

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: Welcome to the Monday, December 7, 2015 regular Council meeting.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Corcoran.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Terrence Keenan, Dennis Boose, Dr. Ronald Arndt, Robert Olesen, President Pro-Tem Bernadine Butkowski, Roseanne Johnson and President Kevin Corcoran.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Assistant Law Director Toni Morgan, City Engineer Scott Wangler, Deputy Auditor Teresa Machovina and Clerk of Council George E. Smith.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Corcoran: You have before you the City Council meeting minutes of November 16, 2015. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Hearing none, those minutes stand approved.

President Corcoran: We received the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals minutes of November 19, 2015, the Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of November 17, 2015 and the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of October 28, 2015.

President Corcoran: That brings us to the lobby session of the meeting

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Arndt to split the lobby session into two sessions where the first one will be dedicated to the items that are on the agenda this evening and the second would be questions and answers from the audience.

President Corcoran: Any questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

LOBBY (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

President Corcoran: This is the lobby session. This is your opportunity to address Council. If you would like to speak on an issue, please approach the podium for the record. State your name and address. You will be given three minutes to speak. Is there anybody who would like to speak this evening? Ok then, moving on to the Administrator's reports. First, we have Mr. Mayor.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. Thank you to the North Ridgeville Visitor's Bureau for sponsoring the Holiday on the Ridge this past Saturday and we had the tree lighting on the same day. Hopefully, everyone had the chance to get out and enjoy the many offerings and special events that took place through our great City. I attended the Kiwanis pancake breakfast and the museum's new display and my wife went to all the places where you can spend money.

Olive Avenue water main replacement: construction has begun on the Olive Avenue water main replacement and is expected to be done in May. We entered into a contract with Charles Akers Construction for almost a million dollars to replace the water mains on Olive Avenue, Lewis Street, Cross Street between Olive and Wallace. All existing water mains will be replaced with eight inch mains; many are currently six inches. Traffic will be maintained. Tree lawns, drives and other property will be disturbed during construction but will be restored by the contractor at their cost.

This Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the City Diner – Coffee and Conversation with the Mayor. Stop by and enjoy a cup of coffee. We have been doing these for about a year now. It is like going to church on a Sunday morning when everybody stops and starts to ask me questions. It is enjoyable and people ask a lot of questions. So 8:00 a.m., this Thursday at City Diner.

Finally, the holidays are quickly approaching. I would like to remind everyone that our Parks and Recreation Department is collecting non-perishable food items and toys for the less fortunate. There are drop off boxes at City Hall, the Senior Center and Parks and Recreation that you can drop off your contributions through the end of this week, December 11. All items go to Community Care and we thank you in advance for your contributions and support. Thank you Mr. President.

President Corcoran: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. Safety-Service Director.

B. Safety-Service Director: As we all can see that progress continues on the Center Ridge Road project. The day after Thanksgiving, the Bogner building did come down. They wanted to make sure that school was out before they did that so they got it down on that day. The temporary signs; a lot of the signs are coming down now. Almost all of them are down now. You will see some temporary signs that are going up now. I know the car wash next to the Marathon station has a temporary sign actually on a trailer that they are using that they can pull in or out. Most recently, you have probably seen in front of Buescher's, there is a large hole with dirt that is piled up. Unfortunately, there were two tanks that were found in the ground; I believe 1,000 and 2,000 gallon tanks that were rusted and riddled with holes. There is a whole process we need to go through on that. The dirt will actually be tarped over there for a period of time. The state is working through the issues as they have uncovered those two tanks to figure out what the process is going to be. Hopefully, it won't be lengthy. They have already secured the site. That completes my report.

President Corcoran: Mr. Engineer.

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. I attended a meeting last week for the turnpike preconstruction meeting for the deck replacement on 83 as it passes over the turnpike. Kokosing is going to be the contractor there. They plan on shutting it down both directions, single lane, in mid-February. In the beginning of April, switch over to the other half of the bridge, still remaining both directions, single lane. They are making a concerted effort to get it done as quickly as possible so the disruption of traffic is before we deal with significant disruptions of traffic for Center Ridge and Lear. They are planning on working five, ten hour days and an eight hour day on Saturday. The contract in general precludes night work, but they have given them the option to do some night work if it is not excessively disruptive to the residents such as jackhammering or the really loud stuff.

Another reminder, which I believe I have brought up in the past before – both deck pours will be complete closures at night. I don't have dates on that yet, but the equipment to pump the concrete is too big and it is not safe to do it and leave it open. So when they do the deck pours it will be a matter of hours, overnight, that the road will be completely closed. That completes my report.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, may I ask the Engineer a question? This is not tied directly to your report, but previous reports. You have often told the citizens about not putting debris, yard waste, animal waste, etc. into the drainage swales and ditches. I have received a few different complaints along those lines recently. Could you say who the resident should contact if they have a problem in the neighborhood with that?

Engineer Wangler: My office.

Councilman Keenan: The Engineer's office. Very good. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thanks Mr. Wangler. Mr. Auditor.

D. Auditor: Thank you Mr. President. The Auditor's office has quite a few pieces of legislation on the agenda. Five of them were presented at the last meeting - T 150, T 151, 153, 154 and 155. Those are all pieces of legislation that we have asked you adopt before the end of the year. Those are for year-end closure as well as our temporary appropriation for the first part of 2016. There is one other one on the agenda, but it is under new business: it is T 158. It is a Resolution to pay one of our vendors. This is a 2013 CHIP grant payment that is being made. We need to have the grant closed by December to turn it in as a reimbursable expense. So I ask that you consider approving that tonight and possibly with the emergency so that we can get that paid timely and get reimbursed from the state. That concludes my report. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the October 2015 Building Department report, the October 2015 Mayor's Court report, the October 2015 Support Car report and the December 2015 Park and Recreation Director's report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Smith:

A letter dated November 17, 2015 from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control notifying City Council of the changes regarding serving alcohol during a major event.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 156-2015 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE PURSUANT TO O.R.C. §721.15(D).

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to suspend By-laws to give T 156-2015 a first reading this evening.

Councilman Olesen: The only comment I have is what I have stated before – these are items that we are not using and so there is no reason to have them on the agenda for six weeks before we could do anything with them. They are being stored now so why not get rid of them.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 156 has now been added to first reading. T 157.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 157-2015 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 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$341,400.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 158.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 158-2015 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO
DEPEW DRILLING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,250.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to give T 158-2015 a first reading this evening.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 158 has been added to first reading. T 159.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 159-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 232.01 *DUTIES*;
COMPENSATION TO MODIFY THE POSITION OF CITY AUDITOR FROM
PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT.

(Introduced by President Corcoran)

President Corcoran: I'll refer that to the Finance Committee. T 160.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 160-2015 AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE PAY PERIODS FOR THE CITY
AUDITOR POSITION BY AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 286.04 PAY
PERIODS.

(Introduced by President Corcoran)

President Corcoran: I'll refer that to the Finance Committee as well. T 161.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 161-2015 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL SALARY RANGE AND
BENEFITS FOR THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF CITY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by President Corcoran)

President Corcoran: That will be referred to Finance Committee.

RECESS:

President Corcoran: Would anyone like a recess?

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the recess.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to first readings. We have T 138.

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 138-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1240.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE ORDINANCE, TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING LAND: LOCATED AT 32329 CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD; NOW KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-004-108-112 FROM R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO B-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND OWNED BY CESAR GUZMAN.

(Introduced by petition of Cesar Guzman on 10/12/2015; Referred to Planning Commission and B&L on 10/19/2015; B&L on 11/02/2015; Planning Commission on 11/10/2015; Both reports accepted on 11/16/2015)

President Corcoran: As a procedural note, this will work its way through its readings. We already had Planning Commission reject this and Building and Lands, but it will go through its three readings and we will vote on it at that point in time. T 149.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 149-2015 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING A PORTION OF SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; COMPENSATING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR REVENUE NOT REALIZED; DESIGNATING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE THAT WILL BENEFIT SUCH PROPERTY; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND.

(Introduced by President Corcoran)

President Corcoran: T 150.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 150-2015 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2016.

(Introduced by Councilwoman Johnson)

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 150

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 150.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency clause to T 150 in order to meet the County Auditor's deadline of December 31, 2015.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption, with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5302-2015**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 151.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 151-2015 AN ORDINANCE REPRESENTING REIMBURSEMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY
OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.

(Introduced by Councilwoman Johnson)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings for T 151.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 151.

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to add the emergency clause to T 151 in order to have things settled by the end of the year.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption, with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5303-2015**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 153.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 153-2015 A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADVANCE REPAYMENTS OF
VARIOUS FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF
NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Councilwoman Johnson)

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 153.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 153.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency clause to T 153 in order to have things settled by the end of the year.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption, with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion carried and becomes **Resolution number 1369-2015**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President Corcoran: T 154.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 154-2015 A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFERS TO THE *PAYROLL AND BENEFITS RESERVE FUND* OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Councilwoman Johnson)

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 154.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 154.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency clause to T 154 in order to have things settled by the end of the year.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption, with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion carried and becomes **Resolution number 1370-2015**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 155.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 155-2015 A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADVANCES FROM THE GENERAL
FUND OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.

(Introduced by Councilwoman Johnson)

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 155.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 155.

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to add the emergency clause to T 155 in order to have things settled by the end of the year.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption, with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion carried and becomes **Resolution number 1371-2015**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 156.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 156-2015 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL
PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE PURSUANT
TO O.R.C. §721.15(D).
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the second and third
readings for T 156.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those
opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 156.

President Corcoran: On the adoption are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call
the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5304-2015**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 158.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 158-2015 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO
DEPEW DRILLING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,250.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third
readings for T 158.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those
opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 158.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to add the emergency clause to T 158 in order
to pay the expenditure before the fiscal year ends.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those
in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption, with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion carried and becomes **Resolution number 1372-2015**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: That is the end of first readings.

SECOND READINGS: None.

THIRD READINGS: None.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: Our next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

LOBBY (Q&A - REGARDING ANY CITY BUSINESS): This is the second lobby session that is open to the public to bring up items of concern that are going on in the City. If you would like to ask a question, make a comment; please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. You will be given three minutes to speak. Is there anybody that would like to address Council?

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, it is customary the first organizational meeting of the year that each Ward Council person nominate, with Council's approval, two members to the Board of Drainage and Flood Control. For Ward 2, I am still seeking one more member for the Ward. We put it on the website, those interested parties that would like to be considered to serve a two year term on the Board of Drainage and Flood Control to please contact me at the City website or my home phone number which is on the website as well. They meet quarterly, four times a year and it is a two year term. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Anybody else?

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President? Following up with Councilman Boose's idea of thinking ahead: I want to introduce the idea to this Council of redoing what we did so well last year which was have that Committee of the Whole where we gathered, set priorities, discussed things and then went into appropriations with goals and then figured out how to fund our goals. I thought that was wonderful last year and one of the better things that we accomplished. I would like to suggested that we have another Committee of the Whole – one or two meetings. The public would be involved and encouraged to attend these meetings and be active with us as we set the priorities for 2016.

One other thing – I have been thinking about and observing our planning process and how we go about doing our business. I would like for the Council to be thinking about how do we go about, and if it is appropriate, to introduce an architectural review board into our planning approval

process. I know that many communities have an architectural review body which deals with the aesthetics of projects, not just the planning element. I think we are overdo and lacking in that regard. I would like for Council to think ahead a little bit because I will be bringing it up in the future. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Anybody else?

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: This meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Approval of minutes on December 7, 2015:

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'K. Corcoran', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'George E. Smith'.

CLERK OF COUNCIL