

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Council meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, 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, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Also in attendance were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, City Engineer Christina Eavenson, Finance Director April Wilkerson, Law Director Brian Moriarity, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2024, and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2024. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated December 19, 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 ORD.NO. 2025-1, an ordinance amending 2024-103 Exhibit A and Exhibit B creating positions of Chief Prosecutor under the Law Department and Grounds Maintenance Foreman under Public Works Department and amending certain part-time classifications and ranges for the Division of Parks and Recreation.
- Shared that the peanut-shaped roundabout at Stoney Ridge, Mills, and Avalon opened on schedule. The roadway is now open to through traffic. The final grading, seeding, and landscaping will occur in spring.
- Notice of Examination: The Civil Service Commission offers open, competitive written examinations to establish an eligibility list for entry-level Patrol Officer Class D and entry-level Firefighter/ Paramedic Class D positions. Testing and applications will be accepted through February 17, 2025. To obtain the application packets, visit the city's website at nridgeville.org.
- Christmas Tree Collection: Republic Services will pick up Christmas trees at curbside the first two weeks in January, ending Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Trees should be placed at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on collection day.
- City Hall Offices Closed MLK - City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Because of the holiday, the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to reappoint Frank Toth to the Planning Commission.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to appoint Brad Weaver to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

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

Yes – 7 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 and to conference with the body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.
Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

City Engineer Christina Eavenson provided the following update.:

- Maddock Road is set to open on January 7, 2024, but the culvert replacement project still has some outstanding items that will need to wait for warmer weather.
- The Engineering department is addressing the mud on the streets caused by developers working on private projects in the city. They are considering implementing a fee, bond, or deposit to cover the costs of mud cleanup.
- The storm water utility fee for 2025 has been adjusted to reflect the Engineering News Record construction cost index annual inflation rate, which is 0.9%. This has increased the ERU rate from \$4.69 to \$4.73 monthly.
- A Co-op student in the Engineering Division is a civil engineering student at the University of Toledo. They will be with the division until May. The student is focused on reviewing historic water main records to advance the LED reporting efforts required by the EPA.

City Engineer Christina Eavenson concluded her report.

3. Director of Finance:

Finance Director April Wilkerson had no report.

4. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following report:

November 2024 Police Department Report
December 2024 Building Division Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

City Project Engineer Eric Brown's Memo regarding the Stormwater Utility (SWU) Fee increase that took effect on January 1, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam:

O 2025-1 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2024-103 Exhibit “A” and Exhibit “B” creating the positions of Chief Prosecutor under the Law Department and Grounds Maintenance Foreman under the Public Works Department and amending certain part-time classifications and ranges for the Division of Parks and Recreation.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to amend Ordinance Number 2025-1 by substitution with the revised version of Exhibit A.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-1 Amended.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to fill the position in order to operate the government efficiently.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to adopt 2025-1 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2025-1.
Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam:

O 2024-142 An Ordinance amending Section 854.99 Penalty of N.R.C.O Chapter 854 Peddlers, Canvassers and Solicitors.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran, First Reading on 12-16-2024)

This Ordinance moved to Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS:

Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam:

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; First Reading on 11-18-2024; Planning Commission Meeting on 12-10-2024; Second Reading on 12-16-2024)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to adopt 2024-136.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2024-136.**
Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. The next Regular City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 21, 2025:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL