

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Council meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Council members President Jason Jacobs, Bruce F. Abens, Cliff Winkel, and Martin DeVries were present.

Excused were Councilwoman Holly A. Swenk, Councilman Eric Shaffer, and Councilwoman Georgia Awig,

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

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2025. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes December 4, 2024
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated January 14, 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.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- Funding Awarded for Race Road Overpass - Great news! The US Dept of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration awarded funding to 123 rail projects across the nation and the City of North Ridgeville is receiving some of the funding. Funding up to \$26,250,000 was awarded to the Ohio Rail Development Commission for the Race Road Grade Separation Project, assuring North Ridgeville funding to complete the Race Road overpass. The project will eliminate all at-grade crossings over a three-mile stretch of Norfolk Southern track by grade-separating the crossing at Race Road and closing the Maddock Road crossing. The construction of the overpass will begin in 2030.
- Notice of Examination: Full Time Patrol Officer Step 1 and Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic Class D. The Civil Service Commission is offering open, competitive written examinations to establish an eligibility list for both entry level Patrol Officer Step 1 and entry level Firefighter/ Paramedic Class D positions. Testing and applications will be accepted through February 17. To obtain the application packets, visit the City's website at nridgeville.org.
- Additional Employment Opportunities: Visit the City's website for a host of employment opportunities. The City is currently accepting applications for Police Dispatcher, Building Secretary, Civil Engineers and Asst. Chief Building Official.
- Construction Activity at City Hall: Construction at City Hall in the former Police Department began yesterday. To accommodate this work, there are restricted parking areas in front of the former Police Department. Safety is our top priority. Please drive with caution when entering the City Hall complex.
- Coffee & Conversation: Join me for coffee & conversation on Thursday, January 23 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. The City will welcome a special guest, Toni Krone, from the Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville who will say a few words for World Kiwanis Week.
- Spaghetti Dinner, January 31: North Ridgeville Senior Center is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, January 31, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Tickets available in advance at the Senior Center or at the door the day of the event. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children 10 and under. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, side salad and bread. Pop and dessert are available for \$1 each. Dine in or take out. Proceeds benefit programs at the Senior Center. Thank you to the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville for sponsoring the event.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

City Engineer Christina Eavenson provided the following update.:

- There are selected parking spaces along the old Police Department area that are blocked off due to demolition work.
- The Engineering Department will be performing utility work along State Route 83 in the upcoming weeks, and there will be some utility work at the Crossings at French Creek that could impede incoming traffic.
- The City is seeking statements of qualification from consultants to act as representatives for inspection services for two upcoming City school projects: the transportation and maintenance center, and the new high school.

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:

December 2024 Parks and Recreation Division Report
December 2024 Water Distribution and EPA Report
December 2024 Police Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The North Ridgeville Planning Commission took action on the following items at their Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025:

1. PPZ2024-0327 South Central Park Playground, 7565 Avon Belden Rd, PPN 07-00-022-101-054

Applicant: Jeff Snider, Snider Recreation, 10139 Royalton Rd, Suite K, North Royalton, OH 44133. Proposal consists of playground removal and new playground installation. Property is zoned R-1 Residential District.

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 5-0

This Planning Commission Report was moved to the next Regular City Council Meeting agenda.

RECESS:

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

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

Yes – 4

No – 0

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- R 2025-2 A Resolution accepting funds from the Ohio Department of Development through the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant Program in the amount of \$250,000.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- R 2025-3 A Resolution adopting Vision Zero and the Lorain County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- R 2025-4 A Resolution to approve the application made by Frank and Donna Krupka and FCA Kids Farm LLC to have certain land owned by them designated as being located within an agricultural district.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-5 An Ordinance amending North Ridgeville Codified Ordinance Chapter 1064.02 - Multi-Service Center and to dissolve the Multi-Purpose Room Board of Trustees.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-6 An Ordinance to amend Chapter 1062 Cemeteries of the North Ridgeville Codified Ordinances to add columbarium (niche).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

SECOND READINGS:

There were none.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

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; Second Reading on 01-06-2025)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to adopt 2024-142.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2024-142.**

Yes – 4 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. A Public Hearing is scheduled on February 3, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers. (Agricultural District Application)
2. The next Regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 3, 2025:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL