

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Public Hearing on Petition for Vacation of a Portion of Sawmill Parkway

The Mayor called the Public Hearing on the petition of Ardagh Metal Beverage USA Inc. for vacation of a portion of Sawmill Parkway relating to PPN 42-02021.000 to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at the Huron Boat Basin Amphitheater. The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for the Public Hearing. The following members of Council answered present: **Christine Crawford, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Sam Artino and Joel Hagy**. Council member absent: **Joe Dike and Mr. Hardy**.

Swear in Witnesses

The Mayor asked any witnesses wishing to speak stand to be sworn in for the public hearing. Mr. Schrader swore in the witnesses, which included all members of Council and Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle.

Public Hearing Testimony

Mr. Engle said that Ardagh Metal Beverage USA Inc. submitted a petition several weeks to requesting vacation of approximately 400 feet of Sawmill Parkway (approximately .4 acres) to complete the last phase of its expansion and to allow construction of a turnaround.

Mayor Artino asked if there were any questions or discussion from any members of Council.

Motion

Motion by Mar. Tapp to approve the petition to vacate a portion of Sawmill Parkway.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed, and the Petition was accepted.

Adjournment

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Call to Order – Regular Council Meeting

The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Huron City Council to order at 6:35pm on September 28, 2021 at the Huron Boat Basin Amphitheater.

Roll Call

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for the regular meeting of Council. The following members of Council answered present: **Christine Crawford, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Sam Artino, Joe Dike and Joel Hagy**. Council members absent: **Trey Hardy and Joe Dike**.

Motion by Ms. Crawford excusing Mr. Dike and Mr. Hardy from the regular meeting. The Mayor asked if there were any questions regarding the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Hagy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

With a majority in favor, the motion passed and Councilmen Dike and Hardy were excused from the regular meeting.

Staff participating in the meeting: City Manager Matt Lasko, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, Law Director Todd Schrader, City Engineer Russ Critelli, Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Audience Comments

The Mayor advised any audience members wishing to speak to approach the podium, state their name and address for the record, and they will have 3 minutes to address Council.

- Chris Abbott – 1144 Billetter Drive. He is the Treasurer and former Vice-President of Hidden Valley Condominium. On June 22nd he came to Council to discuss the City's request to create a No Wake zone on Mudbrook Creek, as well as the viability/usability of some No Wake buoys sitting down at the Parks and Recreation building. The minutes of that meeting show Council's support for the request, and he greatly appreciates that support. There were 2 takeaways from that meeting: (1) Council was going to use their contacts at ODNR to determine the status of the application; and (2) check on the status of buoys available at the Parks and Recreation building. They received a copy of a document from ODNR indicating that there was approval of a number of buoy location points, which is great news, but when the way points were checked, they were for locations on the main channel. He went back to the original documentation submitted by the City on October 26, 2018 and September 16, 2020 and found that ODNR had approved only 5 of 6 waypoints requested, with the missing waypoint being on Mudbrook Creek. There was a request from the City for one speed zone, two No Wake and three Shallow Area placements. He is now looking for the City's assistance to get that last location approved, and for authorization to use the No Wake buoys at Parks & Rec.

Proclamation

The Mayor read a Proclamation commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Huron Boat Basin (copy attached hereto as Exhibit A). Mayor Artino thanked the Parks & Recreation Department for their ongoing work in maintaining this lovely property, and everyone else from the City staff, as well.

Presentation

Mr. Lasko acknowledged Jamie from Montrose Group, the City's economic development consultant, who has been working with the City for the last 5 or 6 months to help vet qualifications of interested developers. He also thanked all of the firms that responded to the RFQ and showed an interest in developing and investing in Huron. He wanted everyone to know that what is being presented on the boards in front of the stage (copies attached hereto as Exhibit "B") are truly just conceptual – we have to start somewhere to move the development forward. There are a lot of things that many may want to tweak or change, and there will absolutely be an opportunity to do so. This opportunity is taken to have a first introduction of the concept to the community, and to introduce the development team, as well.

There have been a lot of starts and stops on this site through the years, and there is an anxiousness to start the process again. In April of 2021, a Request for Qualifications and preliminary development proposals

was issued, with responses due in June. We received 5 proposals from development firms. The committee, which included members of Council, Planning Commission, department heads and the Montrose Group vetted those qualifications and reduced that list of 5 firms down to 3, at which time those firms met with the group for in-person interviews in which they were vetting financial capacity, development track record and very preliminary conceptual plans for the site. Through that process, there was a pretty unanimous sentiment in the room that the folks at NAI Harmon Group and their development team had a great vision for the site (knowing again, that it will be subject to public comment and feedback), but also the financial backing and, most importantly, a track record for successful development in and around this area.

Craig Stambaugh, President of NAI Harmon Group, thanked Mr. Lasko for inviting them to present their vision of which they can do in Huron and said that this is the best Council meeting he has ever been to. They are a nationally recognized developer and have developed \$500 Million in real estate over 14 states. They are home grown, born in Toledo, Ohio and are a family run organization. They are long-term holders of real estate. If they put our money into an investment, they will be there 25-30 years from now. They have talked many of the people on Council prior to this presentation, and could only remember only 1 project they had sold in over 10 years. They put their hearts, sweat and everything they have into their projects. They have taken a long time to get the right partners to deal with on a day-to-day basis. They have to have the same vision that they have of a family business where a handshake is their work no matter what the contract says. When they saw the site back in April, it piqued their interest and felt that it is a very exciting project that they want to get behind. On a night like this, he can't imagine a better project that they would want to be a part of – 75-degree weather, boats in the marina – they are even more excited than they were in April.

Mr. Stambaugh introduced Brian Gruber of Ridge Stone Builders, which is also a family-owned company in Toledo, Ohio with 35 years of experience in residential and commercial construction, with a focus on creating these lifestyle-type communities in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan. This is an awesome location that is already here for them to come in with this concept and create a destination place to live, and create a lifestyle. They are very proud to be part of the team, and look forward to being part of the team to make what is, hopefully, an iconic part of Huron.

Mr. Stambaugh introduced Nate Wood of Design Collaborative Architects and Planners, who will provide more information regarding their vision for the City of Huron. Mr. Wood said that Design Collaborative is based in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and they just made their 76th hire. They are a mid-size firm with a mission over the past 27 years to improve people's worlds through people-first places. He said that he would try to keep his discussion high-level – this is an initial concept, but they do look for opportunities to incorporate some of the history of the site or some of the history of Huron. This is where they find a lot of special things that happen in their projects. This isn't just another project to them - it is a passion. Mr. Wood, indicating the drawings exhibits in front of the stage (copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), explained that their goals include providing more access to the water, perhaps having an opportunity where you'd be able to float in a stage and have something where you had a band on the basin. Whether you are coming or going from a kayak or fishing vessel, those are some of the types of spaces that they are trying to create on the north side of the site. Walking around the site, there is a half-mile long ribbon park that is dotted with overlooks on the west trying to complement and bookend some of the activity that we are here celebrating the 50th anniversary of. Connecting through the middle is a nice neighborhood park that will be surrounded by the development buildings, but can be used by a festival or other activities like that. On the east side, to create additional connection to the water, additional boat slips are contemplated, as well as other overlook areas. On the south side, as you would be entering from the road, would be retail opportunities to complement the uses at the boat launch. On the residential side, the development would include a 3-story apartment building viewed from US 6, and the rest of the water's edge being reinforced.

Mr. Stambaugh introduced Ed Harmon, who has been recognized by Ernst & Young for the States of Ohio and Michigan. Mr. Harmon said that he is very honored to be here tonight to make this presentation. Last winter, Mr. Stambaugh asked him what he knew about Huron, Ohio and he answered, “nothing” He presented the data he got from the bid and the presentation, and they came to visit the site and he got very excited because this site is different and unique. 35 years ago, he was downsized from a corporation and decided to start his own business. He did that in Columbus, Ohio and still has a corporate office there. There are offices in 14 other states and over 400 employees nationwide. They have different business that include restaurants, logistics and construction, but are still 1 owner/1 family that owns this. He started the business with \$15,000 in his pocket, and was happy to have that. Today they are worth over \$500 Million in value of appraised properties. They want to add to Huron and be part of this community. In one of the meetings they had with the committee, he let them know that he would own one of the condos. He acknowledged Macy and another employee, who puts all of this together for their company. The cost for the project will be approximately \$25 Million, and they would own and control that investment. They are looking for Council and the public’s support and welcomed questions or comments from the audience.

In response to an audience question about the timeline of the project, Mr. Harmon said it’s hard to predict until contracts are signed, but they are looking for beginning construction in spring of 2022. In response to an audience question about infrastructure that needs to be done before they get started and who will be doing that (City or the developer), Mr. Stambaugh said it will be a combined effort. They will work in collaboration with the City and there is still a lot of engineering as it is just a concept right now. Mr. Lasko said that there is a series of negotiation points, if there is consensus to move forward, which would have to occur over the next several months – everything from site control to the public infrastructure we discussed to include utilities, roadways, sidewalks, green space and sea wall investigation. There are a lot of negotiating points to be ironed out over the next 2 to 4 months. Mr. Stambaugh said that they anticipate there will be 2-3 phases of construction based on demand. Overall they anticipate that it will be a two-year project, but could go into a third year. They hope to work in infrastructure next summer with a goal to be opening units for sale the following spring, and can be moving people throughout that timeframe. Asked if any of the areas would be opened to the public since it will be privately owned or rental property, Mr. Stambaugh, Mr. Stambaugh answered that this will absolutely be open to the public, to include not only the ½ mile boardwalk is contemplated to align with the existing trail system and extend it, but also to include the neighborhood park on the interior. Mr. Harmon said that they want to enhance what is in Huron now, and won’t compete with other restaurants or businesses that are in existence today. They want to enhance the community, not compete with the community. Asked if there would be any public housing involved in the project, Mr. Stambaugh answered that the units would sell in the \$400,000 to \$600,000 range, which would eliminate any worries about low-income housing. Asked if there could be a bridge from the boat basin, Mayor Artino answered that they would have to pray for a lot of grants. An audience member asked about the units facing the east – they would be looking at piles of aggregate and abandoned railroad property. What are the plans for that property? Mr. Lasko answered that the difficulty is that the property is owned entirely by Norfolk Southern Railroad. The City started as recently as 6-7 months ago to initiate negotiations with them about, minimally, beautifying (or in the best-case scenario, selling) portions of the site. We understand that it is really, really long process to purchase property from Norfolk Southern, but that is something we have already started exploring and having conversation with them. They know it is a long road, but minimally, if they could start with beautification of the site, it would be a first step before beginning the really long process of potentially purchasing the property. The Mayor thanked NAI Harmon for coming.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion

Motion by Mr. Tapp accepting the recommendation of the Selection Committee and authorizing the City Manager to commence negotiations with NAI Harmon Group as it relates to the redevelopment of the former ConAgra property.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. Mr. Lasko said that more than anything, the most important thing to get across this evening is that we are starting again in earnest, but we understand this is a long process with a lot of public input and potentially some design changes and/or alterations based on that input. As much as we are coming to the end of search process, we obviously have a longer process ahead of us based on this motion this evening. There will be a lot of touch points between the community, Council and the Planning Commission with the project moving forward. He thinks we have a great development partner and development team who, throughout the entire process, stressed more than anything their willingness to accept and take input and appreciate the history of a community. He is hopeful that we can get the green light to start the longer, harder process moving forward, which it is certainly exciting. Mayor Artino said that we do plan to keep our citizens informed on the progress as we move along.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Tapp, Artino, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Resolution 66-2021

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 66-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRICKER & ECKLER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO HURON PUBLIC POWER FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$28,800.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BRICKER & ECKLER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, FOR PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO HURON PUBLIC POWER FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00)) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Hagy (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 66-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only. The Clerk advised the Law Director that the payment to Bricker & Eckler for past legal services covered the period of January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 (the Law Director had read the end date as September 30, 2022). The Law Director re-read the last lines of Resolution No. 66-2021 to correct the error in the title. The title as written above is the corrected version.

Mr. Swaisgood provided a brief background on the City's relationship with Bricker & Eckler. At the end of 2020, the City began negotiations with AMP-T for the sale of substation assets, which also triggered negotiations with Mucci Farms to modify Huron Public Power's rider for power used. The City entered into an agreement with Bricker & Eckler at that time for legal services for both of these matters. The expectation was that the fees for these matters would not the Council approval threshold, however, negotiations went longer than anticipated, which is expected, and resulted in the full amount exceeding the Council approval threshold of \$25,000. That is the reason for the second item on the Resolution. There is a budget already appropriate for these fees, so the payment can be made, but with the City's approval threshold we must seek Council approval for the payment. In addition, the first item of the Resolution is the administration's request for Council approval for a monthly retainer of \$2,400 for 8 hours to keep Bricker & Eckler as Huron Public Power's legal counsel going forward. With the level of expertise needed for HPP and plans to expand the utility over the next several years, Bricker & Eckler can provide the services at a discounted rate as long as we are in contract with them. Both of these items will be paid through the Electric Fund.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 66-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino, Hagy (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 66-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 65-2021

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 65-2021 (A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-24, ADOPTED MARCH 31, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT MODIFICATION FROM CTL ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RELATING TO THE US 6 PHASE I PAVING PROJECT (ERI-6-17.49) IN AN INCREASED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$33,224.00)) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Artino, Hagy, Crawford (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 65-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that in March of 2020, Council approved a resolution as relates to CTL for construction inspection on US Route 6 Phase 1. That contract was for just over \$218,000. This contract modification is in the amount of \$33,224 to cover construction inspections for three things: (3) the temporary striping previously done; (2) the change order inspections; and (3) the final striping inspections and sign changes that will be occurring over the next couple of weeks. This should get us through the remainder of US Route

6 Phase 1. This will be included in the manuscript debt issuance that Council considered and approved at the last meeting.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 65-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Artino, Hagy, Crawford (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 65-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 67-2021

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 67-2021 (A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-19, ADOPTED MARCH 10, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FROM SMITH PAVING AND EXCAVATING FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS RELATED TO EXPANSION OF THE US ROUTE 6 PAVING PROJECT NO. ERI-6-17.49 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$200,000.00)) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 67-2021 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that this change order from Smith Paving is in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. This is in relation to a few things that will be occurring over the next couple of weeks: (1) the final striping of US Route 6, which includes the bike lane delineation with green paint that was approved by Council following the public meeting at the end of July; (2) there will be some alterations to the existing striping from a traffic pattern standpoint, as well, at several intersections; and (3) because these alternations, they will swap out several signs. We anticipate this change order coming in closer to \$140,000-\$150,000, but to be safe we wanted to get that not to exceed cap approved to avoid delay in getting the project completed.

Mr. Hagy asked if this will be the end of the project. Mr. Lasko said that he absolutely believes that for US Route 6, Phase 1, this would wrap it up.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 67-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Artino (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 67-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Lasko spoke on several topics:

- Sawmill Parkway – We anticipate the temporary road improvements on Sawmill Parkway to commence this week to try to soften those bumps along the corridor prior to the full reconstruction next year.
- ConAgra - He thanked Jamie of Montrose Group and NAI Harmon, for their interest and participation and work they put in to get here this evening. He looks forward to the partnership moving forward.
- Route 6 Street Lights – The new street lights are substantially complete. Crews have mobilized over the last 3 weeks, and we hope that it is completed in the next week or so. Following that installation and lighting, FirstEnergy will be following right behind to remove the redundant lights that are still present.
- Route 6 Striping – Pending ODOT approval, which could come any day, we will be striping Route 6 per the final striping plan in the next 2 weeks. We are anticipating roughly 5 days to complete that work along the entirety of the corridor.
- Mucci Farms – On September 23rd, Mucci Farms requested permission to begin lighting their facility starting at 5:00am on Thursday, September 24th due to inclement weather. While the current lighting plan allows lighting to begin on October 1st, the administration did not see any reason they could not start lighting during the early morning hours 1 week early. We did approve that request, and Mike Spacek, our electrical consultant, confirmed that the recent Huron Public Power meter upgrades could handle the increased load as part of Phase 3.
- Firelands Scientific – On September 22nd, Firelands Scientific presented conceptual plans to the Planning Commission to elicit feedback prior to their full site plan submission, which will encompass pretty significant expansions to the complex. They are exploring the additional of about 50,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse/warehousing/office space, as well as about 250 parking spaces. They anticipate presenting final plans to the Planning Commission at one of the next 2 upcoming meetings. We are hoping to coordinate a tour for Council representatives and staff sometime in October.
- Fish Cleaning Station – We have now fully executed our agreement with ODNR for \$500,000 for that fish cleaning construction project. We are currently working with OHM to develop a final proposal for 100% design and bidding documentation preparation, which we hope to submit to Council in the next meeting or two.
- Finance Department – The Finance Director has been meeting with department directors over the last few months to discuss the 2022 budget. The updated Action Plan has been a great resource for the administration during these discussions. The first draft of the 2022 budget book is expected to be completed and distributed to Council and the Finance Committee in October. The first Finance Committee meeting to discuss the budget is scheduled for October 18th. The August financial report was emailed to the Finance Committee and Council. Income tax receipts are up 10% from 2020, which is a good sign for the local economy. Let Mr. Swaisgood know if there is other information or questions you have on the Finance Report.
- Fire Department – The Fire Department conducted a swearing in ceremony on September 26th for new firefighters Kegan Lobsinger and Mike Clavette. He congratulated them and their families for their hires, and wish them well in their careers.
- Contracts – It has been busy year for contract updates and renewals. We have nearly crossed the finish line on the Huron Township Fire Protection Agreement, which he believes will be presented to Council at the next meeting in October. As mentioned previously, we have come to terms with FOP Patrol Offices and Sergeants, which he believes will also be presented to Council, potentially at the next meeting. We are in good negotiations and are near the finish line with IAFF and AFSCME.

- Upcoming Meetings – Huron Joint Recreation District – Tuesday, October 5th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers; Utilities Committee – Wednesday, October 6th at 5:00pm in the main conference room; Board of Building and Zoning Appeals – Monday, October 11th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers; Planning Commission and Design Review Board – Wednesday, October 27th at 5:00pm in Council Chambers; and Records Commission – Thursday, October 27th at 9:00am in the main conference room.
- Boat Basin Meeting – He acknowledged the work of our Parks and Recreation Department, Terri and everyone else for making tonight happen – it looked beautiful and Council's idea to have the meeting here turned out beautifully. Our staff was busy down to the last minute making it look great. We are truly appreciative of them.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Artino thanked everyone for coming out. It is a little chilly, so we will move on with the agenda and get us all home to warm up as quickly as possible.

For the Good of the Order

- **Ms. Crawford** – Congratulations to the two new firefighters – welcome aboard. This is great, we should have done this 100 times before now. Thank you all for coming out. Thank you so much to the NAI Harmon Group for their presentation. It is very exciting and a long time coming.
- **Mr. Claus** – Thanked the community for coming out – this is a great turnout, the biggest turnout since pre-COVID. Thanked the NAI Harmon Group for their great presentation. It is very exciting and very professional, and we really look forward to the work ahead to get this thing moving. Congratulated Councilman Dike and his wife, Cory, on their new baby born yesterday – Oxford Joseph. We can all understand why he is not here tonight. Thanks to the staff and Parks and Recreation for getting this set up for the meeting. It is amazing that we have this backdrop and the ConAgra site is right behind us over our shoulders. It couldn't have been any more special.
- **Mr. Tapp** – Thank you to the NAI Harmon Group. He is looking forward to working with them. Hopefully, we can get this thing going. He is excited, and he thinks Council is excited. The search committee did a great job, as did Montrose Group. Our City staff is second to none taking care of everything. As far as Councilman Dike goes, like Mark said, there was another Huronite born yesterday. Joe is making his own basketball team, as this is number 5 (4 boys and 1 girl). He wishes them the very best.
- **Mr. Hagy** – Thank you to the Harmon Group for making the trip out here and making it personal. He really appreciates that. He thanked the staff for putting this one – this was the idea of Wendy Walderzak-Dyer, who is Peter Walderzak's daughter, and he was very involved in making this happen. For those of you who were there that day 50 years ago, we got a lot better weather. Thanks to Wendy, thanks to Allison and the entire Huron Historical Society. Thanks to Doug Steinwart and Mike Spafford, who came up with this idea and helped to put it all together. Congratulations to Joe Dike – he has a new member of his platoon, and it was surprising that no one mentioned why he was missing.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Tapp to adjourn the meeting.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: **Tapp, Artino, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (5)**

NAYS: **None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of September 28, 2021 adjourned at 7:26pm.


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 26 OCT 2021

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MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Huron Boat Basin is celebrating its 50th year of operation as the heart of Huron's downtown, welcoming generations of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huron undertook a massive development plan through the Federal Urban Renewal program to eliminate blight in the downtown; and

WHEREAS, redevelopment plans for the downtown included a public refuge harbor and green space to serve as a focal point for the reimagined downtown; and

WHEREAS, city planners sought to include a cornerstone project as part of the redevelopment strategy that paid homage to Huron's rich history as a leader in the boat-building industry, and capitalizing on its new atmosphere of recreational boating, fishing, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Huron Boat Basin was widely regarded as the most attractive feature of the downtown redevelopment plan; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of both State and Federal agencies, construction of the \$1.3 million Huron Boat Basin officially kicked off with a dedication ceremony in 1968; and

WHEREAS, on October 23rd, 1971, the Huron Boat Basin officially opened to a crowd of over 2,000 with the "Opening of the Waters Ceremony", letting in over 10 million gallons of water to create a public harbor and green space along the Huron River; and

WHEREAS, future improvements to the Boat Basin included the addition of an amphitheater and marina building; and

WHEREAS, the Huron Boat Basin has become the crown jewel of the City of Huron's downtown, hosting thousands of people each year through a robust event schedule highlighted by the iconic Huron Riverfest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR ARTINO, do hereby proclaim October 23rd, 2021 as the 50th Anniversary of the Huron Boat Basin, and ask that the community to honor those past and present for the hard work and dedication in building and maintaining such an iconic public amenity, and wish it continued success for generations to come.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Huron, Erie County, Ohio on this 28th day of September, 2021.




Sam Artino, Mayor







- FOR RENT
- FOR SALE
- RETAIL

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- 1) BASIN ENTERTAINMENT TERRACE
2) (TEMPORARY) FLOATING STAGE
3) OVERLOOK LOUNGE DECK
4) 1/2 MILE TRAIL WITH OVERLOOKS
5) OVERLOOK REST ZONE
6) BOAT DOCKS
7) 3 STORY APARTMENT TOWER
8) FUTURE RETAIL POTENTIAL
9) GREEN SPACE WITH PAVILLION
10) ENTRY FEATURE / TRAILHEAD
11) WATER'S EDGE IMPROVEMENTS

