

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, February 7, 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 Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, 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 January 18, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

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.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked that there are several pieces of legislation on the agenda that he would be requesting the emergency passage.

Mayor Corcoran recommended the City Council to appoint Linda Morman to the Fair Housing Board to fill the vacancy left by Bruce Konya who passed away at the end of December. Bruce had served on the board since 2012 and did an outstanding job for the city. Mayor Corcoran thanked Bruce for his dedication and service; and, his sincere condolences to his family. Linda Morman is a resident of 30 years and recently retired after 30 years at Safelite AutoGlass where

she was a district sales manager. She enjoys spending time at the Senior Center where she serves as one of the City's dedicated volunteers.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to appoint Linda Morman to Fair Housing Board.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

(Clerk notes: Ms. Morman's term would expire on July 5, 2024)

Mayor Corcoran added that special guest North Ridgeville Schools Superintendent Roxann Ramsey-Caserio would be joining him on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., in Council Chambers for his monthly coffee and conversation. Residents would have the opportunity to hear about what's going on in the city and the schools

Mayor Corcoran announced that in observance of Presidents' Day, City Hall offices are closed on Monday, February 21, 2022. Because of the holiday, the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22.

Mayor Corcoran noted that the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the City and the Schools is presenting the State of North Ridgeville Address on Friday, February 25, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the North Ridgeville Academic Center. The cost to attend is \$25 and you can register online at nrchamber.com. The registration deadline is next Friday, February 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to go into executive session to discuss purchase and sale of land.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster remarked that the City received over 63 phone calls requesting the removal of snow in front of their house. He explained that the City does not have the equipment to move mounds of snow. He asked the residents to be patient. Mr. Armbruster expressed that the Service Department staff did a great job with clearing the roads and being very responsive to the residents. Mr. Armbruster reminded the residents and businesses that they are responsible for shoveling their sidewalks. Safety-Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

C. Engineer:

City Engineer Rodriguez remarked that the City would be opening up the Lorain Road Watermain Extension bid soon. Mr. Rodriguez provided an update on the Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road, and Avalon Drive Roundabout. He added that the construction has started for the Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. Mr. Rodriguez noted that he is requesting an emergency for T 21-2022. He would like to start the bid process for the Mills Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project.

This concluded the Engineer's report.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson remarked that she distributed the November 2021 and December Preliminary 2021 Financial Reports to the City Council. requested the City Council to adopt the following legislation with the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's office with the resources necessary to meet the City's financial obligations.

- T 25-2022 – Appropriation Amendment.
- T 27-2022 – Authorizing the Fund Transfers
- T 28-2022 –Then and Now Resolution

E. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted that Council received the following reports:

- January 2022 Fire Department Report
- January 2022 Building Department Report
- December 2021 Water Distribution Report
- 2021 Water Distribution Loss Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memorandum from Auditor April Wilkerson - In accordance with the requirements of the City of North Ridgeville Ordinance No. 2665-92 (Codified Ord. 1046.05(d)), after the review of water charges from the City's major water suppliers, in concurrence with the City Engineer's correspondence dated January 13, 2022, a water rate increase is applicable for the year 2022 of 1.642 percent.

Correspondence Email from Jim Maleski regarding T 135-2021 and T 136-2021 that was sent back to committee on December 6, 2021. The subjects for the legislation were discussed in multiple meetings that included the Chief, the Law Director, and other Council members. The

legislation gives the responding officer the ability to have specific language to determine if someone is in violation. If this is meant to die, Mr. Maleski would like an explanation as to why.

As the Safety Committee Chair, Councilwoman Swenk remarked that the legislation that was in question was not meant to die in committee. There are ongoing discussions and there are going to be more Safety Committee meetings for it.

Memorandum from City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez - the updated miscellaneous engineering plan review and inspection fees for 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose 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 Linden:

T 14-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VASU COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$150,503.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 14-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to quickly improve the communication system with the new radios for the Police Department.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 14-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 14-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5901-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 15-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO
ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC)
2022 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 15-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to apply and accept the grant award from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC”).

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 15-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 15-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5902-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 16-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR
BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A
MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST
BIDDER(S) FOR THE SUGAR RIDGE ROAD SANITARY SEWER
EXTENSION, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED WORK AND INSPECTION
SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,150,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 17-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO LEASE/PURCHASE A NEW 2022 JOHN DEERE 5055E UTILITY TRACTOR, 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 THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$61,503.99.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 17-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to receive the 2022 John Deere 5055E utility tractor and any auxiliary equipment in time for use in the summer.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 17-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 17-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5903-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 18-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5853-2021, WHICH WAS FOR ADDING RESTROOM FACILITIES TO THE SHADY DRIVE BATTING CAGE AREA AT THE SHADY DRIVE COMPLEX, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT FROM \$191,500.00 TO \$246,500.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 18-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to fund the increased cost of materials and labor for the start of the project.

Councilman Boose explained that the project was first approved to begin in 2020. Because of the pandemic, the project was pushed back. It is the largest indoor facility the Parks Department has. He expressed that the facility is used quite a bit. A restroom facility is needed.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 18-2022 with the emergency clause.

Councilman Abens noted that it was a hefty increase and he wanted to know if there was money in the budget for the increase.

Auditor Wilkerson remarked that T 25-2022 on the agenda is requesting an additional \$55,000 under the Capital Project Fund for the project.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 18-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5904-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 19-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON CENTER RIDGE ROAD.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 20-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE MILLS ROAD/JAYCOX ROAD SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 21-2022 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 TREE REMOVAL AND SITE PREPARATION FOR THE MILLS CREEK CONSERVATION AND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 21-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to get better bid pricing and to clear the trees in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 21-2022 with the emergency clause.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know if the funds come from the Storm Sewer Fund.

April Wilkerson remarked that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) grant has its fund. The project does not come out of the Storm Sewer Fund.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 21-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5905-2022**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 22-2022 AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY APPROVING A CONTRACT THAT WAS ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE AND INVOICE CLOUD, INC. FOR THE PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 23-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A

CONTRACT FOR A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS TO BE USED BY THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 24-2022 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 2022 CRACK SEAL PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 25-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5889-2021 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 25-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to transfer funds to facilitate the building of the restroom facilities to the Shady Drive Batting Cage area at the Shady Drive Complex, and to provide the Auditor's office with the necessary resources.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 25-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 25-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5906-2022.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 26-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO LORAIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE HEALTHY PLACES GRANTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 26-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to meet the Lorain County Public Health (LCPH) submission deadline for the Healthy Places Grant.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 26-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 26-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1554-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 27-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 27-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's office with the necessary financial resources.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 27-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 27-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1555-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 28-2022 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 DeVries and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 28-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to pay the Ohio Turnpike Infrastructure Commission to renew a ten-year permit.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 28-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 28-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1556-2022**.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 29-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN CROSSCREEK SUBDIVISION AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 30-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN HAMPTON PLACE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3 AND 4 AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 4-2022 PID NO. 110809
PROJECT NAME: DO3 GR FY2023 NHS

AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM GUARDRAIL UPGRADES EAST OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE ON US 20, NORTH OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE ON SR 83, AND OVER SR 10 ON SR 83.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 01/18/2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 4-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to meet the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) deadline of February 11, 2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that this project is at no cost to the City.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 4-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 4-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5907-2022**.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 5-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POLICE STATION DEBT SERVICE BOND RETIREMENT FUND.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 01/18/2022; Amended on 01/18/2022)

Councilman DeVries wanted to know if this legislation was time-sensitive.

Mayor Corcoran noted that the legislation could be passed on third reading.

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 6-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POLICE STATION
CONSTRUCTION FUND.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 01/18/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 7-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SENIOR CENTER
CONSTRUCTION FUND.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 01/18/2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 7-2022.

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 to move the donation from the General Fund to the fund that was created for its purpose.

Mayor Corcoran explained that this project is at no cost to the City.

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 7-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 7-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5908-2022.**

THIRD READINGS:

There were none.

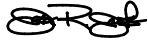
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs added that the next regular Council meeting would be on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 22, 2022:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JRJ".

Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Nancy Linden".

Nancy Linden
CLERK OF COUNCIL