

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

Pro-Tem Bruce Abens called the Monday, December 5, 2022, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by Pro-Tem Bruce Abens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Pro-Tem Bruce Abens.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, Clifford Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

President Jason Jacobs was excused.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Auditor April Wilkerson, Assistant Engineer Eavenson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

Pro-Tem Bruce Abens asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated November 21, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

Pro-Tem Bruce Abens noted the following minutes.:

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated November 17, 2022
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2022

LOBBY:

Pro-Tem Bruce Abens 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.

Center Ridge Sewer and City/School Bond Issue

Rudy Ringwall at 31966 Center Ridge Road, thanked the City Council Service Department for doing a fantastic job in repairing the water main break in front of his house.

Mr. Ringwall added that the road patches from the sewer project are getting worse and he hopes ODOT is paying for it.

Mr. Ringwall remarked that North Ridgeville Tap-in fees are higher than surrounding communities. He asked the City Council to think about not increasing the tap-in fees again.

Mr. Ringwall expressed that the City does not need to send out a survey for the aquatic center and bond issues because he does not plan to vote for it. He believed the ballot issue did not pass because the issue is asking for too much money for too long. He added that the aquatic center is not cost-effective.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran provided the following report.:

- Under first readings, he would be requesting emergency passage on T 167-2022 an ordinance amending Ordinance 6001-2022 an ordinance cooperating with the director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Center Ridge Road. He would like to move to dispense the second and third readings and add the emergency clause in order to meet ODOT's deadline.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to suspend the bylaws and put T 171-2022, T 172-2022, T 173-2022, and T 174-2022 under first readings for the December 5, 2022, Council Meeting Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

- Remarked that the North Ridgeville City School District is seeking input on the defeat of the November 2022 bond issue. Residents could complete a brief survey to provide valuable input and help the district identify the best course of action for the future of students and the community. Residents could find the survey on the City's website at nridgeville.org.
- The first meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee is on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Fire Station #1 on Ranger Way.
- The Mayor's monthly Coffee & Conversation is on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. The conversation is in Council Chambers from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to go into executive session after the Safety Service Director's Report to discuss the employment of public personnel.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster explained that for years the City has teamed up with Heart & Sole from Lorain County Health Department.

Sam Meluch of Heart & Sole from Lorain County Health Department gave a presentation on what Heart & Sole entails and how it benefits the community. Their goal is to increase access to physical activity and healthy foods leading to a City where the healthy choice is the easiest choice. Ms. Meluch thanked the City for its support.

Mr. Armbruster talked highly about the Heart & Sole program.

Safety Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

City Council and the Administration went into Executive Session.

{Clerk notes: The Auditor provided a report before the Engineer.}

3. Engineer:

Assistant Engineer Eavenson provided the following updates.:

- The Engineering Department recently received the draft version of the North Ridgeville Water Management Plan. The plan includes a technical evaluation of the City's water assets based on multiple capital improvement scenarios.
- The Engineering Department started the Master Sanitary Sewer Plan with AECOM.

Assistant Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

4. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson discussed the following:

- T 168-2022 - is a permanent appropriation that is needed to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations. She requested the City Council to adopt the legislation with the emergency clause.
- T 169-2022 - Then and Now Resolution - Payment to Dunlop and Johnston for bond service fees as part of the Police Station construction. The emergency clause is needed in order to pay the vendor timely.
- T 170-2022 - Establishing the Unclaimed Monies Fund - The Unclaimed Monies fund is necessary to accommodate outstanding checks existing on the City's bank reconciliation which are stale-dated and unclaimed by the payee. Establishing this fund maintains compliance with the Auditor of the State. The emergency clause is needed to move these unclaimed monies to the appropriate fund timely.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

{Clerk notes: Other Reports provided before the Engineer.}

5. Other Reports:

Pro-Tem Bruce Abens noted the following reports.:

November 2022 Building Department Report
November 2022 Fire Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

City of North Ridgeville Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council Appointment:

Mayor Corcoran explained the reasoning for the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. The Housing Council used to be the Tax Abatement Review Board. The Planning Economic Development Director reviewed the Tax Abatement Review Board structure and changed the structure to match the Ohio Revised Code. There would be more members on the Housing Council and it would serve the same purpose as the Tax Abatement Review Board.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to appoint Councilman Bruce Abens and Jackie Hudgens to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for a 3-year term expiring on December 5, 2025.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Abens)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to appoint Mayor Kevin Corcoran and North Ridgeville City Schools Superintendent Roxann Ramsey-Caserio to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council for a 3-year term expiring on December 31, 2025.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 166-2022 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 213 DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 167-2022 PID NO. 105742
PROJECT NAME: LOR US 0020 19.83

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 6001-2022 COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF CENTER RIDGE ROAD (U.S. 20) THROUGH THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose dispense with the second and third readings for T 167-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to secure a contract before the 2022 year-end.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 167-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 167-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6020-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 168-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5889-2021 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel dispense with the second and third readings for T 168-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's office with the necessary financial resources.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 168-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 168-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6021-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 169-2022 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 DeVries and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 169-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to pay the vendor timely.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 169-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 169-2022 Amended becomes **Resolution number 1580-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 170-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE UNCLAIMED MONIES FUND.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 170-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to move unclaimed monies to the appropriate fund timely.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 170-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 170-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6022-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 171-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5903-2022, WHICH APPROVED THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF A NEW 2022 JOHN DEERE 5055E UTILITY TRACTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 171-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to reflect the City's appropriation process.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 171-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 171-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6023-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 172-2022 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 173-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 5596-2018 TO MAINTAIN PARITY IN CERTAIN BENEFITS PROVIDED TO CITY EMPLOYEES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS, SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 174-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT “A” OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 2725-93 TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL WAGE PARITY BETWEEN CERTAIN SUPERVISORY AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 164-2022 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11-21-2022; Second Reading on 12-05-2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 156-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLIFFORD WINKEL FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11-7-2022; Second Reading on 11-21-2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt T 156-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 156-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6024-2022.**

Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Winkel)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 158-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5857-2021, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO LEASE/PURCHASE A SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND ACCESSORIES FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS, WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11-7-2022; Second Reading on 11-21-2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt T 158-2022.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know if the appropriation verbiage is needed for another legislation. The Auditor explained that it is reflected in the other legislation.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 158-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6025-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 159-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ACCEPT GRANT MONIES FROM THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION, AND MAKE DISBURSEMENTS TO THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL GROUP FOR THE ARMED SERVICES VETERANS MEMORIAL LOCATED IN SOUTH CENTRAL PARK.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11-7-2022; Second Reading on 11-21-2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt T 159-2022.

Councilman DeVries acknowledged the hard work that President Mark Steinbrunner, Jim Maleski, and North Ridgeville Veterans Memorial Board for putting this project together. He is glad the City is supporting the organization and expressed it is a great cause for the veterans.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 159-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1581-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 160-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT “A” OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 2725-93 TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL WAGE PARITY BETWEEN CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS, SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES IN 2022.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11-7-2022; Second Reading on 11-21-2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to go into effect retroactively to January 1, 2022.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 160-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 160-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6026-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 161-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH RIDGEVILLE ORDINANCE 5596-2018 TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL WAGE PARITY BETWEEN CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS, SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES IN 2022.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11-7-2022; Second Reading on 11-21-2022)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to go into effect retroactively to January 1, 2022.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 161-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 161-2022 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 6027-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pro-Tem Bruce Abens noted the following:

- The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Pro-Tem Bruce Abens adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Approval of minutes on December 19, 2022:



Bruce Abens
PRO-TEM OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL