

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 19, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: Welcome to the Tuesday, January 19, 2016 regular Council meeting.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Corcoran.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Terrence Keenan, Dennis Boose, Bruce Abens, Bob Chapek, President Pro-Tem Bernadine Butkowski and President Kevin Corcoran.

Roseanne Johnson was excused.

President Corcoran: Just as a note, Mrs. Johnson called me earlier today and said there was a death in the family and she was unable to attend.

Also present was Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Andy Crites, City Engineer Scott Wangler, Deputy Auditor Teresa Machovina and Assistant Clerk of Council Tara L. Peet.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Corcoran: You have before you the Organizational meeting minutes of January 4, 2016. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Hearing none, those minutes stand approved.

President Corcoran: You have before you the City Council meeting minutes of January 4, 2016. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Hearing none, those minutes stand approved.

President Corcoran: We received the Planning Commission meeting minutes of January 12, 2016.

President Corcoran: That brings us to the lobby session of the meeting.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to split the lobby session into two sessions where the first one will be dedicated to the items that are on the agenda this evening and the second would be questions and answers from the audience.

President Corcoran: Any questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

LOBBY (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

President Corcoran: This is the lobby session. This is your opportunity to address Council. If you would like to speak on an issue, please approach the podium for the record. State your name and address. You will be given three minutes to speak. Is there anybody who would like to speak this evening? Ok then, moving on to the Administrator's reports. First, we have Mr. Safety-Service Director.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: None.

B. Safety-Service Director: Mr. President. Thank you this evening in your prayer for recognizing the young individual that passed away this past week with regards to an accident that happened – a very unfortunate accident that happened in the City of North Ridgeville. The parents that are out there listening to this – we do have a sledding hill that is over at South Central Park. Unfortunately, it is not as close to your home as maybe a hill outside of your home that is there now. I know there is a lot of HOA's that have areas that you can sled in or appears like you can. We have to recognize that sometimes these do not become very safe when you do so. Another concern is we have ponds and retention basins that appear to be frozen over. We have to be very mindful that ice that is there is not of the inches that it should be to support anyone or anything including a sled or an individual or a group of individuals that are on there. Let's be mindful of that. The Administration will reach out as much as possible to help anyone that we can to discuss with the homeowner's association. It is the homeowner's association within themselves, with their by-laws, as to how they are going to handle it. I grew up as a kid – there were things that I did that were crazy and fortunately, I'm still here today, but it is unfortunate that we have situations that you just kind of do and don't think of what the consequences are. We need to be safe. You need to think the process through if you can; talk with your parents in any way possible to see if that is safe and then go from that point.

With that, there was a question with regards to Buescher's Hardware. We were over there today. Those of you that came down Center Ridge Road, there is some yellow caution tape around it. There has been another finding at Buescher's – it appears that we now have a possibility of a gas well that is over there. ODNR and the state of Ohio are working through the process on this. I became aware of it this afternoon; I think at like 4:00 that there was a smell of gas in the Buescher area. It has been capped this afternoon and it is deemed safe at this point. City Council should be aware that ODNR is looking into this as well as the state of Ohio. We will work with the officials tomorrow to get a better handle on just exactly where the natural gas is coming from. Columbia Gas – it is not coming from their pipes unfortunately. It would have been relatively easy if that were the case, but that is not the case at this point.

This evening you have before you T 4 which is being introduced. Hopefully, we can have a first reading and move this legislation through this evening. It has to do with monies that were appropriated in 2015. Virtualization is not only of our servers but of our computers. These are projects that the purchase orders were written in December, and rightfully so, the Auditor's office felt as though even though that the two projects were separate, it was going to CDW, I

believe. All the state bidding – these are all computers and servers that would come through a state bid so it is not something that you would bid out. It was already bid out through the state of Ohio. We want to move the servers, especially the virtual servers as well as the virtual desktops that we are going to be putting out – move that project ahead so we can get it in place during 2016. Hopefully, we can move that legislation forward. That completes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. We had a public meeting for the Lear Nagle widening on the 13th and I had a preconstruction meeting on that same project today. There were a lot of things discussed and a lot of detail that probably is not smart to go into in this venue, but I just thought I would touch on the major points which would be – the project is going to be broken down into three phases. The traffic during “phase a” will start at the end of this month. Traffic will be maintained in their current lanes for “phase a” while they build the temporary lane on the east side. “Phase b” will be when they transfer traffic from the current lanes over to the lane that they spent building in “phase a” and that is going to be on May 15th where they are going to transfer over to the temporary lanes. “Phase c” will be where they transfer back over to the new lanes and then finish the other eastern half of the road. That will happen – it is slated to happen on February 9, 2017. The total project is looking to be completed in September 2017. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Ms. Deputy Auditor.

D. Deputy Auditor: Thank you Mr. President. Good evening Council members. I have a couple items to mention on the agenda this evening.

Item one is just to note that under correspondence on this evening’s agenda is the memo regarding the 2016 water rate. It has been calculated based on City Ordinance in conjunction with the Engineering office and the Administration.

The second item that I have is T 3 under new business. This is an amended temporary appropriation Ordinance and it is for a few items which includes appropriating the funds necessary to pass future legislation with regard to the new fire station, appropriation of funds to be paid per collective bargaining agreement for a couple of employees that we have retiring in the first quarter that we weren’t aware of when we did the temporary back in November/December. As Jeff had mentioned, to re-appropriate the funds for T 4 which was 2015 monies that require an Ordinance before it could be encumbered. That is for the City’s information technology service virtualization project. I am requesting that Council consider adopting T 3 this evening, with the emergency, as one of the City’s employees is retiring at the end of this month. in order to meet the contractual obligation, we need those funds available. That concludes my report for this evening. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you.

E. Other Reports: President Corcoran: We have the December 2015 Fire Department report, the December 2015 Support Car report and the December 2015 Water Distribution reports.

President Corcoran: We don't have any committee reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

President Corcoran: We do have four pieces of correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

- A letter dated January 2, 2016 from Alan Rosich regarding the location of the new fire station.
- A letter dated January 7, 2016 to Alan Rosich from Fire Chief John Reese regarding the location of the new fire station.
- Ballot language received from the Board of Elections on January 8, 2016 regarding the rezoning of property owned by Ridge Minerals, LLC from B-2 Central Business District and R-1 Residence District to R-2 Multiple Residence District at the intersection of Meadow Lakes Blvd. and Center Ridge Road.
- A memo from the Auditor's office received on January 12, 2015 noting a water rate increase for the 2016 year of 0.796%.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

President Corcoran: Moving on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

Planning Commission action(s) taken at the January 12, 2016 meeting:

APPLICANT: David Budge, WXZ Development Inc., 22720 Fairview Center Drive, Fairview Park, OH 44126

OWNER: WXZ Retail Group Holdings NR, LLC, 22720 Fairview Center Drive, Fairview Park, OH 44126

REQUEST: Site plan approval for the construction of a 10,050 square foot retail building

LOCATION: 34564 Center Ridge Road in a B-3 District; parcel no. 07-00-016-101-026

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

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, is there any action that Council needs to take on this? I thought that there would be.

President Corcoran: Yes, we do need to accept their recommendation.

Councilman Keenan: Yes, if I may, I sit on the Planning Commission now. I attended my first Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday the 12th. That developer came in and presented his project in a very organized and well-presented manner. There was unanimous approval and acceptance of the project. 10,000 square feet – he is negotiating with an anchored tenant on the corner which he would like to be a bank. He would like to see a bank, but that deal is not done so it is not firm. There really was no dissention. It was well presented.

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Butkowski to accept the Planning Commission report.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: I am an adjacent property owner and to avoid any potential conflict, I will be abstaining.

President Corcoran: Are there any other comments? Clerk, please call the roll.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries 5-0-1.

Yes – 5

No – 0

Abstain – 1 (Boose)

President Corcoran: T 3.

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 3-2016 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE NO. 5302-2015 FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE,
OHIO FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND
ENDING MARCH 31, 2016.

(Introduced by Councilwoman Johnson)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Keenan to suspend the By-laws to give T 3-2016 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 3 will have a first reading. T 4.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 4-2016 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT(S) WITH CDW FOR PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S

COMPUTER SYSTEM, SWITCH UPGRADES, VIRTUALIZATION OF CITY
SERVERS, VIRTUALIZATION OF PC DESKTOPS AND
APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL CUMULATIVE AMOUNT
OF \$105,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Boose to give T 4-2016 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, I would like to ask a question of the Deputy Auditor – could you help me understand – I remember this issue in appropriations for 2015. I remember being very convinced that this was an important thing and that we would do this in 2015. If anything, I am confused by the fact that we haven't done it yet, not that we are talking about it now. I would have thought we would have done it a half year ago. Could you tell me – is this project funding going to come out of 2015 sources?

Deputy Auditor Machovina: The funding will carry over from 2015 as unused portions because part of our carry over balance in General Fund gets re-appropriated in 2016. It is 2015 monies that were appropriated that were unutilized due to a lot of the other projects going on in Computer Services. The Safety-Service Director is probably more equipped to answer that question for you – the time frame, but the funds will be in the opening balance. If it was encumbered last year, it wouldn't be. So it is a carryover of funds.

Councilman Keenan: Okay, but then really to become unencumbered, it is just unspent balance is all we have. The question we have is how it competes with the 2016 appropriations which we have not had yet.

Deputy Auditor Machovina: It competes from the standpoint if we would have done this project and taken the timely fashion of getting an Ordinance in place – the only thing that stopped us from encumbering it in December of 2015 was requiring the Ordinance per discussion with the Law Director, we had determined that it was a project that by Ohio Revised Code that requires an Ordinance in order to proceed. He wrote the P/O in 2015, but unfortunately because we didn't have an Ordinance, I couldn't actually encumber it. The funds are available as of December 31, 2015 carry over into our opening balance of 2016. We just encumber it this year if we have the Ordinance in place to do so.

President Corcoran: The P/O was written last year.

Deputy Auditor Machovina: But, not signed and not encumbered.

Councilman Keenan: Okay, thank you.

Councilwoman Butkowski: Mr. Chairman normally when this happens, we do not punish each department because they didn't spend their money in that year and we don't just take it away from them because they didn't spend it. We roll it over to the next year and still let them go on and not use it as money that anybody can use. It has been encumbered and it is their money and it is their project for various reasons, it doesn't get done, but we don't take it away from them. That is what we have been doing for a long time – ever since I have been on Council. We have to go through all of this procedure again, but as being a courtesy to the department because they didn't spend the money – we don't take it away from them.

President Corcoran: Any other comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 4 will have a first reading. At this point I would like to bring forward the Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the architect for the fire station. Clerk, could you give that a T number?

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: T 5-2016.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Keenan to place T 5-2016 on the agenda under first readings.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 5 will be placed on the agenda for a first reading. That is the end of new business.

RECESS:

President Corcoran: Would anyone like a recess?

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Abens to dispense with the recess.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to first readings. First we have T 159.

FIRST READINGS:

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 159-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 232.01 *DUTIES; COMPENSATION* TO MODIFY THE POSITION OF CITY AUDITOR FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT.

(Introduced by President Corcoran; Referred to Finance on 12/07/2015; Finance on 12/21/2015; Report accepted on 01/04/2016)

President Corcoran: T 160.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 160-2015 AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE PAY PERIODS FOR THE CITY AUDITOR POSITION BY AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 286.04 PAY PERIODS.

(Introduced by President Corcoran; Referred to Finance on 12/07/2015; Finance on 12/21/2015; Report accepted on 01/04/2016)

President Corcoran: T 161.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 161-2015 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL SALARY RANGE AND BENEFITS FOR THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF CITY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by President Corcoran; Referred to Finance on 12/07/2015; Finance on 12/21/2015; Report accepted on 01/04/2016; needs amended by substitution per the Finance report)

President Corcoran: The Finance Committee went through and made some recommendations. We made those changes in the amendment sitting before you.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to amend T 161 by substitution.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 161 has been amended by substitution. T 3.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 3-2016 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 5302-2015 FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2016.

(Introduced by Councilwoman Johnson)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 3-2016.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 3-2016.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency clause to T 3-2016 in order to meet the deadline.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The measure carries and becomes **Ordinance number 5312-2016.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Corcoran: T 4.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 4-2016 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT(S) WITH CDW FOR PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMPUTER SYSTEM, SWITCH UPGRADES, VIRTUALIZATION OF CITY SERVERS, VIRTUALIZATION OF PC DESKTOPS AND APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$105,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 4-2016.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Boose to adopt T 4-2016.

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to T 4-2016 for the reasons given by the Deputy Auditor.

Councilman Keenan: I didn't hear a reason given by the Deputy Auditor.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: We will start back with the original question that Councilman Keenan asked with regards to the reasoning for the lack of time or not getting it done right away. We ended up with the New World Software for the Police Department and all the servers over there that we were not anticipating them coming on string which took into the summer and into the fall. We were also working with SSI, our software company for our accounting software that we purchased to make sure we buy the right virtual servers. When we put it all together, we wrote the purchase order in November and it was signed by myself in December and that is when we realized – prior to this wasn't virtualization of the PC's and virtualization of the servers. Because technology has become this far along in 2015 there was an opportunity for us to take this virtual PC desktop and introduce it where you won't have PC's on each desk. It is going to be virtualized. We are taking the next leap; the next step to lessen our cost in government. To move this forward, we can get these lines of computers and get this thing started and really spend the money now. It was actually supposed to be spent in 2015.

Councilman Keenan: That is a good explanation for me. Thank you.

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to T 4-2016 in order to spend the funds appropriated in 2015 that were carried over for 2016 and to get the project underway.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet: The measure carries and becomes **Ordinance number 5313-2016.**

Yes – 6

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 5-2016.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 5-2016 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MULL & WEITHMAN ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, NOT TO EXCEED \$695,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: I will refer that to the Safety Committee. That is the end of first readings. Moving on to second readings, we have T 152-2015 Amended.

SECOND READINGS:

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 152-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND/OR CREATING CERTAIN DIVISIONS
Amended OF N.R.C.O. §618.01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE;
DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Referred to Safety Committee on 11/16/2015; Safety on 12/07/2015; Report accepted on 12/21/2015; First reading 01/04/2016; Amended by substitution on 01/04/2016)

President Corcoran: That is the end of second readings. We have no third readings.

THIRD READINGS: None.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: Our next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers. There will be Finance Committee meetings regarding appropriations on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 through Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. or until listed departments have been completed in Council Chambers regarding City appropriations.

LOBBY (Q&A - REGARDING ANY CITY BUSINESS): This is the second lobby session that is open to the public to bring up items of concern that are going on in the City. If you would like to ask a question, make a comment; please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. You will be given three minutes to speak. Is there anybody that would like to address Council?

Angie Harrison, 5647 Lear Nagle: stated she was at a Council meeting in December regarding some flashing lights that would be put in and wondered when that would happen.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Mr. President, I believe, I would have to look back in my comments but appropriations for those signs – the money is not there. We have to get through February 16-18. We have to get that approved and at that point the signs will be put up – not in February but we have to go through a whole process. We do not have the funds today in the Streets Department to put up those signs. It is just not there. So it is not that we are dragging our feet in any way whatsoever. I cannot write a purchase order for funds that are not available. I can't spend money if I don't have the authority to spend it. It is not these individuals' faults. It is the process that we have to go through for funding things and departments within the City of North Ridgeville.

Mrs. Harrison asked if something temporary could be looked into that would be cheaper.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: I can certainly look into it but I am not going to be able to do any flashing signs at all. We have signage up there – we can put curve signs up. We can do all that kind of stuff but it is not going to give you the impact of what you are looking for. I think it would be in our best interests to wait until the funding is put in place and we will put up the appropriate signs.

Mrs. Harrison stated the signs at Lear Nagle and Rose were removed because they were illegal. She stated she spoke to Jim Roth from ODOT. She emailed Mr. Armbruster asking for the Ordinance showing it is illegal. Mr. Roth told her two phrases come into play: “shall not” and “should not” – she explained that she thought the term meaning “should not” should absolutely not be done and “shall not” gives the City some fluctuation on determining signage. She noted the signs were placed for safety and not to control traffic.

President Corcoran: Your time is up. Just so you are aware – this is an administrative issue. Legislatively, we can’t mandate stop signs. That is something for the Administration to take care of. We appreciate you bringing this to us, but we don’t have the power to change what you are asking for just so you know.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Keenan to give Mrs. Harrison up to an additional three minutes to finish.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Mrs. Harrison continued on about the safety issue created without the stop signs.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else?

Neal Casbean, 5620 N. Lear Nagle: stated he was looking for some answers from the elected officials. He stated the City had the funds to take the stop signs down and put guardrails up. He noted he still has not been given the cost of the guardrails.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: All three-way stop signs in most cases in the City of North Ridgeville have been taken down in the entire City.

Mr. Casbean stated this was not true.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: there might be one you are considering and it is at Liberty School.

Mr. Casbean stated there were several.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: And we suggested that if you point those out, we will take a look at those. Unfortunately, the amount of emails back and forth between Mrs. Harrison and any of the other people that have emailed us back and forth – the information that you are talking about is out there. You have it. The City Council doesn’t have it because this is an Administrative decision that was made. The schools were involved. The superintendent of the schools was involved. This Administration was involved all the way to the top with the Mayor, as well as the Police Chief as well as his department. This decision of removing this stop sign was not taken lightly. Not at all. To pitch it as though we don’t care – that is not the case. To

say that there is an Ordinance in the City of North Ridgeville – that is not the case. It was the Ohio Revised Code. Whether Jim Roth is right or wrong, I don't know for sure, but the decision was made by the Administration, the City schools, as well as the Mayor and the Police Chief to remove that stop sign. That is where we are today.

Mr. Casbean stated he heard the removal of the stop signs was to decrease traffic flow. He added speed is a big problem currently and it will only get worse with road construction.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, Mr. Armbruster – in regards to one of their points, have we costed out what it is going to cost the safety items that you are going to suggest to Council in appropriations as to approximately what that is going to be or do we know that yet? I know there are several options you are thinking of.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: The signs run between \$600-\$1000 per sign.

Councilman Boose: And how many would we need?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: You would need two and there would be LED lights on both ends. We've done it at Bagley. We just did it at one end where there was a death on Bagley Road; on Sugar Ridge, I believe we put it down on both ends of Sugar Ridge and we took the guardrail out and put the LED lights up. It is highly visible. I am sure if it were in a neighborhood, we did not get a complaint on Sugar Ridge. We didn't get a complaint on Bagley based on it, but based on what I hear on Lear Nagle, we will probably get complaints because the LED lights are extremely bright. You are going to be able to see them from a huge distance. They flash all day, all night and they are based on solar power.

Councilman Boose: One of the things suggested in the December meeting; this was brought up was crosswalk lights that you push a button and the same sort of LED lights flash only during the time when someone is trying to cross. Have we costed those out?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: We did. With the middle school, it is some kind of walking path; correct me if I am wrong Scott? It was like \$15,000.

Engineer Wangler: It was in the neighborhood – I think it might be a little more. It was referred to as a midblock crosswalk. I believe the manufacturer was Hawk.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: There is some new technology out there – we can press a button and the lights come on then. That would be somewhat different then the Hawk. Hawk is more of a traffic light and I have seen those recently. There are all kinds of new technology coming out. One thing you have to recognize is the person walking in the street has the right-of-way. I understand that traffic has gone up on Lear Nagle based on what has happened over at I-90 and the interchange. There is an increased amount of traffic on Lear Nagle – no question about it. Most recently, after the holiday season, I don't believe there have been any traffic

accidents over there. Unfortunately we had some OVI's in a very short period of time between Thanksgiving and Christmas that were well over the limit of .8 that had accidents in that area.

Councilman Boose: I don't know the manufacturers; I don't know if the one the Engineer suggested is the same but those that are in front of the new convention center in downtown Cleveland – I pass those every day at work. They are not on unless someone is trying to cross and you push a button and they both flash temporarily until you cross and then are out. So they are not on 24/7. That is certainly something to consider. I for one, if we are talking a couple of thousand dollars for two signs and for the safety issue – I for one would be certainly agreeable for consideration for expending a couple thousand dollars prior to appropriations for safety purposes if that would be the want of the rest of Council. Thanks.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, may I follow up please – I was thinking along similar lines, but what my question is – is this what the Administration thinks is the right approach? Are these signs something you are going to ask Council to spend money on in February?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: We are giving some consideration not only to those two signs but to the walking path itself where you would actually press the button and the lights would come on. We are going to cost all those out and put it in the appropriations and let you guys take a look at it. Any life or any accident that you can save is important. We are going to have to make a decision on that as to whether we start off with the LED lights and then do the sidewalk after that or do we actually do it all at once as one project and then we can actually look at Liberty School the same way because we have a situation over there where the sidewalks. We should probably give that some consideration instead of having the actual LED lights to say that this is a high traffic – you would actually do it for the crosswalk in itself and do two crosswalks like that and to see whether it works which would take out that three-way stop sign that is over there at this point on that straight away.

Councilman Chapek: I have a question – if the state is going to come in and do a study, how will that impact what we are proposing?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: We did a state study on Avalon Road and on 83. The state did help us do a traffic study on Avalon most recently. It really didn't provide us with the information that we were looking for. We were looking for turning and speed. We can do stealth meters – we have that internal. We can do the stealth meter to see what the speed is. If you all recognize when I tried as a Safety-Service Director to move the speed on 83 down from 45 mph to 35 mph for the safety purposes, the state of Ohio came back and told me you have to do a traffic study which we did, but not one that they wanted and you have to move the speed up to 45 mph. Then we actually found out what they were looking for in that process and it didn't help us at all. We moved the speed from 35 to 45 on 83. The Administration; Mayor Gillock certainly does not want any traffic accidents. He wants people to be safe. We do too, but we have limitations as to how much money we can spend to do such. That is the frustrating part that I see. There are a lot of things that I would like to do and innovations that our out there, but you can't do them because of the cost.

Councilman Boose: I appreciate that. I, for one, there are some things that Council cannot affect, but money is something that we can affect. When I am told or hear that I don't have the money that is why the questions are raised as to how much money we are talking. If we are talking \$2,000 that is one thing; if we are talking \$30,000 that is another thing. That is why I pose the question. I get that nobody in this room wants accidents to happen. No one wants safety to be compromised. I can appreciate that. No one sitting at these desks here does either, but when there is something that we can affect, all we are trying to do is get the information which I have not heard before.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: And you would not have heard because the other signs that we put in place were put in place by the Administration because we had a budget to do so and not because we asked for that money, but we allocated those funds to that safety device rather than putting up more guardrail. We made a decision collectively, all of us in the Administration as well as the Police Department was involved in this when we make these safety concerns; what happened is we didn't have the availability to go out and buy these LED signs at the end of the year. We have to wait for the recalculation of City Council...we are not going to specifically say we are going to put up these signs. I guess now we are because you are going to ask for that. We didn't ask for it last year but we have the funds that we do and we try to be able to use those funds appropriately. As modernized signs become available, try to get those in because we know that they have impact and they are very effective.

Councilman Boose: Thank you.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else? I was just doing some quick research on these things – there are like a billion different signs.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Mr. President, the City of Elyria has done it in downtown Elyria.

President Corcoran: Okay.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: This meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Approval of minutes on February 1, 2016:

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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