

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, September 3, 2024, 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, Eric Shaffer, Bruce F. Abens, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Councilman Cliff Winkel was excused.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Finance Director April Wilkerson, City Engineer Christina Eavenson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Deputy Clerk of Council Tina Wieber.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes dated August 19, 2024. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 24, 2024
Building and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 19, 2024
Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated August 22, 2024
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated August 23, 2024

LOBBY:

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He reminded everyone that the lobby session was not meant to be an interactive question-and-answer session. However, it was an opportunity for the public to address the City Council and its administration. He asked anyone who would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

There were none.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- Under the first readings, he requested an emergency passage on several pieces of legislation that would need the emergency for ORD. NO. 2024-95, ORD. NO. 2024-96, ORD. NO. 2024-97, ORD. NO. 2024-98, ORD. NO. 2024-99, ORD. NO. 2024-100 and ORD. NO. 2024-101.
- Street Paving - The Public Works Department, Streets Division, will begin milling Aurensen Road and Noll Drive on Thursday, September 5, 2024, in preparation for paving. You can find the complete list and schedule on the City's website at nridgeville.org.
- Health Fair for Older Adults - In conjunction with Healthy Aging Month, the Senior Center is hosting a health fair in partnership with North Ridgeville Heart & Sole on Monday, September 9, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Over 30 vendors will be on hand offering health screenings, flu shots, medication management consultation, fitness demonstrations, and more.
- Coffee & Conversation – The Mayor's monthly coffee and conversation on Thursday, September 12, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. It is a great way for residents to hear firsthand about current and upcoming projects and ask any questions they may have.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to suspend the bylaws and introduce Ordinance Number 2024-103 under first readings for the Agenda dated September 3, 2024..

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk into an Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular City Council session.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

City Engineer Christina Eavenson provided the following update.:

- EKMU will be starting work on the Stoney Ridge, Mills and Avalon roundabout on September 9, 2024. The northbound lane on Stoney Ridge will be closed (from Rummel Mill to Mills Road) during the day while they extend the sanitary sewer in that area. The signed detour will be to use Rummel Mill Dr. to Stratton Mill to Mills Road. When the contractor is not working both lanes will be open. Advised folks to find an alternate route altogether because starting September 20, 2024, the intersection will be completely closed and there will be no access through this entire intersection. The posted detour route will be SR 83. The intersection is expected to be closed for 90 days.
- The contractor for the residential development, the Crossing at French Creek, will be doing some work in and near the ROW on SR 83 soon.
- The contractor is scheduled to begin work on the Chestnut Ridge Road bridge replacement just east of Root Road on September 16, 2024. The closure will last approximately 75 days. The detour posted will be to use Lorain Road and Lear Nagle.
- The Turnpike has added a week to the targeted opening date for the Bagley Road bridge. It is now scheduled for October 30th. The Turnpike has completed the majority of their work on the EB ramp bridge over Lorain Road and it has been open for two weeks.
- The draft resolution for the SR 83 bridge over SR 10 is scheduled to go out to bid this fall and begin construction next spring. The bridge deck, parapet, and ancillary work will use part-width construction and will remain open with one lane through the use of a temporary traffic light.
- The Active Transportation Steering Committee will have its last meeting on October 23, 2024, and we will be looking at preparing the final draft of the TLCI Planning Study shortly after that.
- Engineering recently hired a new inspector—Mr. Nathan Tucker.

3. Director of Finance:

Finance Director April Wilkerson:

April Wilkerson, the Finance Director, requested the inclusion of an emergency clause to ensure that the Finance Department has the required resources necessary to reach its financial obligations for the following legislation.

Resolution No. 2024-99 – Authorizing Fund Advances.
Resolution No. 2024-100 – Authorizing Fund Advance.
Ordinance No. 2024-101 – Amending 2024 Annual Appropriations.

Finance Director April Wilkerson concluded her report.

4. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following report:

July 2024 Parks and Recreation Division Report
July 2024 Finance Department Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

BUILDING AND LANDS COMMITTEE REPORT dated August 19, 2024 – The committee reviewed and considered 2024-78. The Committee motioned to send 2024-78 back to the City Council for consideration.

(Council action required)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to accept the Building and Lands Report dated August 19, 2024.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer Liquor Permit Request:

A request to transfer a liquor permit from the GETGO Operating LLC DBA GETGO North Ridgeville #3199 to Riser Foods CO DBA GETGO North Ridgeville #3199 at 34179 Center Ridge Road.

(Council action required - move not to request a hearing so that this permit can be sent to the state for final disposition by September 6, 2024)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to not request a hearing so that this permit can be sent to the state for final disposition by September 6, 2024.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

RECESS:

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with recess.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion was carried.
Yes – 6 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:
Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2024-95 An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, to provide amendments to Traffic North Ridgeville City Code Sections 402.077, 402.37, 404.991, 452.04; to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2024-96 An Ordinance to amend the Code Of Ordinances, City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, to provide amendments to General Offenses North Ridgeville City Code Sections 624.01, 624.14, 624.141, 630.11, 636.20, 666.02, 666.03; to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2024-97 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Design-Build Contract according to law for the replacement of the existing playground at South Central Park.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for 2024-97.

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 replace the dangerous equipment as soon as possible.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause, and the motion was carried.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt 2024-97 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2024-97.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2024-98 A Resolution to cooperate with the Director of Transportation of the Ohio Department of Transportation for a project to improve Avon Belden Road (SR 83) over SR 10 by replacing the bridge deck and making related improvements in the City of North Ridgeville.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for 2024-98.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the bridge is at the southern end of the city, and it requires repairs. The City is participating in the project with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt 2024-98.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Resolution Number 2024-98.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2024-99 A Resolution authorizing Fund Advance.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2024-99.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to provide the Department of Finance with the necessary resources needed to meet the City's financial obligations.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt 2024-99 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Resolution Number 2024-99.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2024-100 A Resolution authorizing Fund Advances.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings
for 2024-100.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to provide the
Department of Finance with the necessary resources needed to meet the City's
financial obligations.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause, and the motion was carried.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt 2024-100 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Resolution Number 2024-100.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2024-101 An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 6121-2023 of the City of North
Ridgeville, Ohio, providing appropriations for the period commencing January 1,
2024, and ending December 31, 2024.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings
for 2024-101.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to provide the
Department of Finance with the necessary resources needed to meet the City's
financial obligations.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause, and the motion was carried.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt 2024-101 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2024-101.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2024-102 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the State of Ohio for the use of real property owned by the City for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining a self-supporting communications tower and shelter building.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance was moved to Second Readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2024-103 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2024-70 Exhibit “A” Amending certain salary ranges for the Department of Planning and Development.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2024-103.

Mayor Corcoran noted that they are changing the low end of the Chief Building Official range, changing both the low end and high end of the Assistant Chief Building Official range, and reducing the range completely for the Zoning Inspector.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.
Yes – 5 No – 1 (Abens)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to provide an updated pay range for certain positions that are advertised.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause, and the motion was carried.
Yes – 5 No – 1 (Abens)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt 2024-103 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2024-103.
Yes – 5 No – 1 (Abens)

SECOND READINGS:

There was none.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2024-78 An Ordinance amending Chapter 830 Home Occupations of the North Ridgeville Business Regulation and Taxation Code.
**(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 08-5-2024;
Building and Lands Committee on 08-19-2024)**

Moved by Awig and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause for the welfare and safety of the community.

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

Yes – 5 No – 1 (Abens)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt 2024-78 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2024-78.

Yes – 6 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. A Safety Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss 2024-81 (N.R.C.O Section 452.03) and 2024-82 (Fireworks).
2. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss 2024-80 (Vacate of Elmer Avenue).
3. The next Regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approval of minutes on September 16, 2024:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL