

HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION
City Commission Minutes

October 8, 2019

Mayor Northrup called a Work Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Brandsen (6:35pm), Bolhuis, Holtrop, Leerar, Raterink, Steigenga, City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Wendt, and City Clerk VanSlyke.

9265. Update on Pickle Ball Project.

Mayor Northrup and City Manager Waterman provided an update on the timeline for a possible pickle ball court installation and current communications with the Hudsonville Pickle Ball Club. The City Commission agreed that Waterman should continue to proceed with the current timeline and the installation of the accessible playground equipment at Hughes Park and the new Parks & Recreation Plan being first priority. The Commission also discussed the need to meet with the pickle ball club to learn their expectations and to create a city policy regarding the use of the courts.

9266. FCC 3rd Order Appeal.

Waterman stated that there was a new order from the FCC that would significantly reduce our franchise fees by the value of the communities local peg channel, which can be subjective. There is an appeal against this ruling led by PROTEC, and has been contributed to by the MML Legal Defense Fund. The city has been asked to aide in the costs and be named in the lawsuit. The City Commission was in support of joining the appeal.

9267. Proposed Pedestrian Ordinance and Subsequent Amendment Review.

Waterman reviewed the proposed pedestrian ordinance that would require vehicles to stop for pedestrians in legal crosswalks. The new crosswalk located near Terra Square on Chicago Drive was also discussed. One concern that was mentioned was that this intersection will have yellow flashing lights but vehicles will still be expected to stop for pedestrians, not yield. ¹The crosswalk and the proposed pedestrian ordinance are action items at tonight's City Commission meeting.

9268. Motion by Leerar, seconded by Holtrop, to adjourn the work session at 6:58 p.m. to proceed to the regular session.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

¹ Removed "The intersection designs were approved by MDOT." (removed language corrects a clerical error)

Mayor Northrup called a Regular Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated and Commissioner Holtrop gave the invocation.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Brandsen, Bolhuis, Holtrop, Leerar, Raterink, Steigenga, City Manager Waterman, City Attorney Wendt, Deputy Finance Director Garcia and City Clerk VanSlyke.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

9269. Gary VonMyher, 6099 West Bay Ct., Georgetown Township, is an owner of Sonders Eatery and several technology businesses. He expressed his concerns for 5G small cell towers and the possible negative health effects. He asked that the City Commission pass an ordinance that would limit the placement of 5G small cell towers and keep them as far away as possible from homes, schools and day care facilities.
9270. Maija Hahn, 2091 Cory Dr., Georgetown Township, is the Director of Michigan for Safe Technology in Ottawa County, and is a representative of small cell technology and making it safe. Her and her colleagues would like to offer to be a resource to the city and the community on 5G technology questions. She asked that the city join PROTEC's coalition that is comprised of communities who are fighting to protect Michigan Rights-of-Ways at the state and federal levels. In addition, Hahn asked that the city pass a resolution for an immediate moratorium on small cell tower installation until it has received further testing and public health has been considered. Material was presented to the City Commission.
9271. Amy Kadzban, 4249 Springside Dr., Jamestown Township, presented her concerns regarding 4 & 5G cell towers and the increased risks of cancers that could result from the radiation. Kadzban requested that towers be located further from residential areas, parks and schools.
9272. Lisa Bomers, Zeeland resident, voiced her thoughts regarding 5G technology and mentioned many possible health effects and concerns. She asked that the City Commission pass an ordinance that would give the city some control of placement of these towers.

CONSENT AGENDA

9273. Motion by Raterink, seconded by Holtrop, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:
1. Minutes of City Commission regular session dated September 10, 2019.
 2. Minutes of the Terra Square Advisory Board dated September 11, 2019.
 3. Minutes of the Downtown Development Authority dated September 4, 2019.

All aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

9274. Presentation by Lakeshore Advantage.
Presentation was given by Beth Blanton, Lakeshore Advantage Vice President of Engagement, on the 2019 West Michigan Lakeshore Region Economic Update.

9275. National Friends of the Library Week.
Motion by Leerar, seconded by Holtrop, to approve a Proclamation proclaiming October 20 through October 26 as National Friends of the Library Week in appreciation to the Friends of the Gary Byker Memorial Library.

All aye, motion carried.

9276. Presentation by Hudsonville Public Schools Superintendent.
Presentation by Douglas VanderJagt, Superintendent of Hudsonville Public Schools, who provided a bond proposal fact sheet regarding the school bond proposal that is on the ballot in November 2019.

Public Safety

9277. Fire, Police and Emergency Management statistical reports for September received as information.

Finance

9278. Finance Director's Financial Reports for August 2019 were presented.

9279. Payment of Bills.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Holtrop, to confirm the payment of the bills in the amount of \$198,192.24 and to confirm payment of bills paid between meetings and reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

9280. ACH Funds Distribution.
Motion by Brandsen, seconded by Holtrop, to confirm the funds distributed via automated clearing house in the amount of \$143,143.28 which were distributed between meetings and reviewed by the City Manager.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Administration

9281. Clock Tower Refurbishment.
Motion by Leerar, seconded by Raterink, to accept the bid from Lumichron Commercial Clocks for the refurbishment of the city hall clock tower for a cost of \$14,731.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

9282. School Ave./Chicago Dr. Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon Bid Award.
Motion by Raterink, seconded by Leerar, to accept the low bid from strain electric company for the installation of rapid rectangular flashing beacons at the school Ave. pedestrian crosswalk on Chicago Dr. for a cost of \$44,637.34.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

9283. Community Policing Services Agreement.
Motion by Steigenga, seconded by Leerar, to approve Resolution No. 19-692 approving and authorizing execution of an agreement for additional Sheriff's services between the City of Hudsonville and the County of Ottawa.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

9284. New Pedestrian Ordinance and Subsequent Amendment.
Motion by Leerar, seconded by Raterink, to approve Ordinance No. 19-317 adding Sections 22-1 through 22-8 to Article I, "Uniform Traffic Code", of Chapter 22, "Uniform Traffic Code and Michigan Vehicle Code," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hudsonville and; to repeal Section 20-5 "Use of Areas Designated for Motor Vehicles", of Article IV "City Parks", of Chapter 20, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hudsonville in its entirety.

Yea 7, Nay 0, motion carried.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

9285. Motion by Steigenga, seconded by Holtrop, to approve the Mayor's appointments to boards and commissions as listed:

Terra Square Advisory Board:	Jack Groot	term ending 12/31/21
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All aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

9286. Motion by Raterink, seconded by Leerar, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Diana VanSlyke
Hudsonville City Clerk

Mayor Northrup