

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

President DeVries called the Monday, December 20, 2021, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President DeVries.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President DeVries.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Martin DeVries, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Jason Jacobs, and James R. Maleski.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Assistant City Engineer Christina Eavenson, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated December 6, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated December 6, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following:

- Records Commission meeting minutes dated July 14, 2021
- Civil Service meeting minutes dated December 13, 2021

LOBBY:

President DeVries 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. He requested anyone that wished to speak to fill out a lobby sheet located in the back of the room.

No discussion was offered.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked that there are three pieces of legislation on the agenda that he would be requesting emergency passage and one legislation being introduced on the floor.

- Under first readings is T 160-2021, a resolution accepting the donation of the 2017 Starcraft 350 Van from North Ridgeville Seniors, Inc. It is a non-profit. Mayor Corcoran would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause. The reason for emergency passage is Seniors, Inc. is dissolving their non-profit at the end of this year and they are liquidating all of their assets.
- Under second readings is T 155-2021, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cleveland Communications, Inc. for equipment, services, and participation in a 5-city radio system. The current contract allows the City to get 20 free radios. Mayor Corcoran would like to move to dispense of the third reading and add the emergency clause in order to move this project forward in a timely manner.
- Under third readings is T 137-2021, an ordinance providing appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the city for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022. Mayor Corcoran would like to move to add the emergency clause in order to begin the 2022 budget cycle on January 1, 2022.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by DeVries to suspend the bylaws to place T 162-2021, T 163-2021, and T 164-2021 on the agenda dated December 6, 2021, as first reading.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Reappointments:

Mayor Corcoran expressed that the members that he is recommending for reappointment for Civil Service, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning & Building Appeals, and Parks & Recreation Commission have all done an outstanding job and are great assets to the committees they serve.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to reappoint James Cain to Board of Zoning & Building Appeals.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

(Clerk notes: Mr. Cain's term would expire on December 31, 2025.)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Boose to reappoint Steve Ali to Planning Commission.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

(Clerk notes: Mr. Ali's term would expire on December 31, 2025.)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Maleski to reappoint Sam Spann to Civil Service Commission.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

(Clerk notes: Mr. Spann's term would expire on December 31, 2023.)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Maleski to reappoint Douglas Hayes to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

(Clerk notes: Douglas Hayes's term to the Parks & Recreation Commission would expire on January 7, 2025)

Mayor Corcoran expressed that North Ridgeville needs the residents' input. The City is undergoing an initiative to help communicate North Ridgeville's Brand, where the city is at, and where the city is going in the future. He added that the City is utilizing an electronic survey to help check in with the residents, business owners, neighbors, and visitors - to get confirmation on moving in the right direction and collect additional insights. The survey takes about five minutes and it would be open through January 7, 2022. To complete the survey, residents could visit the city's website at www.nridgeville.org. Mayor Corcoran thanked everyone in advance for their participation.

Mayor Corcoran announced that City Hall Offices would be closed Thursday, December 23, 2021, and Friday, December 24, 2021, in observance of the Christmas holiday and again on Friday, December 31, 2021, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Mayor Corcoran wished everyone best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss union contract negotiations and employment of public personnel.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.
Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster reported that they are happy to report that the pile of dirt and stones that were behind the service garage on Ranger Way is gone. The City is ready to work with the architects and it was all within budget.

He added that the contractor is doing a great job on West Point by moving the dirt to make more room for water that comes off of the turnpike and from the end of town.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

C. Engineer:

Assistant Engineer Eavenson had no report from the Engineer's office.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson would like to ask Council to consider adopting the following legislation with the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's Office the resources necessary to meet their financial obligations through year-end.

- T 161-2021 – Then and Now Resolution for Kiriworks (Onbase software annual maintenance renewal), and Ohio EPA (Public water system license fee for 2021).
- T 162-2021 – Appropriation Amendment (to be introduced on the floor) - General Fund – additional appropriations needed to accommodate twenty-five percent of the wages and benefits for (1) Fire Fighter/Paramedic; this staff is split between the SAFER Grant and General Fund. Enterprise Funds - additional appropriations needed to accommodate French Creek WWTP service charges payable from the Sewer fund. Internal Service Funds - additional appropriations needed to accommodate operating supplies and charges for services for City Garage.
- T 164-2021 – which is authorizing and approving the transfer of funds.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

President DeVries wanted to know if T 163-2021 is requesting the emergency clause. Mayor Corcoran explained that T 163-2021 is the ward ordinance and it would need the emergency clause.

E. Other Reports:

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

- November 2021 Fire Department Report
- November 2021 Mayor's Court Report
- November 2021 Police Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Clerk of Council Linden:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT dated December 6, 2021, which recommends City Council consider the proposed amendment of ward boundaries to reflect the 2020 U.S. Census.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Jacob to accept the Committee of the Whole Report dated December 6, 2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

A memo from City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez regarding the Stormwater Utility (SWU) base rate annual adjustment for 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Liquor Permit Request

A request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new permit request for Speedway LLC, dba Speedway #3385 at 35066 Center Ridge Road.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to not request a hearing, so that this permit could be sent to the state for final disposition by January 7, 2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

A request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new permit request for Speedway LLC, dba Speedway 3392 at 32760 Lorain Road.

Moved by Winkel and seconded Maleski to not request a hearing, so that this permit could be sent to the state for final disposition by January 7, 2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Planning Commission action(s) taken at the December 14, 2021 meeting:

APPLICANT ONE:

APPLICANT: Greg Sommers, Sommers Development Group LLC, P.O. Box 1102,
Chardon, Ohio 44024

OWNER: Triple Seven LLC, c/o 145 Berkeley Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035

REQUEST: New residential single-family detached and cluster development

LOCATION: Sugar Ridge & Bender Road in an R-1 District
Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-047-000-111

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 5-0 with the following conditions:

1. 30-foot setback to cluster lot for lots 19 & 44
2. Sidewalks on Sugar Ridge Rd & Bender Rd
3. Sublots 19-44 must have a 15-foot setback to open space

(Council action required – To Approve)

Councilman Abens remarked that the applicant meets all zoning and building codes on the requested project.

Moved by Abens and seconded Maleski to approve the Planning Commission Report dated December 14, 2021.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski 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 157-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1060.10 CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 158-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1058.11, BILLING AND COLLECTION.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 159-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1044.01, USER CHARGES (SEWER).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 160-2021 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF THE 2017 FORD STARCRAFT 350 VAN FROM NORTH RIDGEVILLE SENIORS, INC.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Jacobs to dispense with the second and third readings for T 160-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Jacobs to add the emergency clause to meet the accounting deadline by the end of the year.

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 160-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 160-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1549-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 161-2021 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 Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 161-2021.

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 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 Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 161-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 161-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1550-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 162-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5784-2020 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to amend T 162-2021 to appropriate 1.5 million dollars to transfer and advances to the General Fund to facilitate T 164-2021.

(Clerk notes: Auditor Wilerson provided the amendment that is needed.)

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 162-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose 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 Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 162-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 162-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5885-2021**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 163-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RE-DIVISION OF WARDS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.1 OF THE CHARTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 163-2021.

Mayor Corcoran explained that every 10 years the City goes through the process where the City receives information from the State to redraw Wards lines. There was a discussion regarding the Wards boundary changes in a Committee of the Whole meeting. The legislation illustrates the legal description that matches the Ward boundaries. The emergency clause is needed to meet the Charter deadline.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to meet the year-end deadline.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 163-2021 with the emergency clause.

President DeVries commended Mayor Corcoran and Councilman Boose on creating the new boundary lines to make sure it was fair for all Wards. The boundary lines were created by free software that Mayor Corcoran found.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 163-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5886-2021**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 164-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 164-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski 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 Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 164-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 164-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1551-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 155-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLEVELAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR EQUIPMENT, SERVICES AND PARTICIPATION IN A 5-CITY RADIO SYSTEM.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Introduced on the Floor on 12/06/2021; First Reading on 12/06/2021)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third reading for T 155-2021.

Mayor Corcoran explained that they have discussed this issue several times. The fire department went out and tested this system throughout the city. The system worked and the fire department is looking to contract with Cleveland Communications INC. The fire department would receive 20 free radios from the entity to use with their system.

Councilman Boose reminded everyone that he would be abstaining from the vote to avoid any conflict of interest.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 5

No – 1 (Maleski)

(Clerk notes: Mr. Boose Abstained.)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to take advantage of the free radios.

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

Yes – 5

No – 1 (Maleski)

(Clerk notes: Mr. Boose Abstained.)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 155-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 155-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5887-2021**.

Yes – 5

No – 1 (Maleski)

(Clerk notes: Mr. Boose Abstained.)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 156-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NEW POLICE STATION PROJECT, NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Introduced on the Floor on 12/06/2021; First Reading on 12/06/2021)

This ordinance was moved to third reading.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 128-2021 AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC ACCESS TO PROPERTY KNOWN AS ROOSEVELT AVENUE FROM 5169 LEAR NAGLE ROAD TO 33593 ADELE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 10/18/2021; Planning Commission on 11/09/2021; Report accepted by Council on 11/15/2021; Amended on 11/15/2021; Second Reading on 12/06/2021; Public Hearing on 12/20/2021)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to amend T 128-2021 with the substitution from the Law Department.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the City Council received a redlined amended version at their seat to review for the meeting. The changes were to clear the language to achieve the same purpose.

President DeVries asked if there were any questions or comments.

Councilman Winkel added they discussed this vacating in a previous meeting. It is vacating public access to the backyard of several houses on Lear Nagle Road. Mr. Winkel explained that a potential street that could never be developed upon would allow owners to request a connection to their property.

A roll call vote was taken to amend and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by President DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 128-2021 Amended.

No other questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 128-2021 become **Ordinance number 5888-2021.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 137-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11/15/2021; Second Reading on 12/6/2021)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Boose to adopt T 137-2021 with the emergency clause.

Councilman Boose expressed that the Auditor's office and the administration played a big role in the appropriation process. He felt that it was very well streamlined and professional; therefore, made the Finance Committee and City Council's job easier. Mr. Boose thanked the Auditor. Mr. Abens agreed with Mr. Boose's comments.

No other questions or comments were offered.

Moved by President DeVries and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to meet the timeline required.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 137-2021 become **Ordinance number 5889-2021.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President DeVries noted that the Council Organization meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

President DeVries added that The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

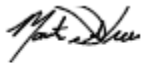
Councilman Maleski expressed that representing the people of North Ridgeville is an honorable description. He thanked everyone for the extraordinary privilege and the Administration. He thanked the City Council for their leadership and commitment to the community.

President DeVries expressed that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as the President of Council for the last two years. He is returning to council in 2022 but does not know what that role would be yet. Mr. DeVries wished everyone a safe Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 3, 2022:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL