

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, April 19, 2021, Council meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Led by President DeVries.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President DeVries.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, and Assistant Clerk of Council Shari Ma.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of April 5, 2021.

With no comments or questions, the meeting minutes of April 5, 2021, stand approved.

President DeVries noted that Council received the Administrative Committee meeting minutes of April 5, 2021.

LOBBY:

President DeVries opened the lobby session. He stated participants utilizing Zoom and YouTube are now able to type or ask any questions. He further explained how community members, visitors, or residents may make comments during the meeting. He also provided instructions on how to access Council meetings through the City's website by clicking the City Council link, and on how to get questions answered at www.nridgeville.org.

Assistant Clerk of Council Ma stated there were several visitors, but no one has stated that they had a question or a comment.

President DeVries asked if any visitor had a concern, question, or comment.

No questions or comments were offered.

Councilwoman Swenk asked President DeVries if the two correspondences/comments received should be read.

President DeVries stated the correspondences will be addressed under section 9-Correspondences on the Agenda.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran stated on the agenda were several pieces of legislation that he would like Council to dispense the second and third readings and add the emergency clause.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council consider passing T 57-2021 with the emergency clause in order to repeal Ordinance #5806-2021.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council consider passing T 58-2021 with the emergency clause in place. This Ordinance will allow for a new lease/purchase agreement for a 2021 CAT 926 high lift front loader and to advertise for bids and enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement.

Mayor Corcoran requested Council to consider passing T 59-2021, a resolution accepting funds from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Trench Safety Grant Project in the amount of \$5,516.75. The purpose of this grant is to eliminate injuries associated with trenching operations.

Under second readings, Mayor Corcoran requested Council to consider passing T 51-2021, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for new flooring at the Service Department. The emergency clause will allow the project to move forward as quickly as possible due to the floor's current condition.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Utilities Department, including the drive-up window, will be closed Tuesday, April 20, 2021, from 10:00 am – noon in order for the department's staff to attend software training.

Mayor Corcoran stated a streets list containing all of the streets that will be paved and those that will receive full depth concrete repairs had been released. He furthers on his comment by stating, several years ago, an outside engineering firm graded each street, which is what is currently being used to work off of.

Mayor Corcoran stated this month's coffee and conversation is scheduled for this Friday, April 23, 2021, from 8:30 am – 9:30 am here in Council Chambers. He will not be in attendance; however, Safety-Service Director Armbruster will do a fine job stepping into his role and answering any questions residents may have.

Mayor Corcoran stated the annual spaghetti dinner is scheduled later this month on April 30, 2021, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Please purchase tickets in advance. The cost is \$6.00 per dinner and includes spaghetti and meatballs and garlic bread. If you would like to purchase tickets for this event, please stop by the Mayor's office at City Hall. For this event, Cash or checks made payable to the North Ridgeville Senior Center will be accepted. He thanked the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville for sponsoring the event.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the Parks & Recreation Department and the Fire Department will be hosting the annual fishing derby on Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 7:30 am – noon at South Central Park. This is a free event with a \$5 donation accepted for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children. Participants are required to bring their own bait and fishing rod. If a participant does not have their own, one will be provided. Please register online, only individuals that will be fishing. Spectators are encouraged but not required to register to attend. Visit the Parks & Recreation Department's website to sign up.

Beginning April 26, 2021, construction will start on the roundabout, so please visit the City of North Ridgeville's website to view detour plans.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to go into executive session during the recess portion of the meeting to discuss compensation of public employees.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated all four of the LED digital speed limit signs are in operation and have been over the last several weeks. As part of the plan, the speed limit signs will be rotated around the City; therefore, residents may request the sign be put on their property if they feel it is necessary.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez stated there is only one project out to bid at this time, the 2021 crack seal project. The interstate between Chestnut Ridge and Alternate 83 ramp will be closed for ninety days beginning on April 26, 2021.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson requested Council consider passing with the emergency clause, T 60-2021 and T 61-2021 to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary financial resources to be available for expenditure.

Auditor Wilkerson introduced Mr. Fabrice Dongo, as the new Deputy Auditor. Fabrice has worked as an external auditor over the past fourteen years, auditing various cities, counties, and schools. Fabrice is a graduate of Case Western University, where he obtained his Bachelors of Science and Accountancy and a Master's of Science in Accountancy. She further states Fabrice brings a positive attitude, experience and will be a great asset to the City of North Ridgeville.

E. Other Reports:

President DeVries noted that Council received the March 2021 Police Department Report, the March 2021 Fire Department Report, and the March 2021 Building Department Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Clerk of Council Linden:

Administrative Committee report dated April 5, 2021, which recommends T 37-2021 return to Council for additional review.

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Maleski to accept the Administrative Committee report.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions. No further comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Linden stated a correspondence was received from Lindsey1629@hotmail.com and was sent to comments of City Council, referring to speed traffic on Avandale.

Clerk of Council Linden stated a correspondence from Patricia Wysocki was received regarding sanitary sewer backing up on the resident's street and it has been referred to Council.

President DeVries noted that Council received both correspondences and will take them into consideration.

Councilwoman Swenk stated "the street is Avalon".

President DeVries asked Clerk of Council Linden if the street address was Avalon.

Clerk of Council Linden replied, "Yes, I'm sorry."

President DeVries thanked Councilwoman Swenk for clarification.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

A request for a new liquor permit for Discount Drug Mart Inc., DBA Drug Mart, 33633 Bagley Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to not request a hearing so that the permit can be sent to the State for final disposition by May 13, 2021.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions. No further comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

A request for a new liquor permit for Dolgen Midwest LLC, DBA Dollar General Store 22400, 33781 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Boose to not request a hearing so that the permit can be sent to the State for final disposition by May 13, 2021.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions. No further comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Planning Commission Report

Clerk of Council Linden:

APPLICANT: COUNCIL REFERRAL

Christopher Minick
1195 Adams St, Vermilion, OH 44089

OWNER: Slow Pitch Properties, LLC
32629 Heron Circle, North Ridgeville, OH 44039

REQUEST: Approval to rezone a parcel of land from an RS-2 General Residence District to a B-3 Highway Commercial District

LOCATION: 6001 Lear Nagle Rd.
Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-008-111-077

PC ACTION: **Approved by a vote of 5-0**

Councilman Abens stated the Planning Commission reviewed this request carefully. The new owners will bring in a business that is needed and will improve the existing property.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to accept the Planning Commission report on the petition for Christopher Minick.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions. No further comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

APPLICANT: COUNCIL REFERRAL

Michael Jaworski

32113 Bexley Cir., Avon Lake, OH 44012

OWNER: JCL Group, LLC

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REQUEST: Approval to rezone two parcels of land from an R-2 Multiple Residence District to a B-2 Central Business District

LOCATION: 36046 Center Ridge Rd. and 6838 Avon Belden Rd.

Permanent Parcel Nos. 07-00-028-102-066 and 07-00-028-102-042

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 5-0

Councilman Abens stated the Planning Commission reviewed this petition very carefully. The parcels in question are surrounded by other B-2. By changing this property to a B-2 it will be easier to develop for future businesses.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to accept the Planning Commission report on the petition for Michael Jaworski.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions. No further comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

RECESS:

Mayor Corcoran stated public employees' compensation was the subject matter that will be discussed during the executive session.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:21 pm

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:40 pm

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 57-2021 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5806-2021, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PUBLICLY ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN ITEMS/EQUIPMENT THAT NO LONGER SERVE MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; TO SEEK QUOTES FOR THE LEASE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT PLUS ANY AUXILIARY ITEMS; TO HAVE THE SELLING PRICE OF THE ITEMIZED EQUIPMENT TO BE DISPOSED OF BY THE CITY CREDITED AGAINST THE LEASE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT; AND TO ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$148,412.00 (NET OF TRADE-IN ALLOWANCES).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 57-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 57-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 57-2021 in order to replace 5806-2021 with the new legislation.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 57-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5819-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 58-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO LEASE/PURCHASE A NEW 2021 CAT 926 HIGH LIFT FRONT LOADER INCLUDING ANY AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$167,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 58-2021.

Mayor Corcoran stated the previous Ordinance 5806-2021 was repealed because the equipment that was going to be traded in will be used by another department, which changes the amount of money that will be spent. However, the lease/purchase is still under budget.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilman Boose asked Mayor Corcoran if this Ordinance is something that should be expedited so that French Creek can begin using it.

Mayor Corcoran stated yes.

President DeVries asked for further comments and questions. No questions or comments were offered.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 58-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 58-2021 for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No comments were offered.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 58-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5820-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 59-2021 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE OHIO BUREAU OF
WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRENCH SAFETY GRANT (TSG) PROJECT
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,516.75.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 59-2021.

President DeVries asked for questions or comments.

Mayor Corcoran stated the purpose of TSG is to pay for the Trench Safety training, which is very important in order to keep staff safe.

Councilman Boose stated the TSG is a reimbursement grant which means the City is responsible for disbursing the funds before the reimbursement can be received.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 59-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 59-2021 in order to receive the reimbursement in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 59-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1520-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 60-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND ADVANCES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 60-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No comments were offered.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 60-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 60-2021 in order to provide the financial resources for expenditures.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for questions or comments.

Councilwoman Swenk asked Auditor Wilkerson if the fund advances associated with T 60-2021 are for the trench grant that was just passed.

Auditor Wilkerson replied, “One is for the Safety Grant and the other is the Safer Grant, which is used to pay a portion of a firefighter’s salary.”

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 60-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1521-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 61-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5784-2020 OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2021.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 61-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 61-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 61-2021 in order to have the necessary financial resources in the correct fund for the reimbursement.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 61-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5821-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 47-2021 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1294.09, SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR CENTER RIDGE ROAD, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 04/05/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 48-2021 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 04/05/2021)

President DeVries asked Mayor Corcoran if T 48-2021 was time sensitive.

Mayor Corcoran replied, “We have some time, so we do not currently need the emergency clause in place.”

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 50-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5596-2018 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN DISCRETIONARY EMPLOYEES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 04/05/2021)

Mayor Corcoran stated there will be an amendment to T 50-2021 during the third reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 51-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR NEW FLOORING COATING, INCLUDING TIME, MATERIAL, AND LABOR, FOR THE SERVICE GARAGE, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 04/05/2021)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the third readings for T 51-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 51-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause in order to move forward with the project in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 51-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5822-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 54-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5684-2019 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO THE TREASURER.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 04/05/2021)

President DeVries sent T 54-2021 to the Finance Committee.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 55-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5485-2017 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 04/05/2021)

President DeVries sent T 55-2021 to the Finance Committee.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 56-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5477-2017 AND
SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, WHICH ESTABLISHED
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO THE CITY ENGINEER.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 04/05/2021)

President DeVries sent T 56-2021 to the Finance Committee.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 39-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O.
CHAPTER 1228 IMPROVEMENTS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 03/15/2021; Second Reading 04/15/2021)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 39-2021.

President DeVries asked for questions or comments. No questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried and T 39-2021 becomes
Ordinance No. 5823-2021.

Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Approval of minutes on May 3, 2021:


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


CLERK OF COUNCIL