

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Monday, November 21, 2016 regular Council meeting.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Corcoran.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Gregg Westover, Dennis Boose, Bruce Abens, Bernadine Butkowski, Roseanne Johnson, Robert Chapek and President Kevin Corcoran.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Andrew Crites, Auditor Jeffrey Wilcheck, City Engineer Scott Wangler and Deputy Clerk of Council Donna Tjotjos.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Corcoran: You have before you the City Council meeting minutes of November 21, 2016. Are there any objections or corrections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note we received the Administrative Committee minutes of November 21, 2016, the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals minutes of November 17, 2016, the Civil Service Commission minutes of November 15, 2016 and the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of October 26, 2016.

LOBBY (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to bifurcate the lobby session into two parts.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: The first lobby session is dedicated to the items on the agenda this evening, the second lobby for items of general concern. We are opening up lobby session right now. It is strictly for the items that are on the agenda for this evening. If you would like to speak on any of those issues, please step up to the podium. You will be given three minutes to speak on those topics. If you would like to speak on something else, we will have a second session later on in

the evening. Would anybody like to speak on the agenda items right now? Moving on then to the Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor, you are up first.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. First I am requesting that council approve the reappointment of Shawn Kimble to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. Shawn's term expires at the end of December. He has agreed to serve another four year term. He has been a great asset to the Board because of his background and outstanding leadership skills. I am confident that he will continue to serve this Board well.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to reappoint Shawn Kimble to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, Mr. Kimble does an outstanding job. He has been the Chairman of the Board for several years. It will be a pleasure to have him on the Board for another four years.

President Corcoran: Thank you. All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: Congratulations.

Mayor Gillock: Next, I would like to remind residents that political yard signs and our commercial location signs also, the political signs for both candidates and issues are supposed to be removed within three days after the election date. It has been nearly a month since the election and we still see a number of signs throughout the community. I am asking for your cooperation in removing these signs as soon as possible.

As the holidays are upon us, let's not forget about those in the community that are in need of assistance. We have drop off boxes at City Hall, Parks and Rec and at the Senior Center collecting nonperishable food items and toys which will benefit North Ridgeville Community Care. We will be accepting donations at these three locations through Friday, December 9th. After that, any additional donations can be dropped off at Community Care located behind Arby's on Center Ridge Road.

I know I mentioned the Gift of Lights at our last meeting, so just a quick reminder that the holiday light display at Victory Park off of Lorain Road will remain open daily from 5-10:00 P.M. through January 1st. The cost is \$20.00 per car with a portion of the proceeds benefiting University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's. Tickets can be purchased online at Giftoflights.com or by visiting Victory Park Ohio.

Next, I'll jump out of order a little bit. I want to acknowledge and I will turn over to the President of Council, I want to acknowledge our new Auditor, Jeff Wilcheck is with us this evening. Kevin would you like to welcome our new Auditor since he works for Council?

President Corcoran: Yes, welcome. Thank you very much for joining us today. I hope this is the first of many meetings that you attend. I am sure that you will do a great job.

Auditor Wilcheck: Thank you. I am pleased to be here.

Mayor Gillock: We are glad to have Jeff on board with us. That concludes my report. Thank you.

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

B. Safety-Service Director: During the past week, one of the nice things happened to Lear Nagle Road – now we have two lanes turning east off of Lear Nagle onto Lorain Road. The flow there is phenomenal. Nothing but good things to say as that intersection is opened up. The negative is the State of Ohio federal government required us to put in curbs. You can see now there isn't a free flow heading east. Sheetz – you have to go out the other way. I have noticed that people tried to jump that curb. It is six inches high and does a lot of damage to your car. Honestly, you should follow the rules and not jump a curb that is six inches up off the... Do not go down the wrong lane to get along the no left turn coming out of Sheetz and Taco Bell. That is something that the Mayor and I and the Administration, all of us – engineering – we did not want to see that happen, but based on the accidents up there; the placement of that was forced upon us by ODOT and the federal government as we did get 90/10 money up there for payment of that. If you move down Lear Nagle, the stacking of cars at Chestnut as you are going down and you want to go west. You can probably put fifteen to twenty cars in that stacking lane. That certainly helped us down there so that is a welcome sight and that certainly does help traffic flow in the City of North Ridgeville. That completes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

C. Engineer: Thank you, Mr. President. This could have been delivered a couple weeks ago. There are still some trees hanging on to leaves. I am noticing some people that are raking their leaves out into the street. It creates a lot of havoc with our drainage system. It blocks off catch basins and it also creates an unsafe situation when the driving surface becomes slippery. I'd like people to refrain from blowing their leaves or raking leaves onto the street. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you, Mr. Auditor.

D. Auditor: Mr. President, I don't have a report at this time.

President Corcoran: Didn't expect one, but thank you.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the October 2016 Police Department report and the December 2016 Parks and Recreation Director's report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE report dated November 21, 2016 which recommends City Council adopt T 119 conditional upon a mathematical breakdown of cost for furniture, cabinetry and the audio system.

Councilman Abens: Mr. President, this was based upon a budget being provided additional costs over the electronic system and the cabinetry went with it. That was amended and there was a breakdown in an email I believe that most everybody did receive that. I added it up real quickly and comes out to about \$81,200. It seems to be fairly complete.

Moved by Abens and seconded by President Corcoran for Council to approve the Committee report.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Mr. Chairman, for the record I voted against the request during the Committee as a member of the Committee. Even after receiving, I want to thank the gentlemen for getting us the breakdown of some estimates of the additional cost. I just believe we had one time to get this right and what we are talking about is utilizing monies in order to improve the sound system, the recording systems for Mayor's Court and for those departments that utilize Mayor Court capabilities which also entails a complete renovation of this room that we are sitting in right now. I still think there are unanswered questions, for example, I am not sure who is leading this project. I don't know if it is IT or the Safety-Service Director; I don't know. I would like to know who is managing that project and then I would like some detail. I don't think we still understand, for one example, the flooring – I saw, I believe, a \$4,000 estimate for flooring. I don't know if that is a complete redoing of this floor or if that is piecing together what we have to do after the construction is done. Again, I am all in favor, certainly, long overdue modernizing and upgrading our Mayor's Court capabilities because it has been needed for a long time but when it involves other things that we have to piece together – I would like to see a more detailed overall plan before I would want to move forward. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Boose.

Councilwoman Johnson: I just wanted to say I agree with Mr. Boose. He touched on just about everything I thought about. Thank you.

Councilwoman Butkowski: Mr. Chairman, I would like to agree with Mr. Boose also. It is a lot of money and it is a big project. Let's do it right the first time instead of having to go back. Let's get organized and do it right.

President Corcoran: Anybody else?

Councilwoman Johnson: I did want to say though, I know this is a Mayor's Court project, but this is also Council Chambers. I think that City Council should have more of a say in the seating arrangements and things like that. No one has ever asked me. I have a hard time with the way it was configured. I think there are a lot of other communities that are like that. In the horse shoe like that, you will find yourself going like this when you talk to someone. I think it would be nice to have a Committee of the Whole meeting about the Council portion of it. That is all.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, this project has been overseen by the Administration involved is Sonja Morrow who is the department head for Mayor's Court and of course the a large part of this is technology so Dean Priebe, the IT Director is very much involved as is Tara Peet, Council Clerk, to represent Council interests in what we do as we go forward. Decisions to be made as to what kind of carpet or things like that as we go, in the past, I would not expect to come to Council for itemized detail about what we are doing in this project. We will come to Council with obviously any layout. I think that is important. You should have a say on how it is laid out, but the little details, I think they should be allowed to handle or move forward with things like that; such as Dean working with the technology things. You still are going to have to rely on his recommendation. Basically, you authorize the funds, the Administration working with Tara for us to move forward with the project but we do need to come to Council with the things that effect Council such as the layout and the seating arrangements

President Corcoran: Anybody else?

Councilwoman Johnson: I'm sorry. Is it possible that...I know the sound system, things like that, the Mayor's Court part of it? There is a lot of funding from other funds or that is supposed to come from other areas and I just wondered if they could just start looking at what portion that is paid for by the Mayor's Court which is the sound system and all that.

Mayor Gillock: I would have to defer to Dean, but my recommendation is going to be not doing that renovation until we know how the room has to be configured. I think it will have an impact on how the sound system works, where cabinets go, where wires go; we need to get this thing agreed upon before we start. We only get one chance to do it right so we need to have a final plan before we start spending money and doing construction. I would let them start doing things like that.

Councilman Boose: That is exactly what I am asking for. I would like to see a series of plans that we can look at and say this is what it is going to be and this is what it is going to cost. I understand there are overruns that may or may not, but right now, and again, I am not here to nitpick items, but right now, at least during the committee meeting, no one could tell us whether

we had to replace the whole flooring or it was suggested at one point we will piece together whatever we need to piece when we move things. I don't know if I am for that. I haven't seen that plan yet. Thank you.

Councilman Abens: Mr. President, as far as the flooring, the painting and the decorative parts of the room – that is a separate issue over the electronic system mainly because the electronics, the sound system, comes out of the Mayor's Court budget and that money cannot be used for anything else. The (inaudible) of the room itself will have to come out of General Funds or similar funds such as that. That is really a separate issue. As far as the carpet is concerned – that is a question at this point, but quite frankly can't be answered until the project is planned out totally. My understanding is this was not to be a total plan at this point but to get the ball rolling and also the photos have a timeline attached to them and if we let this slide by, we will have to go through the whole process again.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: The Administration, as the Mayor said, was fully involved in this process. We have two sources of funding – one from the General Fund, City Council – General Fund and I have one coming from the Mayor's Court. Our intent was never to have dollars set aside, that \$35,000 that you are talking right there until we did the interior of the building. Our only thought from the standpoint of planning this thing through Sonja is what dollars we could be spent from the Mayor's Court fund knowing we would have to come back to City Council for the General Fund monies. We knew there would be money spent on painting, carpeting and that. Our plan included the dais because you have to have that to that for the microphones and the wires need to go through and all of that. I was under the assumption that you were all aware of the design of where the dais was. Beyond that, there was no plan as to what the room would look like; it was only to get the project started through that \$81,000 to get the Mayor's Court electronics ordered now at the prices negotiated to get to this point. There was never a formal answer that was to how it was going to be carpeted or painted. We just allocated the funds for that knowing that this project wouldn't go forward until March of 2017. It will take time to get the dais and everything else in place.

President Corcoran: Any other comments? It sounds like that there is a lot of unanswered questions and that there is enough people uncomfortable moving forward with the plan as it exists right now so I am going to refer this to the Committee of the Whole. Moving on. New business – we have a liquor permit.

President Corcoran: There is a motion on the floor. Regardless of the approval or not of the motion, the matter will still be referred to the Committee of the Whole. On the motion to accept the Administrative Committee report. Clerk, please call the roll.

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos: The motion has been denied.

Yes – 3

No – 4 (Boose, Chapek, Butkowski, Johnson)

President Corcoran: The issue is still referred to the Committee of the Whole.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor Permit requests/renewals/transfers

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

A request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a stock transfer for Berane, Inc., DBA Tim's Grill & Patio, 34900 Center Ridge Road.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to not request a hearing so that this permit can be sent to the state for final disposition by December 27, 2016.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Just for the resident's notification – most of you would know this location as the City Diner. It has been there a number of years. It is a very nice place in Ward 2, in my Ward. I look forward to hopefully having the state approving this renewal transfer.

President Corcoran: Anybody else? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

RECESS:

President Corcoran: Would anybody like a recess?

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson 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: Now first readings, we have T 122.

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

T 122-2016 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO THE WILDFLOWER CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNER'S ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third reading for T 122.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, we proceeded with our project to widen Center Ridge Road and install the sanitary sewer which went in on the south side of the road. We needed three points of access to direct that sewage to the north. At the end of the project – it was designed by the original engineers to go through Wildflower Condominiums property. We had to approach them to obtain an easement and work with them to be able to get that sewage out of there. That is what this is for to get that easement.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to adopt T 122.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to add the emergency to T 122 in order to pay the invoice timely since the work has already been completed.

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 now with the emergency, Clerk, please call the roll.

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos: The motion carries, 7-0 and becomes **Resolution number 1398-2016**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: There are no second readings or third readings.

SECOND READINGS: None.

THIRD READINGS: None.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to go into executive session after the second lobby session to discuss union contracts and negotiations.

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos: The motion was approved unanimously.

Yes – 7

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: Our next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, December 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. here in Council Chambers.

LOBBY (Q&A - REGARDING ANY CITY BUSINESS):

President Corcoran: Moving on now to the second lobby session. This is for items of general concern. State your name and address for the record. We will give you three minutes to speak. Would anyone like to speak? This lobby session is now closed.

President Corcoran: We are going to go into executive session. The final piece of business when we come back will be to adjourn. We will be back.

(Adjourned into executive session at 7:58 p.m.)

(Reconvened into the regular Council meeting at 8:20 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: This meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approval of minutes on December 19, 2016:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL