

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, December 19, 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, Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Assistant Engineer Eavenson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

Auditor April Wilkerson was excused.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated December 5, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes.:

Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2022

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.

Pending Legislation – T 175-2022

Rudy Ringwall at 31966 Center Ridge Road, urged the City Council to support T 175-2022 as it moves through the legislative process. Mr. Ringwall thanked Councilman Winkel for introducing T 175-2022 and he believed it is a good first step in helping the residents with the tap-in fees.

He added that there was another water main break since the Center Ridge Water Sewer replacement. He advised the City Council to replace the water main in the area. Mr. Ringwall expressed that he did not receive a City alert for the water main break on Stoney Ridge Road; therefore, he urged the City to be more consistent on the alerts.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran provided the following report.:

- Announced that the State of North Ridgeville address is on January 9, 2023 – a joint effort between the City and the School District to present what is going on in the City. It is a North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce event. The cost to attend includes lunch at \$25. Register online through the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce website at nrchamber.com.
- Added that City offices are closed on December 23, 2022, and December 26, 2022, in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The City offices are closed on January 2, 2023, in observance of New Year's Day.
- Remarked that due to the holidays, the next Regular City Council meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Mayor Corcoran wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss public personnel.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

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

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to reappoint James Smolik to the Planning Commission for another term.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Linda Masterson to the Board of Zoning Appeals for another term.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the ballot issue for the joint project between the schools and the City did not pass at the November 8, 2022 election. He expressed that the outcome of the results did not go well and the City does not plan to put the issue back on the ballot for a Community Center with the School District. The School District planned to submit its issue on the ballot in the upcoming election.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster expressed his appreciation for the Christmas decoration in the Council Chambers and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He added that it might snow over the Christmas weekend. Mr. Armbruster advised everyone about the potential black ice.

Safety Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

3. Engineer:

Assistant Engineer Eavenson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Assistant Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

4. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson was excused.

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5. Other Reports:

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The North Ridgeville Planning Commission took action on the following items at their Regular Meeting on December 13, 2022:

1. PPZ2022-0149: Bogner Life Celebration Center, 7295 Greenlawn Dr, PPN 07-00-028-103-193

Applicant: Randall Smith, DSC Architects, Inc., 401 Front St, Berea, OH 44017. The proposal consists of constructing a Life Celebration Center for funeral home use only. The property is zoned B-5 Architectural Business District. Note: BZBA approved variances on 11/17/22.

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

Moved by Abens and seconded by Awig to approve the Planning Commission action for the construction of the Life Celebration Center.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

2. PPZ2022-0152: Sgt. Clean Car Wash, 32499 Lorain Rd, PPN 07-00-003-102-065

Applicant: Always Stay Unlimited, LLC, DBA Sgt. Clean Car Wash, 3673 Massillon Rd, Uniontown, OH, 44685. The proposal consists of constructing a new full-service car wash. The property is zoned B-3 Highway Commercial District.

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 5-0 with the condition of the limitation of six spaces as shown on page C102A.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to approve the Planning Commission action for the Sgt. Clean Car Wash upon the approval of the BZBA requested variances.

Councilman Abens expressed that there was some discussion on this project and many people did not want to see another car wash in the city. There was no reason not to approve the project and the vote was unanimous.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Board of Drainage & Flood Control Appointment:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to appoint J.D. Gontkovsky to an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2023, on the Board of Drainage & Flood Control as Ward 4 representative.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 175-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1044.02 CONNECTION CHARGES BY ADDING SUBSECTION (L).
(Introduced by Council Member Winkel)

This ordinance was referred to the Utilities Committee for further discussion.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 176-2022 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE MILLS CREEK CONSERVATION AND REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$510,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran explained that the resolution is needed to accept the funds for the project. The County Commissioners are looking to use some of their infrastructure funds.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 176-2022.

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 accept the funds for the Mills Creek Conservation and Regional Flood Control Public Improvement project and start the project.

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 176-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 176-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1582-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 105-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 878.01, 878.03, AND 878.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL TWO-TENTHS PERCENT (0.2%) INCOME TAX BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS AND THEIR SITES, INCLUDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS PART OF A COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND PAYING DEBT CHARGES ON SECURITIES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY RELATED THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 07-05-2022; Tabled on 07-05-2022; Ballot Issue on 11-08-2022 and failed)

Councilman Jacobs provided background information on T 105-2022.

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Abens to struck down T 105-2022.

A voice vote was taken on the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 166-2022 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 213 DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 12-05-2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 172-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 12-05-2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the third reading for T 172-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that there was a Charter change and the legislation is to reflect the changes. The legislation established the responsibilities of the Department of Finance, the Director of Finance, and the Assistant Director of Finance.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

{ Clerk notes: The initial motion and final motion for T 172-2022 to become Ordinance Number 6028-2022 were made by Mayor Corcoran and recognized with a second and by the Chair. Motions not listed in the minutes, but noted in the Clerk's notes. Mayor Corcoran withdrew his motion to adopt T 172-2022 with an emergency. To dispense the rules for T 172-2022 did not go through the withdrawal process. The reason for the point of order was to amend T 172-2022 for adoption in the same meeting. }

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to withdraw the motion to adopt T 172-2022 which became Ordinance Number 6028-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to withdraw the motion to adopt T 172-2022 which became Ordinance Number 6028-2022 with the emergency clause.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to amend T 172-2022 with the substitution that was submitted to City Council before the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to start the hiring process for the director positions and comply with the City's Charter.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to adopt T 172-2022 Amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 172-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6028-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 173-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 5596-2018 TO MAINTAIN PARITY IN CERTAIN BENEFITS PROVIDED TO CITY EMPLOYEES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS, SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.

(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 12-05-2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to amend T 173-2022 with the revised Exhibit A that was submitted to City Council before the meeting - Corrected the wage scales that are listed in Exhibit A.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third reading for T 173-2022 Amended.

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 have the new wage scales go into effect on January 1, 2023

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 173-2022 Amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 173-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6029-2022.**
Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 174-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT “A” OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 2725-93 TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL WAGE PARITY BETWEEN CERTAIN SUPERVISORY AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 12-05-2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to amend T 174-2022 with the revised Exhibit A that was submitted to City Council before the meeting - Corrected the negotiated wage scales that are listed in Exhibit A.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the third reading for T 174-2022 Amended.

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 order to match Exhibit A with the negotiation increases.

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 174-2022 Amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 174-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6030-2022.**
Yes – 6 No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 164-2022 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11-21-2022; Second Reading on 12-05-2022)

Mayor Corcoran explained that this legislation adopts the City’s annual appropriations. It is the budget for 2023.

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause for the budget to go into effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adopt T 164-2022 with the emergency clause.

Councilman Boose noted that he is a member of the Finance Committee and he thanked the administration, the Auditor's Office, and members of the City Council for helping with the planning of the 2023 budget.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 164-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6031-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 03, 2023:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL