

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
April 7, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, April 7, 2025, Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Eric Shaffer, Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran and Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani were also present.

This public hearing is being held to consider the following:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 929.01 to 929.05, a public hearing is scheduled for an application filed with the Office of the Clerk of Council for placement of farmland in an agricultural district in the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, for the following applicants:

R 2025-49 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION MADE BY MARGARET E. HAPUTA AND GROSIA KATHERINE TO HAVE CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THEM DESIGNATED AS BEING LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.
Parcel No(s): 07-00-013-000-463
Total Acres: 33.27

President Jacobs asked if anyone from the public had any comments.
There was no discussion from the City Council, the Administration, or the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

Approval of minutes on April 21, 2025:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Council meeting on Monday, April 7, 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 Abens, Clifford Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Finance Director April Wilkerson, Civil Engineer Eric Brown, and Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani were also present.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Public Hearing meeting minutes dated March 17, 2025, and the Regular City Council meeting minutes dated March 17, 2025. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated February 26, 2025.

Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 24, 2025.

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2025.

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 session.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked as follows.:

- During the first readings, a request has been made for emergency passage regarding legislation: Ordinance #2025-50, 2025-55, 2025-56, 2025-59, 2025-60, 2025-64, 2025-65, and Resolution #2025-57, 2025-58.
- Water Meter Replacement Project - North Ridgeville is upgrading water meters with advanced technology to improve efficiency and resource management. The City partnered with Utility Metering Solutions (UMS) to oversee the installation of the new meters. Residents and businesses will receive a letter from UMS with detailed instructions on how to schedule an installation, either by phone or online.

Currently, meters are being installed for residents whose utility account numbers begin with 0142 and 0143. These areas have already received scheduling letters, and we encourage residents to make their appointments as soon as possible. Scheduling letters will be arriving within the next week for residents with utility account numbers beginning with 0109, 0136, and 0144.

- Safetyville Registration Opened Today - Safetyville registration is open. Residents can sign up through the Parks & Recreation website at nridgeville.org. The Police Department sponsors Safetyville and provides an educational setting in which children are exposed to various safety topics. Safetyville is intended for children entering kindergarten in the Fall. They are taught safety skills related to traffic, school buses, stranger danger, 911, fire safety, and more. The children receive their lessons inside an enclosed classroom and then practice these lessons outside within a realistic miniature village.
- Lions Club Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Rotary Club Easter Egg Hunt - On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the North Ridgeville Academic Center. The Rotary Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Ranger Stadium. Gates open at 12:30 p.m., and the hunt begins at 1:00 p.m. sharp. This event is intended for children ages 1-9.
- North Ridgeville Community Garden - The North Ridgeville Community Garden will begin accepting applications for plots starting next Monday, April 14, 2025. The application will be made available on the City's website beginning the morning of April 14, 2025.
- City Hall Offices Closed - City Hall Offices will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2025, in observance of Good Friday.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase or sale of property and conferencing with the public 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 7:26 p.m.

Moved by Swenk and seconded by DeVries to adjourn from 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:

Civil Engineer Eric Brown provided the following projects.:

- The Ohio Turnpike is doing some work on a multi-year project on their ramps.
- The Engineering Division and the Public Works Department have been receiving calls about backyard flooding and welcome anyone to voice their concerns on the City's website.
- The Carolyn Drive and Monica Drive resurfacing project will go out to bid on May 2, 2025, and will be overseen by the bidding of the project.
- The Quarterly Drainage Board meeting is on April 22, 2025.

Civil Engineer Brown concluded his report.

3. Director of Finance:

April Wilkerson, the Finance Director, reported the following:

- The 2024 Financial Audit has started to conduct compliance testing.
- The 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is due to the State Auditor at the end of May 2025.
- Issued the 2025 Monthly Financial Report. The report is available for public inspection.
- A memorandum was provided to the City Council addressing each piece of legislation that is on the agenda and recommending that the legislation be adopted with the emergency clause to ensure the Department of Finance has the resources necessary to meet its financial obligations.

4. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

February 2025 Parks and Recreation Division Report
February 2025 Police Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Liquor Permit Request:

A request from the Villager Fuel & Food Stop LLC for a new liquor permit at 8995 Avon Belden Road.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Abens to not request a hearing for the permit to be sent to the State for final disposition by April 19, 2025.

Councilwoman Awig wanted to know if the company that is requesting a permit is changing ownership or name.

President Jacobs believed that the company changed owners as opposed to changing the name of the business.

Mayor Corcoran agreed with President Jacobs.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstention - 1 (Awig)

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

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Mayor Corcoran to amend the agenda to remove Ordinance Number 2025-62 because the administration no longer requires it.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-56 An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2024-139 of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, providing appropriations for the period commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-56.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to pay the invoices in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-56 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2025-56.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-57 A Resolution authorizing the execution of then and now certificates by the City fiscal officer and the payment of amounts due for various purchase orders.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-57.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to pay the invoices in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-57 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Resolution Number 2025-57.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-58 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the State of Ohio,
Department of Natural Resources for the Root Road Park Improvements Project.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings
for 2025-58.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to start the
project as soon as possible.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-58 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Resolution Number 2025-58.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-59 An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2024-93 regarding the Frontier Park
Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and
third readings for 2025-59.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to start
the project as soon as possible.

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 Winkel to adopt 2025-59 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2025-59.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-60 An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2024-121 regarding the purchase of a new chipper truck with boom, by correcting the purchase price.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-60.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Director Wilkerson explained that the purchase of a new chipper truck with a boom is approved under the 2025 appropriations.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to purchase the service tool for the safety and welfare of the community.

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 Ordinance 2025-60 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2025-60**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-61 An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2025-1 Exhibit "A" by changing the job title of "Chief Prosecutor" to "Chief Prosecutor/Assistant Law Director".
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to amend Ordinance Number 2025-61 by substitution to change "Chief Prosecutor/Assistant Law Director" to Assistant Law Director/Chief Prosecutor."

Councilman Awig wanted to know the reason for the change in name.

Mayor Corcoran explained that it is an organizational structure. The change shows that both Assistant Law Directors are prosecutors as well.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-63 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract, according to law and in a manner prescribed by law, with the lowest and best bidder for full depth concrete pavement replacement and other appurtenances.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-64 An Ordinance vacating a sewer easement.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-64.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the easement is located in Avon, and it was obtained for the French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The easement does not serve the City any longer.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to release the easement for the City of Avon to move forward with their project.

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 Awig to adopt 2025-64 with the emergency clause.

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

Ordinance Number 2025-64.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-65 An Ordinance suspending City of North Ridgeville Noise Ordinance No. 634.01(c)(7) for Hammond Construction and its subcontractors in order to avoid costly delays for the construction of a school transportation and maintenance facility and a new high school for the North Ridgeville School District.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further review and discussion.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-49 A Resolution to approve the application made by Margaret E. Haputa and Grosik Katherine to have certain land.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-17-2025; Public Hearing on 04/07/2025)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the third reading for 2025-49.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-49.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-49.**
Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-50 An Ordinance replacing Chapter 1030 Street Trees with new Chapter 1030 Trees and repealing Chapter 1032 Master Tree Plan of the North Ridgeville Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-17-2025)

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further review.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-51 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract according to law and in a manner prescribed by law with the lowest and best bidder for the 2025 crack seal project and other appurtenances.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-17-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-52 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract according to law and in a manner prescribed by law with the lowest and best bidder for the 2025 catch basin rehabilitation project, including other appurtenances.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-17-2025)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-52.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to start the project as soon as possible.

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 Swenk to adopt 2025-52 with the emergency clause.

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

Ordinance Number 2025-52

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-53 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, to advertise for bids and negotiate contract(s) for a twelve-month period, according to law and in a manner prescribed by law, for the purchase of roadway materials to be used by the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-17-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-54 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to advertise for bids and negotiate a contract according to law and in a manner prescribed by law for the rental of equipment and related services for road repair and maintenance to be used by the Service Department.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-17-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-55 An Ordinance providing for the amendment of Chapter 1010 Engineering Permits and Fees in the Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-17-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS:

There were none.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. A Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
2. The next Regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

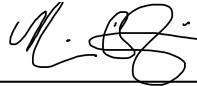
ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approval of minutes on April 21, 2025:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL