

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, May 2, 2022, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Assistant City Engineer Christina Eavenson, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated April 18, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted that the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 3, 2021, and November 4, 2021, were provided to City Council.

LOBBY:

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address for the record. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

Fireworks in the City

John J. Vrtachnik, at 5553 Main Avenue, expressed his concerns regarding fireworks in the city. He wanted to know if the City's administration was looking into ordinances for fireworks. Mr. Vrtachnik expressed that his neighbor used fireworks and caused seven fires on Mr. Vrtachnik's property.

Water Drain Issue

Jeremy Snyder, at 33899 Gilbert Court, expressed that they were glad to receive the Law Director's response by mid-day on April 28, 2022. He believed that the response was stretching the definitions and historical facts. Mr. Snyder pointed out a few examples – the easement does not impose duties and obligations and the City approved a similar request in the past. Mr. Snyder expressed his frustration with the delay in a resolution and is asking the City Council to help in determining the cause of the flooding.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran noted that he would be requesting the emergency passage for a few pieces of legislation (T 73-2022, T 74-2022, T 75-2022, T 76-2022, and T 77-2022). The Mayor would explain more about each legislation later in the meeting.

Mayor Corcoran reminded everyone that tomorrow begins the revised trash collection service provided by Republic Services. The changes include weekly bulk trash and yard waste collection every Tuesday in addition to regular trash and recyclables. All these services are year-round and no longer a split schedule between homes to the east and west of Route 83. The bulk items should be limited to four items each week and yard waste can be placed in clear plastic bags, yard waste bags, or loose trash containers clearly marked "yard waste." All items should be at the curbside by 6:00 a.m. each Tuesday. For more information, visit the city's website at nridgeville.org.

Mayor Corcoran added that Election Day is May 3, 2022, and polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Residents could call the Lorain County Board of Elections at (440) 326-5900 or visit their website at voteloraincountyohio.gov to get their polling location.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the Annual Fishing Derby at South Central Park is on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. until noon. The event is sponsored by the North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department and Fire Department. The event is for ages 3-18 years of age. If interested in participating, the community could sign up through the Parks & Recreation Department.

Mayor Corcoran added that the kick-off ceremony for Discover the Ridge, sponsored by the North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau, is on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the LCCC Ridge Campus. There are 24 locations citywide taking part in this year's event. Brochures are available at City Hall or on the city's website.

Mayor Corcoran announced the Discount Drug Mart's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is at noon on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at their newly opened store at Lorain Road and Bagley Road.

Mayor Corcoran added that Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 8, 2022.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Winkel to go into executive session to discuss the settlement of the past due water bills and infiltration fees, and collective bargaining agreement.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

No Report was presented.

C. Engineer:

Assistant Engineer Eavenson expressed that the engineering department appreciated everyone's patience with the Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. The project is expected to be finished at the end of June 2022. The Lorain Road Watermain extension is planned to start the first week of June 2022 and should finish at the end of August 2022.

Ms. Eavenson concluded her report.

D. Auditor:

No Report was presented.

E. Other Reports:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT dated April 18, 2022, which recommends the City Council to consider T 64-2022 for adoption.

(Council action required)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to accept the Utilities Committee Report dated April 11, 2022, recommended City Council to consider T 53-2022 with the amendment of changing the threshold from up to \$20,000".

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

BUILDING & LANDS COMMITTEE REPORT dated April 25, 2022, which recommends the City Council to consider T 57-2022 and T 58-2022 for adoption.

(Council action required)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to accept the Building and Lands Committee Report dated April 25, 2022, which recommended the City Council to consider T 57-2022 and T 58-2022 for adoption.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor Permit Request

A request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a permit for Joseph F Buchdrucker DBA City Limits, at 39462 Center Ridge Road.

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Swenk to not request a hearing, so that this permit could be sent to the state for final disposition by May 16, 2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to dispense with recess.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 73-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AVON FOR THE PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING WATER BILLS AND INFILTRATION FEES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 73-2022.

Mayor Corcoran added that this is an outstanding issue with the City of Avon that took over 15 years. They have finally reached an agreement.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to resolve an outstanding issue with the City of Avon.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 73-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 73-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5946-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 74-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (BLUE UNIT AND WHITE UNIT).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 74-2022.

Mayor Corcoran expressed that North Ridgeville is lucky to have an excellent police force. The city is one of the safest cities in Ohio and one of the safest cities in the United

States. Mr. Corcoran added that he is happy that the community decided to build a new police station. The negotiations took a while and they would like to move forward with this legislation as soon as possible.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to finalize the Collective Bargaining Agreement as soon as possible.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 74-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 74-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5947-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 75-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE FIRE STATION NO. 2 DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 75-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the driveway is not in good shape for the station.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to start the bidding process and replace the driveway as soon as possible.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to adopt T 75-2022 with the emergency clause.

Councilman Boose reminded the City Council that this project was discussed and the money has been appropriated.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 75-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5948-2022.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 76-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JUDITH GILL, BETH MOTTA, AND NANCY WELTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF VACANT LAND IN AN AMOUNT OF \$26,450.01, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS SUCH AS CUSTOMARY CLOSING COSTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 76-2022.

Mayor Corcoran noted that the property is located at the southeast corner of Mills Road and Stoney Ridge Road.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to continue the progress of getting the “Peanut-Shaped” roundabout constructed as soon as possible.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 76-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 76-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5949-2022.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 77-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE STANDARD ALLOWANCE FOR THE LOCAL FISCAL FUND AS AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 77-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the City has to make an election on whether to use the standard allowance or not. The City has chosen to use the standard allowance. He added that a resolution was not required, but recommended. The funds would be used for infrastructure purposes.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to accept the standard allowance through the American Rescue Plan Act.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 77-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 77-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1565-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 53-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES BY THE CITY FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS PURCHASE ORDERS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 3/21/2022, Referred to Finance Committee on 4/4/2022; Finance Committee recommended changes on 4/11/2022; Council accepted Finance Committee report on 4/18/2022)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to substitute T 53-2022 with the amended version that was provided to the City Council this evening.

Mayor Corcoran noted that this is a great step in the right direction. He understood why the City Council chose to go in this direction and there are other opportunities to efficiently process Then and Now Certificates. He added that Then and Nows are needed when there is a step in the process of purchase orders that forces the administration to come back to the City Council. The Then and Now Certificates exist because there is a bill that needs to be paid; therefore, in most cases, it is a service that the City Council had already appropriated. Then and

Now allowed the City to pay bills. If not appropriated, legislation for appropriation is submitted along with a Then and Now Certificate for adoption.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 65-2022 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 264,
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 4/18/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 67-2022 PID NO. 102703
PROJECT NAME: LOR SR 0083 10.79

AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPLACE THE BRIDGE DECK
AND PARAPETS ON LOR SR 0083 10.79 WHICH CROSSES OVER SR 0010
WITH THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 4/18/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 69-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT TO AMEND A MEMORANDUM OF GROUND LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH PMJ PARK HOLDINGS, LLC.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 4/18/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS:

There were none.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

President Jacobs reminded everyone that Tuesday, May 3, 2022, is Election Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approval of minutes on May 16, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL