – THE COUNCIL	3.01 – Council Composition & Terms	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Constituents have proposed adding term limits to council members. I take no position on this.	3/4/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE III – THE COUNCIL	3.05 - Powers	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Constituents have asked, “Should the City Manager and/or the Mayor be permitted to have advisory groups, given that Section 3.05(g) grants the power of ad-hoc committees to Council?” I take no position on this.	3/4/20 defer discussion to Articles IV and V. 6/3/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE III – THE COUNCIL	3.10 – Salaries & Bonds	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Constituents have asked if the Council salary is appropriate, compared to neighboring communities. I take no position on this.	4/1/20 defer discussion until salary info gathered from other northeast Ohio City Manager communities. 6/3/20 requested draft changes to change number of meetings from 2 to 4, and to add "or workshops" after "meetings" in two places.

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ARTICLE III – THE COUNCIL	3.12 - Administrative Services	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Keep language the same but add: "The Mayor shall deal solely through Council in respect to any part of the administrative service, or the daily operations thereof, for which the City Manager is responsible."	Removed per Hal D. 2/21/2020
ARTICLE III – THE COUNCIL	3.12 - Administrative Services	Mayor Craig Shubert	remove section	6/17/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.01 - Terms	Mayor Craig Shubert	Modify language re. dates, election, and appointment	6/17/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.02 - Powers (of Mayor)	Mayor Craig Shubert	Remove the words "and ceremonial" from section	6/17/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.02 - Powers (of Mayor)	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Remove "official and" from first sentence of the last paragraph.	Removed per Hal D. 2/21/2020
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.03 - Vacancy	Mayor Craig Shubert	Modify language to match 3.11	6/17/20 requested draft changes.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.04 - Absence	Mayor Craig Shubert	Modify language to clarify meaning of terms used	6/17/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.05 - possible new section	Mayor Craig Shubert	Do not add section earlier discussed by CRD	6/3/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE V - THE MANAGER	5.01 and 5.02 - Appointment, Removal, Suspension and Qualifications (City Manager)	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Consider combining 5.01 and 5.02 - This is an issue that needs clarity when it occurs. Right now, both sections describe procedures for suspension. They are not necessarily in conflict, but they are not the same. The manner of suspension should be absolutely clear and with these two separate provisions, some ambiguity could arise.	4/15/20 requested draft changes to combine/modify/clean up 5.01 and 5.02
ARTICLE V - THE MANAGER	5.03 - Powers and Duties (City Manager)	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Amend subsection to make the appointment of Assistant City Manager(s) plural.	4/15/20 requested draft changes to modify assistant language re. number (one or more) and title (non-specific assistant or deputy...")
ARTICLE VI – FINANCES	6.02 – Tax Credit	Councilman Skylar Sutton	I do not support any changes to the income tax credit (currently 100%). Lowering the credit will only serve to “punish” those who work outside of the city.	4/15/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE VI – FINANCES	6.03 – Finance Director	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Constituents proposed re-organizing the Finance Director to report directly to Council. I have not researched the pros and cons enough to take a position on this.	4/15/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE VI – FINANCES	6.04 – Contracts & Publishing	Councilman Skylar Sutton	I believe the City Manager’s spending limit of \$25,000 is too high, and I would like to see it lowered. Independently, I would also like to see it “self-adjust” over time. As an example, “not in excess of [x] percent of [something]”.	4/15/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE VI – FINANCES	6.04 - Contracts and Purchasing	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Do not change the spending limit set forth in Section 6.04	4/15/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.03 - City Solicitor	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Second sentence, last clause change, "and shall, when requested, give legal opinions in writing." To "and shall, <i>when requested by Council or the City Manager</i> , give legal opinions in writing."	5/6/20 requested draft changes to add "by the City Manager or the Council" after "requested", change "corrections" to "correctness", add "or the Mayor" after "members of Council" at end.
ARTICLE VIII – OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.03 – City Solicitor	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Constituents proposed re-organizing the City Solicitor to report directly to Council. I have not researched the pros and cons enough to take a position on this.	5/6/20 requested draft changes to add "by the City Manager or the Council" after "requested", change "corrections" to "correctness" and add "or the Mayor" after "members of Council" at end.

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ARTICLE VIII – OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.04 – Park Board – Composition & Terms	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Range of members → Fixed number of members.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.
ARTICLE VIII – OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.06 – Cemeteries	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Range of members → Fixed number of members.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.
ARTICLE VIII – OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.07 – Tree Commission	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Public meetings text → new section.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.

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ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.07 - Tree Commission	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Change board composition to 5 to 7 members consistent with the Park Board and Cemetery Board. Remove last sentence. The powers and duties are spelled out by the Charter, in section 8.08. Those powers already indicate at the direction of Council.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.
ARTICLE IX – PLANNING	9.01 – Planning Commission – Composition & Terms	Councilman Skylar Sutton	All “at large” members → at least one from each Ward.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs. 6/17/20 add sentence to read "Not less than one member shall reside in each ward of the Municipality at the time of appointment of any member" or similar at end of cell.

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ARTICLE IX – PLANNING	9.02 – Planning Commission – Powers & Duties	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Constituents have proposed “referendum zoning”, where voters (city-wide) must approve all zoning changes. I prefer, and am proposing, a more surgical approach where “all zoning changes that result in an increased density must be approved by the precinct”. I strongly support this and encourage you to debate this limited scope referendum.	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX – PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	Do not change manner of undertaking zoning code changes	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX – PLANNING	9.05 – Board of Zoning & Building Appeals – Powers & Duties	Councilman Skylar Sutton	Public meetings text new section.	6/3/20 requested draft changes (to 9.04) to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs.

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ARTICLE IX – PLANNING	9.06 – Architectural & Historic Board of Review – Composition & Terms	Councilman Skylar Sutton	All “at large” members → at least one from each Ward.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs.
ARTICLE X - REMOVAL OF APPOINTEES	10.01 - Removal from Office (relating to Boards and Commission)	Councilman Hal DeSaussure	I suggest adding the word, "chartered" to the first sentence: "Except as otherwise provided by this Charter, any member of any <i>chartered</i> board and commission of the municipality may be removed..." The City has many non-chartered boards and commissions, ad hoc boards etc. Occasionally, issues arise from continued absences or other non-feasance that does not arise to "gross" but which affects the working of the group. Council should be able to remove a board member without this procedure in those instances. Also, consider removing the word "accused" from the section altogether. Being removed from a board should not be likened to a criminal accusation. Also, I would consider allowing Council more flexibility in removal for non-quasi-judicial boards such as the Park Board, Cemetery Board and Tree Commission (Leave the heightened procedure for MPC, BZBA, and Arch Bd).	4/29/20 requested draft changes to clean up removal procedure a-la 3.13

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ARTICLE XII – INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL	12.02 – Referendum	Councilman Skylar Sutton	As a result of the rejected “Phase II” referendum, constituents have proposed refining this to ensure that does not happen again. I believe it was rejected due to State law, so there may be no solution, but I believe it is worth investigating.	4/29/20 requested draft changes to change "ordinance or measure" in several places to "ordinance or resolution" and to add "eligible for referendum under the laws of the State of Ohio" after the first reference to "ordinance or measure" in the section
ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER	13.02 – Charter Review Commission	Councilman Skylar Sutton	All “at large” members → at least one from each Ward. Public meetings text → new section. Range of members → Fixed number of members	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs.

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ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.02 - Council Meetings	City Manager Jane Howington	"7:30 call to order" for the organizational meeting. The specific time prevents any flexibility should we want to convene earlier, as we had last December.	3/4/20 requested draft change to remove 7:30 pm time.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.04 - Clerk of Council	City Manager Jane Howington	"clerk pro tempore" To facilitate the appointment of a clerk pro tempore as needed, could we add language that would provide the ability for the deputy clerk or the city manager to fill in as pro-tempore?	3/4/20 no changes proposed. 3/4/20 possible Council rule recommendation to designate annual or other periodic Clerk of Council pro-tempore designees.
ARTICLE V - THE MANAGER	5.03 - Manager - Powers and Duties (h)	City Manager Jane Howington	"end of the fiscal year" Is this reporting on the prior year? Just a point of clarification	4/15/20 requested draft changes to change "at" to "within X days after" and solicit Manager input as to recommended number to insert, whether 30, 60 or 90 days. 6/3/20 requested draft changes to insert "60 days" after receiving City Manager input.
ARTICLE VI - FINANCES	6.04 - Finances - Contracts & Purchasing	City Manager Jane Howington	"city manager authorization up to \$25,000" The language is not terribly clear. The dollar amount being stated creates a static number that does not adjust. Another alternative is the creation of a Board of Control (examples include Streetsboro and Stow).	4/15/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE VI - FINANCES	6.04 - Finances - Contracts & Purchasing	City Manager Jane Howington	“...professional service...” Information Technology (IT) is an area that is not defined as either a professional service or a bid item. Most IT related contracts include significant consultation, management and maintenance. Therefore, we would request adding language to include IT as a professional service.	4/15/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.03 - City Solicitor	City Manager Jane Howington	“City Solicitor representing the municipality in all suits or cases” We often have special counsel in large cases or labor counsel in arbitration. This should be clarified so we don’t get caught in a technicality. Language such as “or such other legal representative as may be designated.	5/6/20 requested draft changes to add "by the City Manager or the Council" after "requested", change "corrections" to "correctness" and add "or the Mayor" after "members of Council" at end.
ARTICLE XI - PERSONNEL SYSTEM	11.02 - Personnel Advisory & Appeals Board Powers & Duties	City Manager Jane Howington	“advice and appeal” I believe we have put this Board in a difficult position. They work closely with staff on our handbook and organizational staffing items. If there were to be an appeal, I would think a case could be made that the PAAB may not be impartial due to their relationship with staff. I believe we are required to have an appeals board. An advisory board could be established without Charter but instead through Council appointment.	6/3/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE XI - PERSONNEL SYSTEM	11.03 - Personnel Principles & Rules (2)	City Manager Jane Howington	“City Manager proposes personnel rules to PAAB...” Should the PAAB be eliminated from this section?	6/3/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE XII - INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL	12.01 - Initiative	City Manager Jane Howington	"determined sufficient by the Finance Director"	4/29/20 requested attorney input as to possible necessary draft changes a-la 12.02
ARTICLE XII - INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL	12.02 - Referendum	City Manager Jane Howington	Why not the Clerk? A Finance Director is not typically versed in this arena	4/29/20 requested draft changes to change "ordinance or measure" in several places to "ordinance or resolution" and to add "eligible for referendum under the laws of the State of Ohio" after the first reference to "ordinance or measure" in the section.
ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER	13.02 - Charter Review Commission	City Manager Jane Howington	The time frame in this section is very short.	5/6/20 no changes proposed.

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PREAMBLE	n/a	Sarah G. Norman	Really? It's about the "character?" instead: "...in order to secure home rule and provide for the effective, efficient, and just governance of its citizens do adopt..."?	3/4/20 no changes proposed
ARTICLE II - THE MAYOR	2.01 - Form of Government	Sarah G. Norman	STRONG MAYOR/MANAGER I favor a hybrid, not a polarizing either/or choice. I don't think it's reasonable in this day and age to leave the management of a \$20 million+ budget to the whim of the political talent pool in any given election. cycle. I also resent having an outsider come in and tell the locals what's what. I'd advocate for a city manager who is a "co-manager" with an elected mayor. The mayor can advise the manager about the local values/culture/temperament and the manager can present the current best practices for municipal responsibilities. That is a check on the runaway-train managers while giving room for that person's expertise where a mayor alone might fall short. In the event the Manager and Mayor don 't agree, Council gets to work out the differences.	3/4/20 No Changes proposed
ARTICLE II - FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND POWERS	2.01 - Form of Government	Sarah G. Norman	The form of government established by this Charter shall be known as "Mayor-Council-Manager." The representative branch shall consist of the Council and Mayor elected by the voters of the municipality, and shall possess respectively the legislative and judicial powers specified in this Charter. The Council shall appoint a City Manager who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality. The Municipality shall have only such other officers as are provided for in this Charter, or in ordinances enacted hereunder. Suggest: See 5.03(a) "an assistant" City Manager, suggesting one (1). This language should be clear so as to avoid the current situation of having 4 assistant city managers, if that would be a financially responsible limitation to put upon the City Manager. Alternate language allowing Council to approve additional ACMs could be written into Article V.	4/15/20 requested draft changes to 5.03 to modify assistant language re. number (one or more) and title (non-specific assistant or deputy...)
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.01 - Composition and Terms	Sarah G. Norman	Add term limits of 2 and out for at least one election cycle? Suggestion: It doesn't seem reasonable to keep qualified people from returning to Council, but it does seem reasonable to allow for a break in the "power" and force them to re-run from scratch if it is the people's will that they be returned to office.	3/4/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.01 - Composition and Terms	Marc Wittenberg	I live in ward 4 at 2706 Easthaven Dr., however, in reviewing the Charter Review Committees notes I noticed Councilman Sutton had several proposals to the committee so you are copied also. My question is with virtually ALL Resident taxpayers represented by the 4 ward council persons, why do we need any At-Large members of council? The Mayor could be the tie breaker or at most only one At-Large member is needed. Charter should be revised to eliminate these extraneous positions that do not really represent Hudson resident taxpayers. The Charter Review Committee should re-assess the requirement for 3 "Extra" At-Large Council positions. All Resident Taxpayers are represented in the 4 ward Council positions leaving the need for only one tie breaker position. The At-Large positions appear to consistently represent non-resident business interests and weigh the council against the resident taxpayers. Either limit At-Large positions to one or redraw the wards so there are 5 wards before the next election for At-Large positions.	6/17/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.01 - Composition and Terms	Rebecca Leiter, 134 Aurora St.	Section 3.01 would also need to amended to change the phrase "a majority of whom shall be elected" to "who are elected". At an extreme, this phrase seems to imply that three Council members could be appointees and the other four elected. This situation would definitely not be in keeping with a representative government.	3/4/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.02 - Meetings	Sarah G. Norman	The council shall conduct an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. [a specified hour is too detailed] at its first regularly scheduled meeting in December following each regular Municipal election. The Mayor shall preside at this organizational meeting and also at subsequent regular or special meetings at which legislative action may be taken. [this means not at workshops? See 3.03] After this the Council shall meet regularly at such times as may be prescribed by its rules, but not less frequently than twice each month. If the day of an organizational meeting as provided in this section is a holiday as established by municipal ordinance, [is it possible that the first meeting of the month would fall on any holiday?] the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. All regular meetings of the Council and all special meetings at which legislative action may be taken shall be open to the public [and with notice? This could be more detailed] , except as may be provided by State law. Any resident [is residency required to speak? Use "person" instead.] of the Municipality shall be entitled to speak at such meetings of the Council. Such right shall not be unreasonably abridged by any rules and regulations which the Council may adopt. Council may also conduct work session meetings, as necessary, at which no legislative action shall be taken to discuss legislative and other actions, which meetings shall be open to the public but shall not require any resident of the Municipality to be entitled to speak [clarify this language; either they are or they are not] at such meetings.	3/4/20 requested draft changes to remove holiday sentence - 3/4/20 possible Council rule recommendation to clarify desired/current work session public comment practice allowance.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.03 - President	Sarah G. Norman	At each organizational meeting of Council, the members first shall elect by majority vote a member to the office of President of Council for a two (2) year term. A member so elected for two (2) consecutive full two-year terms shall thereafter be ineligible for that office for the next succeeding term. The President of Council shall exercise all of the powers and perform all of the duties of mayor in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4.03 and 4.04. Suggest: [President is the "vice-mayor" if the mayor is away]. The President of Council may appoint committees of Council to advise the Council on any functions of the Municipal government. [This suggests that the CM cannot appoint committees like Next Gen; also, this requires no assent by Council resolution?] The President of Council shall preside at all meetings of Council at which no legislative action may be taken. [why does the Mayor preside at meetings and the President at workshops? Why doesn't the President preside at all council events or the Mayor preside at all council events]	3/4/20 no changes proposed
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.04 - Clerk of Council	Sarah G. Norman	Council shall appoint a Clerk of Council, who shall serve at the pleasure of Council. The Clerk of Council shall attend all meetings of Council at which legislative action may be taken [why not workshops?] , keep its records and perform all other duties prescribed by Council. During the absence or disability of the Clerk, the Council shall appoint a clerk pro tempore to perform all of the duties of the office.	3/4/20 no changes proposed
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.05 - Powers	Sarah G. Norman	add: "and Duties" to Section title. All the legislative powers of the Municipality and the determination of... add: all matters of policy shall be vested in the Council (this rendets an "advisory committee" to the CM as sa group outside of the charter provisions as contra the charter's call for Council to hold this power). Without limitation of the foregoing, the Council may by ordinance make provision differing from the general law with respect to... (e) the making, advertising and awarding of contracts, except as provided in section 6.04 of this Charter; [the section allowing the CM to enter contracts under \$25,000] (f) The suspension of the rule requiring that legislation be read at three (3) separate Council meetings to permit legislation to be passed at one (1) meeting, suggest adding: provided there is an affirmative vote of the five (5) members if only five (5) or six (6) are present, or an affirmative vote of six (6) members if seven (7) are present; except that no such suspension may be taken on any ordinance referring to zoning or building codes or other regulations controlling the use or development of land [by such procedure]; SUPERMAJORITY. (g) the appointment of such ad-hoc committees as it deems necessary for specific purposes as approved by council; and [but see section 3.03 where the President appears to have this power; nevertheless, this section seems to make clear that Council, not CM, has the power to .appoint advisory committees].	3/4/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.07 - Quorum and Procedure	Sarah G. Norman	A majority of the members of Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the Council, but if a quorum is not present, a lesser number may adjourn the meeting from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance [do we have these ordinances to compel attendance?] At any meeting where legislative action may be taken at which a quorum is present, any ordinance or resolution may be passed or adopted and any other action may be taken by the affirmative votes of four (4) members of the Council unless a larger number be required by the provisions of this Charter or by the laws of Ohio. {See section 3.13 members shall not miss "3 consecutive meetings." Should there be a minimum attendance requirement with the ability of the Council members to extend/excuse a member under dire circumstances?}	4/1/20 No Changes Proposed.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.09 - Ordinances and Resolutions That Take Immediate Effect	Sarah G. Norman	... Such emergency ordinances or measures shall contain a statement of the specific reasons for such necessity in a separate section of the ordinance or other measure. Every such emergency measure or ordinance shall require the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council for its enactment except that six (6) affirmative votes shall be required if all members are present... SUPERMAJORITY yet different from section 3.05(f) and others	4/1/20 - Requested draft changes to reword and flip order of supermajority clause.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.10 - Salaries and Bonds	Sarah G. Norman	Add " and Expenses " to title. Council shall establish the salaries or compensation of the Mayor and each officer or employee of the Municipality. Members of Council shall be compensated at the rate of eighty dollars (\$80.00) for attendance at a regular meeting but shall not be compensated for attendance at more than two (2) regular meetings per month, plus such reasonable and necessary reimbursement of expenses as may be necessary. Members of any board or commission of the Municipality shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed such reasonable and necessary expenses as may be necessary ... [Council members are required to serve as liaisons to committees, some of which meeting with more frequency than others. Shouldn't their time be compensated if they actually show up? Their attendance in roll call would be the authentication of their participation for payment. How does this reimbursement for "reasonable and necessary" expenses actually work? Does the Charter need to clarify this any?] Any compensation of the Mayor shall be fixed not less than one hundred twenty (120) days immediately preceding the date of the next Municipal election and shall not be changed during the term for which the Mayor was elected. The compensation of every other officer, or employee of the Municipality as fixed by Council shall be subject at all times to the power of Council to provide otherwise by ordinance or resolution, and may be changed at any time at the discretion of council. {Is the President compensated? Does his compensation change in the event he has to step in for the Mayor? Why, or why not?}	4/1/20 - Requested draft changes to increase number of meetings from 2 to 4, and to add "and workshops" after "meetings" (in two places).
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.11 - Vacancies	Rebecca Leiter, 134 Aurora St.	I would also like to see Section 3.11 modified to remove the provision allowing vacancies on the Council to be filled by appointment.	4/1/20 No Changes Proposed.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.11 - Vacancies	Caroline Kremer	Do they know how much a special election costs? As a Hudson resident, I'm against a special election and spending money if we don't have to; just pick someone. They are lucky to have so many people interested in doing the job. The Streetsboro Charter says if Council doesn't fill the vacancy within 30 days from the date such vacancy occurs, then the powers of Council to do so shall lapse and the senior presiding judge in the Court of Common Pleas of Portage County shall fill it by appointment. Maybe Hudson should put that Charter change on the ballot at the next regular election and avoid ever having to pick someone.	6/3/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.12 - Administrative Service	Sarah G. Norman	The Council and its members shall deal solely through the City Manger in respect to any part of the administrative service, or the daily operations thereof, for which the City Manager is responsible. [What does this actually mean?]	4/1/20 No Changes Proposed.

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ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.13 - Removal	Sarah G. Norman	Add to title " Judge of Qualifications. " The Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members as defined in Section 7.04. The Council shall also be the judge of the conduct of its own members. It may expel or remove any member for gross misconduct or malfeasance or nonfeasance in or disqualification for office, or upon conviction for violation of the oath of office, or persistent failure to abide by the rules of Council. or absence without justifiable excuse from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of council; provided, however that such expulsion or removal shall be upon concurrence of five (5) or more members of Council after public hearing upon the charge or charges brought; and provided, further, that the accused member shall have been notified in writing of any charge or charges at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such public hearing; and provided, further, that the member of Council shall have been given the opportunity to be heard, present evidence, and examine witnesses appearing in support of such charge or charges. SUPERMAJORITY - What if there was a "probation" available for bad council members with an explicit list of expectations for better performance? Theoretically, a council member could attend ONLY ONE regular meeting a month, no workshops, no committee meetings and be okay under the terms of the charter. Cf Section 10.01-standards for removal of board/commission member is stricter than for council. Add a provision that in the event of a 3-or-more way election for a ward representative, only candidates who obtain a majority (50.1%) of the vote can be seated, otherwise a run-off election to be held between the top 2 candidates. For at-large elections, in the event of a 3-or-more way election, only candidates securing a 34% share of the vote can be seated with a run off to fill any seats by candidates not achieving the 34% share).	4/1/20 - Requested draft changes to add delivery requirements after "in writing" and to change notice period from 15 to 30 days.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.02 - Powers	Joe Creehan	I am hoping that the Charter Review Committee will not recommend any changes to the role and responsibility of Mayor. Having a professional executive managing the city, under the control of council, with no political affiliation has shown to be the best form of government.	6/3/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.02 - Powers	Sarah G. Norman	Add " and Duties " to title When authorized by Council, the Mayor shall serve as judge and shall have all the judicial powers granted generally by the laws of Ohio to mayors of municipalities. The Mayor shall preside at the organizational meeting and all subsequent regular and special meetings of Council at which legislative action may be taken but shall have no vote therein. The Mayor shall have the right to introduce ordinances, resolutions, and motions, and the right to participate in and receive information on all matters coming before the Council. The Mayor shall timely inform the Council on substantive matters the Mayor participates in within the Mayor's official capacity. The Mayor shall be the official and ceremonial head of the Municipal government and shall be recognized as such by the Governor for military purposes and by the courts for the purpose of serving civil processes. [Generally, a power = "may do" and a duty = "shall do." This list looks like it is all about duties with no powers given.]	4/1/20 No Changes Proposed.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.03 - Vacancy	Sarah G. Norman	The office of the Mayor shall be deemed vacant in the event of the resignation, death, removal from office, disqualification or inability to perform, or not having performed the duties of the office of Mayor [not defined in the charter] for a period of sixty (60) days , or as may be otherwise provided by this Charter {Why is this period so long compared to only missing 3 regular meetings (45 days) for a council representative?}	4/1/20 requested draft changes to add "illness" to reasons for vacancy on first line.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.04 Absence	Sarah G. Norman	In the event of an absence of the Mayor, the President of Council shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of Mayor, while retaining all the powers and responsibilities of President of council. [cf 3.03-the president can sub for the mayor but the mayor can't sub for the president; does this make sense?}	4/1/20 No Changes Proposed.

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ARTICLE V - The City Manager	5.01 - Appointment, Removal, Suspension and Qualifications	Sarah G. Norman	<p>A City Manager shall be appointed by Council, an affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of Council being necessary for the City Manager's appointment. The City Manager's tenure shall be indefinite but shall continue only at the pleasure of council, a vote of at least five (5) members of Council being necessary for removal.</p> <p>SUPERMAJORITY- not worded the same as in other sections ("5 of 6," or "6 of 7") Should this inconsistency be cleaned up? The City Manager may be suspended for just cause [not defined anywhere] for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days, and affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of Council being necessary for any such suspension By the affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of Council, the Council shall appoint a Municipal employee to serve as the Acting City Manager during any suspension of the City Manager [see Section 5.04 Vacancy to reconcile?]. ...This becomes a SUPERMAJORITY in the event that less than 7 Council members are present. Is that what we want?</p>	4/15/20 requested draft changes to combine/modify/clean up 5.01 and 5.02
ARTICLE V - The City Manager	5.02 - Removal Process	Sarah G. Norman	<p>[How do these provisions work with those in 5.01? If 5.01 and 5.02 were synthesized, this is what I think it would say: a) A City manager shall be appointed by council by an affirmative vote of not less than 5 members of council. The City Manager's tenure shall be indefinite [unless otherwise provided by contract but shall continue only at the pleasure of Council, a vote of at least 5 members being necessary for removal. The City Manager shall be chosen solely on the basis of professional qualifications and knowledge of the duties, standards and accepted practices of the office. The City Manager need not be a resident of the Municipality at the time of appointment, but shall within a reasonable time after appointment establish and maintain residence in the Municipality, unless otherwise provided by council. b) The City Manager may, by resolution, be suspended for [any] cause for a period of time not to exceed 30 calendar days upon the vote of at least 4 Council members. [Such resolution] shall set forth the reasons for suspension [and if such suspension is] pending a proposed removal of the City Manager. The City Manager may request [in writing] a hearing before Council as to the cause, duration, and whether the suspension is with or without pay within 3 [or 15?] calendar days of being notified in writing of the suspension. [The hearing by City Council] shall occur not earlier than 10 days nor later than 15 days after such hearing is requested . If a hearing is not requested by the City Manager within the 3 [or 15 day period], [and removal was a part of the suspension], the removal of the City Manager is effective on the 4th [or 16th] day after service of the resolution provided for above. At the close of hearing [or within 15 days of the close of testimony and arguments], an affirmative vote of at least 4 Council members shall be required to vacate or modify the suspension in any manner, [otherwise it stands as originally passed by Council.] [Alternatively, if the resolution includes the removal of the City Manager,] Council shall act upon the resolution within 15 days after the close of the testimony and arguments and it shall be effective immediately upon its passage. c) The City Manager shall continue to receive [such salary as called for by the resolution of suspension or the] full salary until the effective date of a final resolution of removal. d) By the affirmative vote of at least 4 Council members, it shall appoint a Municipal employee to serve as the Acting/Interim City Manager during any suspension of the City Manager.</p>	4/15/20 requested draft changes to combine/modify/clean up 5.01 and 5.02

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ARTICLE V - The City Manager	5.03 - Powers and Duties (make section 4.02 consistent)	Sarah G. Norman	The City Manager shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality, responsible to the Council)for the proper administration of all affairs of the Municipality and the enforcement of all laws and ordinances within the scope of the designated powers and duties of the office. The City Manager shall manage all divisions and departments of the Municipal government and to this end shall have the power and be required [so it's both a power (can) and a duty (must)?] to: (a) Appoint, promote, transfer, reduce or remove, subject to the provisions of this charter and enactments of Council pursuant thereto, any officer or employee of the Municipality except those required by this Charter to be elected and those persons as may otherwise be provided for by the Charter; and the City Manager may appoint an Assistant City Manager, provided such position is provided for by an ordinance of the Council and such appointment is approved by the Council; [so if we have "too many" ACMs, it is on Council to remove/consolidate them?] (b) Execute on behalf of the Municipality all contracts, conveyances, evidence of indebtedness, and all other instruments to which the Municipality is a party, and affix the seal of the Municipality to all of said instruments, but the absence of the seal shall not affect the validity of any such instrument; [do we actually have a seal? Or is this antiquated language?] (c) Attend all Council meetings, with the right to participate in discussions and bring matters to the attention of council but without the right to vote; (d) Recommend the adoption or repeal of any legislation by council; (e) Submit annually prior to January 1 of the next year, [does this make sense? Is there a more reasonable date, such as February 1 when prior financials are mostly in and complete?] a five (5) year financial plan to include capital improvements. The capital improvement plan should list major proposed capital improvements for the next five (5) years with supporting information as to their necessity, cost estimates, the methods of possible financing and suggested time schedule for each improvement; (f) Submit an annual budget to Council and be responsible for its proper execution as covered by appropriation ordinances of Council; {When submitted? Does it make sense for there to be a time constraint for the capital improvement plan and annual report but nat the budget?} (g) Submit to Council a monthly report showing the condition of all funds, and Council by ordinance shall prescribe the specific form of report; (h) Prepare and submit to Council at the end of each fiscal year, a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the Municipality for the preceding year; (i) Act as purchasing agent for the Municipality; (j) Assist the Council to develop long-term goals for the Municipality and strategies to implement these goals; [is this too much detail? How does this directive work or conflict with the city's Comprehensive Plan? Is this redundant given that the CM is entitled to address Council at any time? Is this redundant given the language in the opening paragraph that CM's duty is to enforce all ordinances?] (k) Provide to Council on a timely basis [what does this really mean?] any information, data, documents and reports related to Municipal matters as requested by Council; and (l) Perform all other duties prescribed for the City Manager in this Charter or by Council.	4/15/20 requested draft changes to change "at" to "within X days after" and solicit Manager input as to recommended number to insert, whether 30, 60 or 90 days.
ARTICLE V - The City Manager	5.04 - Vacancy	Sarah G. Norman	Whenever the office of City Manager shall become vacant for any reason, the Council may appoint anInterim City Manager [no specific vote margin required as in Section 5.01? "Acting City Manager" in 5.01 vs. "Interim CM" here] The Interim City Manager shall continue only at the pleasure of Council and a vote of at least four (4) members of Council being necessary for removal. SUPERMAJORITY- action can't be taken with 5 council members present voting 3-2? Not consistentwith other supermajority provisions; is this what we want?	4/15/20 requested draft changes to add number of Council votes required to appoint and to change "a" to "an affirmative" before "vote" near end of section.
ARTICLE VI - FINANCES	6.02 - Tax Credit	Sarah G. Norman	When the taxable income of a resident of the Municipality is subject to a municipal income tax in another municipality and/or Joint Economic Development District or Joint Economic Development Zone on the same income taxable by the Municipality, Council shall make provision for granting the resident a credit of the amount of income tax paid on such taxable income to such other municipality or Join Economic Development District orJoint Economic Development Zone equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount obtained by multiplying the lower of the tax rate of such other municipality ... or of the Municipality by the taxable income earned in or attributable to the municipality or JED District or JED Zone of employment or business activity. Council may not decrease the amount of such credit without having obtained the approval for such decrease by a majority of the electors of the municipality voting on the question at a general election. (Amended 11/2/10) [Wouldn't this be a place where we would want a SUPERMAJORITY of Council and/or the electorate to approve this action? It's serious and would take much time and effort to reverse]. [It would be great if clarifying language was added here so that people would understand that by NOT having a 100% credit, they would be required to pay an additional amount to the City of Hudson to create the equivalent of a "100%" value for the taxes paid to RITA etc. E.g. if Council decreases the credit for taxes paid to 95%, the citizens have to pay the equivalent of 105% of the tax in order to be square with the City of Hudson.]	4/15/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE VI - FINANCES	6.03 - Finance Director	Sarah G. Norman	The Finance Director shall be the Custodian of Funds and Accounting Officer of the Municipality [no other qualifications? CPA? Etc?] The Finance Director shall be appointed by the City Manager subject to the approval of Council, and shall be responsible to the City Manager [COUNCIL?!] for carrying out the duties of the office,	4/15/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE VI - FINANCES	6.04 - Contracts and Purchasing	Sarah G. Norman	The City Manager may, within the amounts and items appropriated by the Council, make purchases and enter into contracts in behalf of the Municipality involving expenditures for the whole of any authorized project, asset or service not in excess of Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) without competitive bidding, except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance of the Council. [How to determine that "\$25,000" has been met/reached: if the total paid to the entity or vendor in any one year/quarter/month for the same or substantially same services is greater or equal to \$25,000 ... or more than one check issued to the same vendor per quarter. Alternatively, Council may be able to adjust these rules by ordinance to curtail abuse. Or require the mayor to co-sign checks!] No purchase or contract involving an expenditure of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall be made except with the lowest and best bidder as determined by Council after advertising for bids, in writing, for a period of at least once a week for two {2} in a newspaper of general circulation within the Municipality [antiquated; update to current media outlets]; provided, however, that the Council may authorize contracts without advertising for bids for professional services, for the acquisition of real estate, for the joint use of facilities or exercise of powers with other political subdivision or for the product or services of public utilities (including those Municipally operated), and the Council may authorize a purchase or a contract involving an expenditure of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) without advertising for bids if it determines and declares by an affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members that an emergency exists affecting life, health, property or public peace and sets for the nature of the emergency in its resolution or ordinance. SUPERMAJORITY - inconsistent with other supermajority provisions; is this what we want?	4/15/2020 requested draft changes to notice requirements to incorporate technology a-la changes to 3.08.
ARTICLE VII	7.01 - Nominations	Sarah G. Norman	Nominations ..filed with Board of Elections at least ninety (90) days before the day of elections...change this to be less specific like "per Board Elections rules for general elections: because we don't need to specify this date since it's not up to us.	4/29/20 requested draft changes to change "district" to "designated area of the Municipality" or similar.
ARTICLE VII	7.02 - Ballots	Sarah G. Norman	The names of all candidates shall be rotated on the ballot as provided by provided by the law of the State of Ohio...Do we need to specify the rotation of names on the ballot? This is too much detail since this is not decided by us.	4/29/20 no changes proposed
ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, QUALIFICATIONS	7.03 - Elections	Sarah G. Norman	The regular Municipal election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd numbered years... why not say "in accordance with Summit County Boaqrd of Elections policy, or if not specified, on the..." Or is this too specific for the Charter? Can we leave it up to the state law and delete this sentence?	4/29/20 no changes proposed

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ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, QUALIFICATIONS	7.04 - Qualifications	Sarah G. Norman	Each elective [elected?] officer of the Municipality shall be a qualified elector of the Municipality and shall have resided in the Municipality or in territory annexed thereto for a period of at least two (2) continuous years [Does this mean that people who go on a 2-month vacation are prohibited from holding office?] immediately preceding the date of election and shall continue to reside in the district for which the officer was elected during said term; [Could we be clearer about what "reside" means? Does it mean receiving mail (which is really all that the Board of Elections is looking at) or is there another test that is a better litmus test for determining who should and should not be qualified to be an elected official? E.g. "Reside and have voted in 3 of the last 5 elections?" or "Make their primary domicile for eating and sleeping for not less than 20 of the preceding 24 months?" or do we intend it to be such a loose requirement that "owning property and receiving mail is sufficient to sit as an elected officer whether one actually eats and sleeps in the City of Hudson"?)] Shall hold no incompatible office under the National, State or County government, not have any financial interest in any contract to which the Municipality is a party, or in any expenditure of money by the Municipality other than fixed compensation and traveling or other expenses incidental to the authorized furtherance of the interest of the Municipality. Are the "incompatible offices" self-evident or does it need to be explained? Or just add "as determined by the Ohio Revised Code". {Is this an appropriate place for adding a reference to the Summit County Board of Elections being the final arbiter of whether or not qualifications have been met? As we saw in the 2019 elections, it was not a City of Hudson body/agency that made the determination about whose name could be on the ballot.	4/29/20 requested draft changes to change "district" to "designated area of the Municipality" or similar, and add language re. two-year prior ward residency requirement
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.01 - General Provisions	Sarah G. Norman	The Council may by ordinance establish, reorganize and consolidate such divisions or departments or the operation of the government of the Municipality as it may deem necessary. [This should include the ability of Council to consolidate the 4 ACMs that we currently have]. With the exception of any division or department established by this Charter, the Council may continue or abolish divisions or departments as it may deem necessary. The council may authorize one (1) person appointed by the City Manager to be the head of two (2) or more divisions or departments. The City Manager shall be the head of each division or department unless the City Manager appoints some other person to such office. (Is this the CM's justification for the 4 ACMs?)	5/6/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.03 - City Solicitor (Law Director?)	Sarah G. Norman	The City Solicitor... this is antiquated language; update to common parlance of "law director"	5/6/20 requested draft changes to add "by the City Manager or the Council" after "requested", change "corrections" to "correctness" and add "or the Mayor" after "members of Council" at end.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.04 - Park Board - Composition and Terms	Sarah G. Norman	The Park Board shall consist of five (5) to seven (7) QUALIFIED electors of the municipality... the range of board compositions should be removed and a finite number of established; perhaps an "alternate" could be assigned and in the event of a vacancy that person automatically tapped to succeed the vacating board member.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.05 - Municipal Parks	Sarah G. Norman	... Except by a vote of a majority of the electors of the Municipality, land owned by the Municipality and devoted to public park purposes shall not be sold or otherwise transferred to another owner, nor used by the Municipality for purposes other than public park purposes , which would result in a net reduction of the land area of the public park, unless the reduction in land area would be for a public purpose that enhances the function of that particular park or for a public right-of-way for vehicular, pedestrian and/or utility purposes. [How is "public park purposes" defined? How do we know? Clearly "nature preserves" are contemplated by the rest of the language of this section; this language should be clearly defined on both counts. Is a skatepark a "park?" What about a music amphitheater? Cemetery?]	6/3/20 no changes proposed.

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ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.05 Municipal Parks	Tom King, Hudson Park Board Member	I request the Commission establish an advisory function to promote the improvement of a system of pathways for pedestrian and bicycle access and connectivity throughout Hudson. I suggest this focus be specifically addressed as a function of the Park Board. Your predecessors thought that municipal parks for the conservation and recreation value are so important to our community excellence that there should be a citizen appointed body specifically responsible for advisory oversight to maintain and expand the parks over competing municipal needs. Today the interest is high in having non-motorized circulation alternatives for health, mental and environmental benefits as vital to desirable communities. Attached is a revision to Charter language that I believe is desirable. Thank you for your service to our community.	6/3/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.05 - Municipal Parks	Keith Smith	Provide more teeth to Park Board, similar to earlier Park Board role prior to subsequent charter changes	6/3/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.06 - Cemeteries	Sarah G. Norman	Public cemeteries within the Municipality or owned by the Municipality shall be operated and maintained by the Municipality. Council shall provide for a Cemetery Board which shall advise the Municipality on cemetery matters. The Board shall consist of five (5) to seven (7) qualified electors of the Municipality...there will always be a minimum of five (5) members on the Board. Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State Law. [This is a mandate. But is a "public cemetery" able to not be owned by the Municipality? Redundant language?][What does "advise" really mean? Does it/should it have any decisionmaking authority like Park Board (over expenditures, acquisitions)?] [The range of board compositions should be removed and a finite number established; we can eliminate the "minimum" language if the finite number is specified because that would become redundant.] {NEED A SECTION ON THE CEMETERY BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES!} [This should not need to be said; there should be a stand-alone section on Sunshine Law compliance.] Suggestions for section on powers and duties shall be to: a. Manage the established municipal cemeteries' maintenance, restoration and upkeep; b. Provide for appropriate burial space as a public service to residents, including making recommendations for expansion of cemeteries; c. Set the fees and charges for burial of residents and non-residents; d. Set the rules for usage and decoration of the cemeteries; e. Set the fees, charges, and rules for usage or rental of the Markillie Chapel; f. Recommend security and preservation actions for the historic and/or dormant cemeteries;	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.07 - Tree Commission	Sarah G. Norman	The Tree Commission shall consist of five (5) QUALIFIED electors of the municipality... Meetings shall be open to the public except as may be provided by State Law. We need consistence in the finite numbers on the boards. Add "qualified" in front of "electors" to be consistent. Open meetings should not need to be said; there should be a stand alone section on Sunshine Law compliance.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.

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ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	New Section	EAC Committee Jeff Wells, Chair; Karin Farkas, Vice-Chair; Jack Brookhart; Nicole Kowalski; Ivana Matyas; Joseph Ortiz; Leanne Schumacher	The Environmental Awareness Committee [EAC] would like the commission to consider the following charter amendment. The proposed amendment is: To make the Environmental Awareness Committee a charter committee. The EAC understands that if the commission approves the proposed amendment it would need to be submitted to, and approved by, Hudson City Council then placed before the Hudson voters in the November 3rd election. The committee is requesting this amendment because it would show the city's commitment to the environment and preserving natural resources. The EAC originally began as the Adhoc Recycling Advisory group. It evolved into the EAC in 2008 and formally established through Codified Ordinance of Hudson, OH, Chapter 293. Since then the EAC has been involved in numerous initiatives, including working with Keep America Beautiful, organizing Green on the Green, offering rain barrel workshops and purchasing a water refill station. It works closely with other city staff, other city boards, Summit County ReWorks, Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners, and other groups that support environmental issues. Currently, the EAC is described by the city as "A standing community volunteer board approved by Hudson City Council whose purpose is to provide ideas, suggestions, and to make recommendations to the city regarding environmental initiatives. The goal of the EAC is to increase awareness of the human impact in the environment in order to encourage conservation of natural resources." Environmental commissions are recognized in other cities. For example, the City of Twinsburg's Environmental Commission was established as part of Twinsburg's city code in 2008. If the EAC became a charter committee it would be able to adopt a mission statement and outline other aspects, including duties, responsibilities and the scope and structure of the committee, including the qualifications and responsibilities of membership. The committee believes your commission, City Council and Hudson residents would support this charter amendment.	6/3/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.01 - Planning Commission - Composition and Terms	Keith Smith	PC ward representation	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs. 6/17/20 add sentence to read "Not less than one member shall reside in each ward of the Municipality at the time of appointment of any member" or similar at end of cell.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.01 Planning (Platting) Commission - Composition and Terms	Sarah G. Norman	The Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) QUALIFIED electors of the Municipality...Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or in territory annexed thereto for two (2) years preceding appointment and shall continue.... Add "qualified" in front of "electors" to be consistent. We need consistence in the finite numbers on the boards. Is a 2 year residency really appropriate as a qualification to be on the Planning Commission?	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs. 6/17/20 add sentence to read "Not less than one member shall reside in each ward of the Municipality at the time of appointment of any member" or similar at end of cell.

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ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.01 - Planning Commission - Composition and Terms	Tony Havlicek	I'm writing you because I cannot make it to your meetings on Wednesdays. Like most, we are a busy family with kids in a ridiculous amount of activities during the week. However, I do try and catch up council, planning commission and charter review commission meetings via the videos on the Hudson website. Last week, councilman Sutton made some interesting recommendations to you that I think you should highly consider. The first is representation from all wards on city boards and commissions. Why hasn't the city have implemented this already? For example, if the park board is loaded with ward 1 residents, who's parks will most likely get the attention? And if you cannot fill a seat its the council persons duty to find someone in his ward to fill it. Go door to door like you did to get elected in the first place.	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs. 6/17/20 add sentence to read "Not less than one member shall reside in each ward of the Municipality at the time of appointment of any member" or similar at end of cell.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning (Platting) Commission - Powers and Duties	Sarah G. Norman	All meetings of the Commission shall be public; this should not need to be said; there should be a stand-alone section on Sunshine Law Compliance. Any foregoing matter so referred to the Planning Commission shall be considered by the Commission at a public hearing, except streets and land subdivision within zoning districts where both industrial and office uses are permitted...why do we have this exception? Its a boondoggle and unfair legal exception carved out for certain landowners that does not apply to all - doesn't belong in the Charter! We have to be fair to all! All business conducted at public meetings! Any proposed action by Council relating to changes of zoning, building codes, or other regulations controlling the use or development of land shall require five (5) votes of Council for passage. Four (4) votes by council shall be required to return a recommendation to the Planning Commission for further consideration, and this may be done only once. SUPERMAJORITY-- not worded the same as in other sections ("5 of 6," or "6 of 7") This inconsistency should be cleaned up. This vote of 4 becomes a SUPERMAJORITY in the event that less than 7 Council members are present. Is that what we want? Is the intent to keep Council from acting on business when 1 or 2 are missing?	07/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Tom & Pat Armbruster, 6398 Stow Rd.	Thank you for the many hours you are putting in protecting and preserving the Hudson we love so dearly. My wife and I have made Hudson our home for 40 years. My wife just retired having taught young people in the Hudson City Schools for 43 years. I just retired from my teaching at Western Reserve Academy for 36 years. This is our community of friends and neighbors and we plan to stay. Our historic home is modest in size but we have a little land which makes it just perfect. We feel strongly that protecting the large lot residential areas that surround our downtown are critical to maintaining the character of Hudson. It is easy to take for granted the open spaces and partially wooded lots that create the small town feel we enjoy every day. Over the years we have watched with sadness as the character of the small cities around Hudson have been transformed by national builders into mindless residential development. In contrast we have watched Hudson's residential development grow following the thoughtful planning of citizen committees and strict zoning rules. We need to protect the zoning rights of current residents from the momentum of residential development as an end in itself. We support the initiative of Councilperson Skylar Sutton to require any changes in residential zoning that result in an increased density must be voted on by the residents of the precinct that would be effected.	07/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Penny McNeal - 112 Elm St.	City Councilman Skylar Sutton has proposed a charter amendment that would help protect the character of Hudson by requiring that people who live in a ward be given a vote on any increase in the density of development in their ward. There are those on City Council who are against this amendment and would like the decisions on increases in housing and population density to be in the hands of Council and our City Staff. I believe that the timing of this proposal could be helpful to our concern regarding any forthcoming proposal to change the zoning in our neighborhood to accommodate a redevelopment of the 1927 portion of the old middle school. Of course the residents of a neighborhood should have a say in any proposal to change the character of the neighborhood. They're the ones who have a stake in the situation. City Council needs to be concerned about maintaining the very special character of Hudson, the operation and maintenance of the city, the safety and security of citizens, etc. Should any proposals come forth for any major new projects then before any taxpayer dollars are spent, a referendum needs to be placed on the ballot for the affected community to approve. The citizenry of Hudson must not continue to let Council with their 4 Person Majority to rule over the entire community. Changing the city charter is a very important start.	07/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.

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ARTICLE IX – PLANNING	9.02 – Planning Commission – Powers & Duties	Jim Squyres - 157 Elm	Opposes Councilman Skylar Sutton's charter amendment requiring ward voting for density increases. Ward voters have neither the background nor experience to make these decisions. How much divisiveness before government becomes useless?	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Allison Quagliata	Require separate referendums to study development and to approve development.	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Rebecca Leiter, 134 Aurora St.	I am also in favor of the suggestion that a provision be added to the charter that allows citizens to vote on proposed developments that significantly change the density within their ward.	07/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Tony Havlicek	Secondly, I like the idea of the residents of a particular ward be able to vote on serious zoning changes like density and rezoning that will affect them not just council or the city staff. Let the folks who will be most effected decide what they want and don't want. Who is council or the city staff to say whats good for me and my ward? Furthermore, what does a ward on the other side of town know whats good for my ward? I would like to see an exclusive ward vote on any changes to serious changes. I noticed councilman Desaussure was not in favor of this and mentioned it would be a disaster and we're a community not just wards. While I agree we are a community, I feel each ward should have some control over their "look" and "feel" which makes them unique.	3/4/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	James Witherspoon	I've been a resident of Hudson the past 26 years. I appreciate the rural uncluttered nature of the city, and I'm sure that's what continues to attract many to the Hudson area. Recognizing the ideal of self-determination I wholeheartedly support the initiative of Councilperson Skylar Sutton to require that any changes in residential zoning that would result in an increased density must be voted on by the residents of the precinct that would be effected. We can see what can happen by looking at Twinsburg, Stow, Cuyahoga Falls and other nearby communities when high-density development is allowed to proceed with little input from effected residents. Hudson has been fortunate to benefit from thoughtful and competent community planning and zoning. Putting precinct residents in control of density changes directly affecting them assures that changes made will more likely than not always be in the best interests of the community.	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Richard and Ruth Andrews 2095 Ravenna Street	My husband Richard and I have lived in the John Ellsworth, Circa 1845 house at 2095 Ravenna Street for 42 years. We purchased this property because of the surrounding green space. We like the farms, the larger lots and the feeling of being a little more in the country. We feel strongly that we need to protect the zoning rights of current residents from the continued pressure to build on any and all green space in our community. We strongly support Councilman, Skylar Sutton's initiative to require any changes in residential density to be voted by the people in the precinct affected by the change. It is the right thing to do. Hudson is a special community and we must do our very best to sustain its historical beauty.	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.

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ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Carol Shoop 78 S. Hayden Pkwy.	To all who serve the city of Hudson, I appreciate the time and concern you give as council members to keep Hudson the desirable place it is. We raised our children here because it is so appealing. That standard has not changed in the 34 years we have lived in our house. I am writing to follow up on the controversy over population density that has been brewing for the last few years. Fortunately the council did not move to change the status quo in the last decision, but I am quite certain new proposals will come forth in the future. I am suggesting that the next proposal includes the option for the citizens of Hudson who live in the precinct being affected be allowed to vote on the decision. It is, after all, those people who will have to live with the consequences. I thank you for your consideration in this matter.	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Dr. Françoise Massardier-Kenney 63 College Street	First, I want to express my gratitude for your efforts to preserve our town and its historic heritage. My family and I have been residents of Hudson for 25 years and feel lucky that so many citizens care about the historic character and landscape of Hudson. We know how important it is to preserve open spaces and wooded lots to avoid the destruction of this cityscape through thoughtless development. And we are grateful for Hudson's commitment to zoning regulations that preserve our town. This is why I support the initiative of Councilperson Skylar Sutton to require any changes in residential zoning that result in an increased density must be voted on by the residents of the precinct that would be effected. I and many of my fellow citizens feel strongly that we must protect the zoning rights of current residents from the momentum of residential unnecessary development that will damage the character of our town.	07/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Ted and Brigitte Gottfried, 35 South Hayden Parkway	We support the initiative of Councilperson Skylar Sutton to require any changes in residential zoning that result in an increased density must be voted on by the residents of the precinct that would be affected.	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Mr. and Mrs. McNeil, 1201 Cutler Ln.	We are in support of the pending proposal of Skylar Sutton re residential zoning changes involving increased density requiring precinct voter approval. Marcela and Jack McNeill 42 year Hudson residents	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Lou Verhas, 1701 Groton Dr	I would like to see the charter, regarding the changes to zoning or zoning use, to require a vote of the electorate after review of the planning commission and approval of council.	7/01/2020 requested draft changes to eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.04 - Board of Zoning Appeals - Composition and Terms	Keith Smith	Add BZBA ward representation, and add (2) members (5+2 = 7)	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.04 - Board of Zoning Appeals - Composition and Terms	Sarah G. Norman	The Board of Zoning and Building Appeals shall consist of five (5) [qualified?] electors [We need consistency in the finite numbers on the boards.]	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.

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ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.04 - Board of Zoning Appeals - Composition and Terms & 9.05 - Board of Zoning and Buildings Appeals - Powers and Duties	Bob Drew	As Chairman of the B Z B A, I support proposed changes to Charter sections 9.05 and 9.06. Although not effecting the B Z B A, I do not support language in section 9.01 mandating planning commission board members appointed by ward residency. Thank you for your work on this project	7/01/2020 no additional changes proposed.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.06 - Architectural And Historic Board of Review - Composition and Terms	Sarah G. Norman	The Architectural and Historic Board of Review shall consist of seven (7) electors of the Municipality {We need consistency in the finite numbers on the boards.}	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.08 - Architectural and Historic Board of Review - Appeals	Sarah G. Norman	Appeals from decisions ... shall be taken to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals in accordance with procedures established by council.... [Has Council done this? Is this too detailed? Does this actually need to be in the charter?]	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.
ARTICLE X - REMOVAL OF APPOINTEES	10.01 - Removal from Office	Sarah G. Norman	Except as otherwise provided by this Charter, any member of any board or commission [not council] of the Municipality may be removed from office for gross misconduct or malfeasance or nonfeasance in or disqualification for office or absence without justifiable excuse from three (3) consecutive meetings, or upon conviction while in office of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude, or for a violation of the oath of office upon the concurrence of five (5) or more members of Council after public hearing upon the charge or charges brought; provided, however, that the accused member shall have been notified in writing of the charge or charges at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such public hearing; and provided, further, that the accused or counsel for the accused shall have been given the opportunity to be heard, present evidence and examine witnesses appearing in support of such charge or charges. "without justifiable excuse" [what does this really mean? Who is enforcing this? Can the board/commission request removal of a Council member for absence?] "violation of oath"-- [boards and commission members don't get sworn in, so there is no "oath" of office.] SUPERMAJORITY -["five or more?" why is that a requirement? Meaning, that if 4 council members are present for a meeting, they cannot take action on the charges even though that is a quorum for all other business. Is this what we really want? The language of this paragraph could be cleaned up substantially for reflecting the process of bringing charges, notice, hearing etc. and also for establishing the effective date of the council vote/effect on the board member. How do we decide what a crime of moral turpitude is such that it would disqualify a person from serving on the Park Board? Cemetery Board?	4/29/20 requested draft changes to clean up removal procedure a-la 3.13
ARTICLE XI - PERSONNEL SYSTEM	11.01 - Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board - Composition and Terms	Sarah G. Norman	The personnel Advisory and Appeals Board shall consist of three (3) disinterested qualified electors of the Municipality not holding other public office, to be appointed by Council. Each member shall serve, without compensation, for a term of six (6) years {What accounts for the disparity of this board in number (significantly smaller) and in length of term?}	6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc. until further CRC discussion occurs.

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ARTICLE XII - INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL	12.01 - Initiative	Sarah G. Norman	... When an initiative petition has been determined sufficient by the Finance Director and prior to submission to the Board of Elections of such proposed ordinance or measure for the approval or rejection of the electors of this Municipality, the Finance Director shall forthwith submit such proposed initiative ordinance or measure to Council and the Council and the Council shall consider the proposed initiative ordinance or measure. If the Council fails to adopt the proposed initiative ordinance or measure without any change in substance within thirty (30) days after it receives the proposed initiative ordinance from the Finance Director , the Finance Director shall submit the proposed ordinance or measure to the Board of Elections. {Why doesn't this go through the City Solicitor/Law Director? We could clean up the verbiage in this section. What does "determined sufficient" mean? Is that about content or process?}	4/29/20 requested draft changes - possible necessary changes a-la 12.02
ARTICLE XII - INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL	12.02 - Referendum	Sarah G. Norman	Same concerns as with language for 12.01, Finance Director, determined sufficient, etc.	4/29/20 change "ordinance or measure" in several places to "ordinance or resolution" and add "eligible for referendum under the laws of the State of Ohio" after the first reference to "ordinance or measure" in the section.
ARTICLE XII - INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL	12.03 - Recall	Sarah G. Norman	... This petition may be circulated in separate parts, but the parts shall be bound together and filed as one instrument. Each part shall contain the name and office of the person whose removal is sought and a statement in not more than two hundred (200) words of the grounds for removal. Such petition shall be signed by at least that number of electors which equals twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of electors who voted at the most recent gubernatorial election in the district from which the elected officer was elected. {This paragraph is 92 words. Why the 200 word limit of the petition? The practical reality is that to recall an atlarge councilman or mayor is significantly harder than to recall a Ward council rep. Do we want it to be that way?} Within ten (10) days after the day on which the petition has been filed, the Clerk of Council shall determine whether or not it meets the requirements hereof [Why not the Law Director? And if it passes the Law Director then to the clerk?] If such officer does not resign within five (5) days after delivery of the certificate, the council shall fix a day for holding a recall election, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days after the date of such delivery. [Are these actually reasonable times? Can the Board of Elections scramble a ballot and elections with absentee ballots in that timeframe? This means "voluntarily step down or else we have an expensive election. What if Council could take action instead of an election?]	Change "district" to "designated area of Municipality " or similar.
ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER	13.01 - Methods and Procedure	Sarah G. Norman	The Council may, by the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of its members , submit to the electors any proposed amendment or amendments to this Charter; or upon petition in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and laws of Ohio now or hereafter in effect signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the electors of the municipality setting forth any proposed amendment or amendments to this Charter SUPERMAJORITY -what purpose here? Inconsistent with other supermajority language (5 of 6, 6 of 7) etc. in Charter. {Inconsistency or requirements of section 12.03 (Recall) with percentage of electors vs. those who voted in last gubernatorial election. "Voters" represent engaged people; "electors" is about warm bodies.}	5/6/20 deferred discussion until supermajority discussion occurs; no other changes proposed.
ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER	13.02 - Charter Review Commission	Sarah G. Norman	Not later than the month of January 2000, and at least each fifth (sth) year thereafter in the month of January, the Council shall appoint a Commission of not less than seven (7) but not more than eleven (11) qualified electors of the Municipality to be known as a Charter Review Commission, to serve without compensation. [Range of members needs to be made finite; it should be an odd number and it would be great to have a larger body given the gravity of the decisions and the depth of knowledge we need to bring to bear on an occasional review. This would be a great opportunity to allow the electorate to select 3 of the 7, or 4 of the 9, or 5 of the 11, especially given the exceptionally political nature of the appointments to the 2020 commission. The Council, not the people, ended up with the control over the charter in this cycle; I don't believe that this is what the charter contemplated as the intended force of power.] The term of the Commission shall end on the day of the next general election. Each member shall have been a resident of the Municipality or territory annexed thereto for a period of two (2) years preceding the appointment and shall continue to remain a resident during the member's term [The January to July/ August schedule is ridiculous. We would be better served to appoint in summer for a year's worth of work. Is 2 years of residency really enough to have a valid opinion upon the method of government for the city? I think 5 years is more prudent.]	5/6/20 no changes proposed. 6/3/20 requested draft changes to modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs

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Miscellaneous	n/a	Sarah G. Norman	<p>Chapters/topics Hudson is missing from the „Model City Charter“ of the National Civic league:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergovernmental relations-specifically, what should the relationship be between the Council/City and Hudson City School District? Too often it seems that Council is endorsing a levy, or the district is endorsing a development plan, which is an inappropriate use of political heft. Our charter is silent on the topic and if we are going to be intentionally silent, reflecting that intention in the charter is a good idea. • Investigations/Independent Audit-no provisions for conducting independent auditing is called for by the Charter. Why? • Public records/open meetings-while this is ordained by state statute, an affirmative statement that all committees/boards and all parts of the city administration are compelled to uphold these laws in all of their actions would be a bare minimum here. • Board of Ethics-we don't have one. • Campaign Finance-this should be a separate section, not woven in with the Council/Mayor/elected positions. • Transition of officers/employees and Departments, Offices, and Agencies-we have no separate provisions related to the transition of top tier admins or appointees. 	6/17/20 no changes proposed.
Misc.	n/a	Sarah G. Norman	<p>At your last meeting, Chairman Kagler read over one of my extra suggestions related to the inter-relationship between the City of Hudson government and other governmental agencies/units, specifically the Hudson City School District. • Intergovernmental relations—specifically, what should the relationship be between the Council/City and Hudson City School District? Too often it seems that Council is endorsing a levy, or the district is endorsing a development plan, which is an inappropriate use of political heft. Our charter is silent on the topic and if we are going to be intentionally silent, reflecting that intention in the charter is a good idea. It was suggested that the city council members only do so as "personal comments" and that there wasn't much of a history here to go on. Nothing could be further from the truth. Attached are the relevant pages of Hudson City Council and Hudson Board of Education minutes that are available online which show a long history (from 2010) of City Council endorsing various school levies through resolutions upon which a vote was taken. The Board of Education returned the favor by endorsing the Phase II development plan when the "advisory vote" was scheduled last May. In case you have forgotten, on March 15, 2015, the Council and Board held a joint workshop related to school funding. On the last page of the materials is an example of what I would submit to you is the appropriate example of how this relationship should look: that where there is a joint project, either would take action to support that specific project and no more. (I only researched through minutes of official meetings, not workshops, and could only review what was online since 2010. I found these minutes easily by using the HCSD Treasurer's Levy History spreadsheet and looking for action prior to the relevant elections. It is fair to note that Council has not endorsed every levy.) (I only researched through minutes of official meetings, not workshops, and could only review what was online since 2010. I found these minutes easily by using the HCSD Treasurer's Levy History spreadsheet and looking for action prior to the relevant elections. It is fair to note that Council has not endorsed every levy.) So, I am renewing my request that you spell out what the nature of this relationship should be as you narrow down your proposed changes to the Charter. Your silence will imply consent for the backroom backscratching that has gone on for too long; Hudson citizens deserve to have this relationship delineated clearly in the Charter for all involved-- Board members, Council Representatives, taxpayers.</p>	06/24/2020 no changes proposed

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ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.02 - Meetings	CRC	Remove time reference, and remove holiday sentence	3/4/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/20 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.05 - Powers	CRC	Delete "general" from (h) and flip order of supermajority clause. Change "only 5 or 6" to "6 or fewer".	3/4/20 and 4/1/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 06/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.05 - Powers	Rob Kagler	Add text after all bullets: As part of reviewing board, commission, and committee applicant qualifications, Council should seek to achieve broad geographical representation on all Council-appointed boards, commissions, and committees, whether authorized by statute, charter, ordinance or motion. Broad geographical representation shall mean that each Council-appointed board, commission, and committee should include appointees from as many wards, zoning districts, quadrants, subdivisions, and neighborhoods as possible. Add "(wards and/or zoning districts)" after "broad geographical representation", and delete second sentence in last paragraph.	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.08 - Ordinances and Resolutions	CRC	Update notice language regarding technology, and question for attorney about whether Velocity Broadband is a public utility as described in this section. Reword to publish on website and, if available, in newspaper.	4/1/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 06/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.09 - Ordinances and Resolutions That Take Immediate Effect	CRC	Reword and flip order of supermajority clause. Change "only 5 or 6" to "6 or fewer".	4/1/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 06/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.10 - Salaries and Bonds	CRC	Change meetings from 2 to 4 and add "and workshops" after "meetings" in two places, and question for staff about elected officials salary information for comparable council-manager communities. Delete "regular meetings or otherwise,"	4/1/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 06/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.11 - Vacancies	CRC	Change "Municipal" to either "General" or "Primary or General" in two places and question for attorney about advisability of using primary election for a non-partisan election. Add "after the vacancy" after "ninety (90) days", and evaluate 90-day period vs. deadline to file".	4/1/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 06/30/2020 OK as prepared.

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ARTICLE III - THE COUNCIL	3.13 - Removal	CRC	Add delivery provisions after "in writing" and changes notice period from 15 to 30 days. Minor additional word changes as discussed.	4/1/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 6/30/2020 requested additional draft changes. 7/01/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.03 - Vacancy	CRC	Add "illness" to reasons for vacancy. Modify language to match 3.11. Delete "illness", and change "primary or general" to "general" in several places, with associated changes.	4/1/20 requested draft changes. 6/17/20 requested additional draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 6/30/2020 requested additional draft changes. 7/01/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE IV - THE MAYOR	4.05 (possible new section)	CRC	Possible new section regarding Mayor's interaction with Administrative Service, a-la earlier Section 3.12 describing Council's interaction with Administrative Service	4/1/20 requested draft changes 4/1/20 need Mayor and Manager feedback - Chair to obtain. 6/3/20 no changes proposed.
ARTICLE V - THE MANAGER	5.01- Appointment, Removal, Suspension and Qualifications and 5.02 - Removal Process	CRC	Combine/modify/clean up. In new 5.03 change "at least one" to "at least three", add Council flexibility regarding suspension with or without pay, and delete first sentence of last paragraph.	4/15/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 new 5.01 and 5.02 OK as prepared 06/24/2020 new 5.03 requested additional changes. 6/30/2020 new 5.03 OK as prepared
ARTICLE V - THE MANAGER	5.03 - Powers and Duties	CRC	Modify assistant language re. number (one or more) and title (non-specific assistant or deputy...) In subsection (h) change "at" to "within 60 days after", and renumber section as 5.04.	4/15/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE V - THE MANAGER	5.04 - Vacancy	CRC	Add number of Council votes required to appoint, and to change "a" to "an affirmative" before "vote" near end of section. Move "by the affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of Council" up to after "Interim City Manager", and renumber section as 5.05.	4/15/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE V - THE MANAGER	5.05 - Acting City Manager	CRC	Renumber as 5.06, with no other changes.	6/24/2020 OK as prepared.

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ARTICLE VI - FINANCES	6.04 - Contracts and Purchasing	CRC	Change notice requirements to incorporate technology a-la changes to 3.08. change order to match revised 3.08.	4/15/20 requested draft changes. 6/24/2020 requested additional changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS	7.01 - Nominations	CRC	Change "district" to "designated area of the Municipality" or similar.	4/29/20 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS	7.04 - Qualifications	CRC	Change "district" to "designated area of the Municipality" or similar, and add language re. two-year prior ward residency requirement".	4/29/20 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.03 - City Solicitor	CRC	Add "by the City Manager or the Council" after "requested", change "corrections" to "correctness" and add "or the Mayor" after "members of Council" at end	5/6/20 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.04 - Park Board - Composition and Terms	Rob Kagler	Modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.06 - Cemeteries	Rob Kagler	Modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE VIII - OPERATING AND STAFF DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS	8.07 - Tree Commission	Rob Kagler	Modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission template with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs. Change fixed (5) to range (5-7) and remove redundant reference to powers.	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/3/20 requested additional draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.01 - Planning Commission - Composition and Terms	Rob Kagler	Modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission/template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs. Not less than one member shall reside in each ward of the Municipality at the time of appointment of any member.	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/17/20 requested additional draft changes. 6/30/2020 requested additional draft changes. 7/01/2020 OK as prepared.

Charter Review Suggestions by Charter Review Commission Members

Charter Section	Charter Section No.	Proposed by	Suggestion	CRC Action
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.02 - Planning Commission - Powers and Duties	Rob Kagler	Eliminate LDC loopholes and require 6 affirmative Council votes to approve zoning text and zoning map amendments that increase density.	7/01/2020 requested draft changes and OK as prepared.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.04 - Board of Zoning and Building Appeals - Composition and Terms	Rob Kagler	Modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission/template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.05 - Board of Zoning and Buildings Appeals - Powers and Duties	CRC	Delete first sentence; modify second sentence change "avoid unreasonable hardship to property owners" to "avoid either practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, as applicable, to property owners" in middle.	6/17/20 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE IX - PLANNING	9.06 - Architectural and Historic Board of Review - Composition and Terms	Rob Kagler	Modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission/template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE X - REMOVAL OF APPOINTEES	10.01 - Removal From Office	CRC	Clean up removal procedure a-la 3.13	4/29/20 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 requested additional draft changes. 7/01/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE XI - PERSONNEL SYSTEM	11.01 - Personnel Advisory and Appeals Board - Composition and Terms	Rob Kagler	Modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission/template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE XII - INITIATIVE, REFERNDUM AND RECALL	12.01 - Initiative	CRC	Possible necessary draft changes a-la 12.02	4/29/20 requested attorney input. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE XII - INITIATIVE, REFERNDUM AND RECALL	12.02 - Referendum	CRC	Change "ordinance or measure" in several places to "ordinance or resolution" and to add "eligible for referendum under the laws of the State of Ohio" after the first reference to "ordinance or measure" in the section.	4/29/20 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.

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Charter Section	Charter Section No.	Proposed by	Suggestion	CRC Action
ARTICLE XII - INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL	12.03 - Recall	CRC	Change "district" to "designated area of Municipality" or similar	4/29/20 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 OK as prepared.
ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER	13.02 - Charter Review Commission	Rob Kagler	Modify applicable language to correspond to suggested board/commission/template, with no substantive changes to terms, number, fixed vs. range, etc., until further CRC discussion occurs	5/20/2020 requested draft changes. 6/30/2020 requested additional draft changes. 7/01/2020 OK as prepared.