

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Council meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, 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, Cliff Winkel, and Georgia Awig.

It was noted that Councilman Devries was excused from the meeting.

Also in attendance were key officials, including Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Finance Director April Wilkerson, and Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes dated November 4, 2024. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated November 12, 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 was allowed three minutes to speak.

No lobby.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- Under the first readings, the Mayor requested an emergency passage on one piece of legislation that would need the emergency for ORD.NO. 2024-135.
- Public Survey: Regional Metroparks Trails Connectivity Study—Metroparks organizations for Lorain, Cuyahoga, Medina, Lake, and Geauga counties are collaborating with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) to develop a trail network that connects people throughout the region to opportunities, resources, jobs, destinations and each other. The survey will remain on the city's website until December 20, 2024.
- Holiday Food and Toy Drive—Non-perishable food items and new toys in original packaging are needed to help support North Ridgeville Community Care for the holidays. Drop-off boxes are at City Hall, Parks & Recreation, and the Senior Center. Items may be dropped off through the end of November.
- City Hall Offices Closed - City Hall offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2024, and Friday, November 29, 2024, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

City Engineer Christina Eavenson provided the following update.:

- Approximately 6,200 letters were sent out last week to all businesses and residents with water services installed prior to 1989, and there were no records to substantiate the material used for their water service laterals. If the letter was received, a link was provided to go to the "Water Service Line Material Verification" Form. A link can also be found on the NR homepage. The department is encouraging all water customers who received this letter to perform the test outlined in the Verification Form. It is a straightforward test and should take no more than 10 minutes to perform. It will save the city from following up with an inspector who must enter your premises to confirm the pipe material. This is all being mandated by a new USEPA requirement of public water systems.
- The Chestnut Road Bridge replacement is nearing completion, and Engineering expects it to be open soon.
- Paving operations began on the Stoney Ridge Roundabout last week, hoping that, weather permitting, they can wrap up paving next week and potentially open it the first week of December.
- The new structure for the Maddock Road culvert replacement is in place, and pressure testing of the newly relocated water main is expected this week.

City Engineer Christina Eavenson concluded her report.

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 necessary resources to meet its financial obligations for the following legislation.

- Resolution No. 2024-135—Amending 2024 Annual Appropriations.

Finance Director April Wilkerson concluded her report.

4. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following report:

October 2024 Water Distribution and EPA Report
October 2024 Building Division
October 2024 Police Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The North Ridgeville Planning Commission took action on the following item at their Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024.
PPZ2024-0307 University Hospitals Urgent Care, 34548 Center Ridge Rd, PPN 07-00-016-101-054
Applicant: Madison Walkama, HSB Architects, 1250 Old River Rd, Cleveland, OH 44113. Proposal consists of constructing a 4,000 square foot urgent care building. Property is zoned B-3 Highway Commercial District.
PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0
Council approval is required for all plans and recommendations from Planning Commission.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to approve the Planning Commission's action for the University Hospitals Urgent Care.

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

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel 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 2024-135 An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 6121-2024 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 Winkel and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2024-135.

Councilwoman Swenk asked if the City would ensure enough money was budgeted for the drug testing.

Finance Director Wilkerson explained that they would ensure that the budget for 2025 reflects the 2024 increase for random testing under the physical exams. Physical exam costs may change, and people may resign or be hired.

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

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to ensure that the Finance Department has the necessary resources to meet its financial obligations and to conduct the city's business in a timely manner.

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

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt 2024-135 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2024-135.
Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2024-136 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of North Ridgeville such that Permanent Parcel Number 07-00-046-101-006, located at 39462 Center Ridge Road, be rezoned from I-3 Heavy Industrial District to B-3 Highway Commercial District.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Ordinance 2024-136 was moved to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

SECOND READINGS:

There were none.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2024-122 An Ordinance amending North Ridgeville Codified Ordinance Section 804.01 Agricultural District Filing Fee.
(Introduced by Councilman Jacobs; First Reading on 10-21-2024; Second Reading on 11-18-2024)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to adopt 2024-122.

President Jacobs remarked that anyone who requires their land to be designated for agricultural use must apply with the county. Then, they also receive approval from the local legislator as a requirement of the Ohio revised code, which is part of that process. The City must advertise and hold a public hearing, so the agricultural District filing fee is to cover the cost of advertising. The fee of \$75 hasn't been updated for about 19 or 20 years. According to the assistant Clerk of Council, the average cost to advertise is around \$200 depending on the day of the week the ad needs to run, so the goal is to increase the fee that the City collects to advertise.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried for

Ordinance Number 2024-122.

Yes – 6

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. A Finance Committee Meeting will be held on November 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., and November 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., to review the 2025 Annual Budget.
2. A Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. in Council Chambers.
3. A Public Hearing will be on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 6:55 p.m. in Council Chambers (Revenue Bonds for Lake Ridge Academy Issue Series 2024).
4. The next Regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, December 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

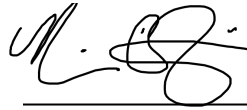
ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of minutes on December 2, 2024:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL