

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, April 18, 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, and Georgia Awig.

Councilman Martin DeVries was excused.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Law Director Brian Moriarty, City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, 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 4, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted that the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated April 12, 2022, 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.

Water Drain Issue

Amy Snyder, at 33899 Gilbert Court, expressed her concerns regarding six houses on the south side of Gilbert Court and two houses that are on Sicily Court that share a common drain pipe. The pipe has not drained for three months. Ms. Snyder added that she has lived in her house for 23 years and the drain has always drained. Ms. Snyder noted that on March 22, 2022, she talked to Ray in the Engineering department and was told that her issue was a private property problem

and the City could not assist. She added that she sent out letters on March 28, 2022, to all seven neighbors regarding the clogged drain issue. Ms. Snyder read the 660.11 ACCUMULATIONS OF WATER AND PUTRID SUBSTANCES; OBSTRUCTION OF CULVERTS, DRAINS, AND WATERCOURSE Section A and B of the code. She expressed her frustration with the delay in a solution since now she has to wait for the Law Department to review the situation.

Patricia Overman, at 33875 Gilbert Court, remarked that when she purchased her property, the developers explained that the 20-foot easement in the back of her property is not her responsibility. She added that the title property description also illustrated that the drainage easement is not her responsibility. Ms. Overman is worried that kids would get stuck in the muck behind her property and it's become a health hazard. She added that the issue is also damaging the foundation of her home.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran noted that he would be requesting the emergency passage for a few pieces of legislation (T 66-2022, T 68-2022, T 70-2022, T 71-2022, and T 52-2022).

Mayor Corcoran announced that beginning the first week of May 2022, Republic Services would provide weekly bulk trash and yard waste collection every Tuesday in addition to regular trash and recycling. 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, residents could visit the city's website at nridgeville.org.

Mayor Corcoran announced that there are two opportunities for residents to join him for Coffee & Conversation. The first one is Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. The second coffee would be a joint event with North Ridgeville City Schools Superintendent Roxann Caserio at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, in the Board of Education Community Room at the North Ridgeville Academic Center.

Mayor Corcoran added that the Senior Center is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on April 29, 2022, sponsored by Liston Funeral Home. The meal would consist of spaghetti, sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, and salad. Adults are \$7.00, seniors are \$6.00, and children 10 and under are \$4.00 to eat; dessert is \$1.00, soda is \$.50, and carry out is available. Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase at the Senior Center.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to suspend the bylaws and place T 72-2022 on the agenda under first readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

No Report was presented.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez noted that the city had 11 water breaks over the weekend. The Engineering Department is doing valve turning throughout the entire city. They are sectioning off the city into pressure zones and it is causing some of the older infrastructures in the older neighborhoods to have this break. The Engineering Department planned to get the issue under control, so the city could benefit from the affordable rates with the City of Elyria.

Engineer Rodriguez addressed the Gilbert Court issue. He remarked that he and the Law Department are still investigating the issues.

D. Auditor:

No Report was presented.

E. Other Reports:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT dated April 11, 2022, which recommends City Council to consider T 53-2022 with the amendment of changing the threshold from "up to \$3,000" to "up to \$20,000".

(Council action required)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to accept the Finance Committee Report dated April 11, 2022, recommends 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 – 6

No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission report of Tuesday, April 12, 2022:

North Ridgeville City Schools, 34600 Bainbridge Rd, PPN 07-00-016-104-233

Applicant: John Moosbrugger, Modular Classrooms, LLC, 1545 Brennen Rd, Columbia, South Carolina 29206. Proposal consists of installation of modular classroom building for use at the North Ridgeville High School. Property is zoned R-1 B-3.

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of Yes – 3 No – 1(Smolik) Abstained – 1(Abens)
(Council approval required)

Councilman Abens remarked that he abstained from the vote at the Planning Commission Meeting because no one could tell him if the building was Ohio-certified. All modular buildings coming into Ohio need to be certified by the State of Ohio. He added that he would be abstaining again because he does not have enough information to approve or disapprove.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to approve the Planning Commission's action.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstained – 1 (Abens)

T 58-2022 – Planning Commission Referral

An Ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 1294 supplementary regulations of the North Ridgeville Zoning Code in order to update the City's fence regulations. Note: Also provided as a companion piece is T 57-2022 An ordinance repealing section 660.12 fences of the North Ridgeville general offenses code.

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 5-0
(Council approval required)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to approve the Planning Commission's action.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to appoint Nicholas Ciofani as the Clerk of Council with the effective start date of May 1, 2022.

President Jacobs provided Mr. Ciofani's background experience to all of the Council. The background is attached to the minutes.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

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

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

T 66-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH
RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A
CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW
AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE PURCHASE OF
ROADWAY MATERIALS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF NORTH
RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third
readings for T 66-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to move
forward with paving and street repairs.

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

Yes – 6

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 66-2022 with the
emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 66-
2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5941-2022.**

Yes – 6

No – 0

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam

T 68-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ONEOHIO OPIOID FUND.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and
third readings for T 68-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to
obtain the funds as soon as it becomes available.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 68-2022 with the
emergency clause.

Mayor Corcoran added that the money would be available soon and T 52-2022 would need the
emergency clause as well to receive the fund sooner.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 68-
2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5942-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

T 70-2022 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN LORAIN COUNTY, THE CITY OF OBERLIN, THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, AND THE CITY OF AMHERST FOR THE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PY22 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM PROVIDED THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 70-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to meet the May 4, 2022 deadline for participation.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 70-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 70-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1562-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

T 71-2022 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES BY THE FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS PURCHASE ORDERS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 71-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 71-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 71-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1563-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

T 72-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2022.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran).

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 72-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to meet ODOT's deadline.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 72-2022 with the emergency clause.

Mayor Corcoran noted that the City never received the agreement before and ODOT sent the agreement over to the City to agree to buy salt.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 72-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5943-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

There was none.

THIRD READINGS:

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

T 47-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 242.04, PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING A SUBSECTION FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03/21/2022; Second Reading on 04/04/2022)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 47-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 47-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5944-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

T 50-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ELYRIA FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03/21/2022; Second Reading on 04/04/2022)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 50-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 50-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5945-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam:

T 52-2022 A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN REGION 19 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE UNDER THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03/21/2022; Second Reading on 04/04/2022)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to meet the deadline for the funds to be available.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 52-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 52-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1564-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- The Tax Abatement Review Board meeting will be on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
- The Building & Lands Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
- The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of minutes on May 2, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL

NICHOLAS CIOFANI

EXPERIENCE

OHIO LOTTERY COMMISSION

2019 - Present

Deputy Director for Government and Community Relations

CONGRESSMAN DAVE JOYCE (OH-14)

2012 – 2019

- Deputy Chief of Staff, 2018-2019

- District Director, 2013-2018

- Campaign Manager, Joyce for Congress (OH-14),

Fall 2012

STATE TREASURER OF OHIO

2011 – 2012

Deputy District Director for Regional Representatives

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Congressman Steven C. LaTourette (OH-14), District Outreach Representative

- City of Solon, Accounting Clerk

- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

ADDITIONAL CITY EXPERIENCE

City of North Ridgeville

- Civil Service Commission

2016-2020

City of Streetsboro

- Planning Commission

2010-2012

- Councilman

2009

- Board of Zoning and Appeals

2005-2009

EDUCATION

Hillsdale College - Bachelor of Science in Political Science