

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Council meeting on Monday, February 3, 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, Holly Swenk, Eric Shaffer, Bruce F. Abens, Cliff Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries were present.

Also in attendance were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Finance Director April Wilkerson, Law Director Brian Moriarity, and Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2025. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated January 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.

Bill Lawrence, who lives at 9072 Nash Lane, expressed concerns about the flooding problems damaging his home. He entered the following statement into record:

"Good evening, My name is Bill Lawrence, many of you sitting up there probably have heard from me over the last 3+ years, the reason I am here is because I haven't heard back from most of you. I'll give you a short backstory of my time in North Ridgeville. My wife and I moved here in 2010, and since then, have had 3 children here, have owned 3 homes, and owned and operated multiple businesses in the city. I have volunteer coached numerous sports teams and sponsored many others. One of my businesses was even part of the group of businesses that was put together to give away a car for the athletic boosters this past football season. I have poured my heart and soul into this city, and when I needed the city's help, it turned its back on me. Our troubles all began in November of 2021 when we moved into our new home we built in Winfield Farms. The nightmare began night one, when our than 2 year old almost fell from the second story because 3 spindles weren't even attached. Then on day 3 we had sewage back up into our brand-new home ruining our basement for the first time due to construction paper blocking the lines. We went on to find many more issues with our home, including 2 floors of electrical issues, half of our home not having insulation, exposed wiring, and many more dangerous issues, forcing us to hire an inspector of our own finding over 40 more violations missed by North Ridgeville Inspectors that according to public records, they signed off on.

That wasn't the end of our issues. We started having water issues a few months after moving in, our sump pumps would run nonstop, even in times of no rain. We had nauseating swamp smells in our basement, and always knew we would begin flooding at some point. We had the city and Ryan homes out dozens of times, always being brushed off. We spent thousands of dollars with plumbers and found out first that we had a 3" break in the storm line in our front yard, having to get our front yard excavated and even part of our driveway torn up to fix. Sadly, this did not fix the problem, however Mike Runyon told us a year ago that the city would no longer do anything for us, and there was no problem here.

Well on December 28th we finally flooded, 4" of water remained in our basement, despite 4 pumps continually pumping it out to our driveway for 4 days. We called the mayor, we called councilman DeVries, we called everyone we could. We didn't hear back until 4 days later. Meanwhile our house was ruined. Our children's Christmas presents are floating in the basement. Children scared to sleep in a house that is a death trap. I was told by the Mayor, he would call me back as soon as he knew something. It's been 27 days since that promise. 3 days ago, we flooded again. Mike Runyon came out with his crew to look, they were witnessed on camera tightening our fire hydrant yet deny doing anything. Within 2 hours all the water dissipated. We hired a structural engineer who came out and determined that the flood was caused by pressurized water source and noted that the hydrants may not even be functional now. We have asked for a week now for them to be inspected due to it being a major hazard for all on our street to potentially have nonfunctioning hydrants.

Brian Ogrady informed me he will not inspect them right now due to the temperatures. I could go on for much longer on the failures of this city, the failures

of everyone involved but I know my times limited. I would like to remind you, Mayor, that you are a publicly elected official, and it is disgraceful that you, and the majority of your administration ignores its constituents, and flat out blocks them from protecting their homes and their families. 27 days I've been waiting for you to simply pick up the phone and call me back, and you can't even do that. I am not alone, since going public I have been contacted by dozens of other residents who have been stone walled by you, refused help, and left with unimaginable loss both financially and emotionally. I was once a proud NR resident, now I'm embarrassed to live here. We will no longer be silent about what this city has done to us. It's time you step up and do what's right or step down and let someone who actually cares about this city and its residents fix what you've done. He noted that he had contacted the Mayor, the administration and City Council multiple times and had not received assistance. Mr. Lawrence pointed out violations that the inspectors for North Ridgeville missed, mentioned his water issues, and noted that Ryan Homes and the City administration kept claiming there was no problem. He added that he consulted a structural engineer who confirmed that a pressurized water source was coming from the hydrants."

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- Read a Statement on the Floor:

"City of North Ridgeville employees take pride in serving the community. They are dedicated to improving the lives of all those who reside in and visit our city. Often, those employees will go above and beyond their normal scope of work to aid those in need. Our employees are the lifeblood of the city.

Public records requests come in every day, and we compile the records that we have and deliver those to the requester. We are obligated to do that by law. We cannot deliver a record that does not exist. North Ridgeville has a unique topography left behind as a remnant of the various ice ages. Our very name signifies the multiple ridges that exist and the valleys between those ridges. The topography lends itself to flooding. We have made remarkable strides in reducing the occurrence of flooding in our city over the past 5 years, and we continue to make improvements to that end. There are sections of the city that have a high-water table making basements

difficult to dig. Our employees have been in constant contact with Mr. Lawrence and have spent countless hours trying to help him with his private property issues multiple times at my direction. I have spoken with him on the phone and by email. Our employees have been inside and outside his home looking for answers.

We understand his frustration with his situation, and we'll continue to try to help him find solutions to these issues. We do not believe that the city has caused the problem. We remain dedicated to delivering the best services that we can to the community. We will remain professional in our approach. We can only hope that others will do so as well."

- Legislation – Emergency Passage for the following: Resolutions #2025-7; #2025-8; Resolution #2025-9; Resolution #2025-10; Ordinance #2025-13; Ordinance #2025-18; Ordinance #2025-23; Resolution #2025-26; Resolution #2025-28; Resolution #2025-30; and Resolution #2025-2.
- Notice of Examination: 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, 2025. To obtain the application packets, visit the City's website at nridgeville.org.
- New Website - The City rolled out a new website last week. Please visit nridgeville.org to check out the new site. This is a work in progress, with more content and features to come in the future.
- Coffee & Conversation – The Mayor's coffee & conversation on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. A special guest, Emily Lockshine, Administrator of the Office for Older Adults, will say a few words in recognition of National Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Education Week, which takes place from February 14, 2025, to February 21, 2025.
- City Hall Offices Closed City Hall Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

No report.

3. Director of Finance:

Finance Director April Wilkerson:

April Wilkerson, the Finance Director, requested the inclusion of an emergency clause to ensure that the Finance Department has the necessary resources to meet its financial obligations for the following legislation.

- Resolution No. 2025-7—Authorizing Fund Transfers and Advances.
- Resolution No. 2025-8—Authorizing Fund Advances.
- Resolution No. 2025-9—Then and Now Certificate.
- Resolution No. 2025-13—Amending 2025 Annual Appropriations.
- Resolution No. 2025-27; 2025-29; and 2025-31—Resolutions to Submit to the Electors.
- Resolution No. 2025-26; 2025-28; and 2025-30—Resolutions of Necessity to Renew Existing Tax Levy.

December 2024 Financial Report (Preliminary)

Finance Director April Wilkerson concluded her report.

4. Other Reports:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD 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.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to approve the Planning Commission approval for the South Central Park Playground.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

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

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-7 A Resolution authorizing fund transfers.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-7.

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 ensure that the Finance Department has the necessary resources to meet its financial obligations.

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 2025-7 with the emergency clause.

Councilman DeVries noted that the legislation reallocates funds to the appropriate accounts in the appropriations.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-7.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-8 A Resolution authorizing fund advances.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-8.

Finance Director Wilkerson noted that the advance of these funds is to support the abandoned gas station cleanup Grant, which was awarded through the Ohio Department of Development, and the Community Development block grant, which is a resurfacing Grant through Lorain County. Once the project expenditure is completed, the City receives reimbursement to the General Fund.

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 ensure that the Finance Department has the necessary resources to meet its financial obligations.

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 by Abens to adopt 2025-8 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-8.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-9 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 2025-9.

Finance Director Wilkerson noted the payment of two invoices: one for the Exxon Enterprises contract and the other for dispatch services for the City of Westlake. Both expenditures were approved by the Council through annual appropriations, so processing these two invoices is a formality.

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 ensure that the Finance Department has the necessary resources to meet its financial obligations.

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 by Abens to adopt 2025-9 with the emergency clause.

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

Resolution Number 2025-9.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-10 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to accept a Roadwork Development (629) Grant from JobsOhio for the Taylor Parkway Resurfacing Project.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-10.

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 submit all grant application materials before the deadline.

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 2025-10 with the emergency clause.

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

Resolution Number 2025-10.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-11 A Resolution to approve the application made by William Schrauf to have certain land owned by him, which has been designated as an Agricultural District by the County Auditor.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Public Hearing on 02-03-2025)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-12 A Resolution to approve the application made by Jeff Sweitzer to have certain land owned by him, which has been designated as an Agricultural District by the County Auditor.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Public Hearing on 02-03-2025)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-13 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 2025-13.

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 ensure that the Finance Department has the necessary resources to meet its financial obligations.

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 by Abens to adopt 2025-13 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2025-13.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-14 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for a twelve-month period, according to law and in a manner prescribed by law, for the purchase of chemicals to be used by the French Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-15 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to continue the use of Beacon Water Meter Reading Software, in accordance with use consumption, from Badger Meter, Inc. as part of the Mass Water Meter Replacement Project.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-17 An Ordinance repealing North Ridgeville Codified Ordinance *Chapter 268 - Block Grant Grievance Board*.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-18 An Ordinance extending the moratorium on the granting of permits and on the accepting of applications for permits for certain business use types in the future town center area for an additional period not to exceed 180 days from

the expiration of Ordinance 2024-92, in order to allow the Planning Commission and Council to consider changes to the Zoning Code.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-18.

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

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to extend the current moratorium.

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

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Abens to adopt 2025-18 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2025-18.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-19 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to purchase two (2) one-ton Ford F-550 dump trucks with plows and salt spreaders and accessories for the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services or the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program; or to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with outside vendor(s) according to Law and in a manner prescribed by law with the lowest and bidder(s).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to purchase a 2025 Ford F-350 4x4 utility body pick-up truck and accessories for the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services or the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program; or to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with outside vendor(s) according to law and in a manner prescribed by law with the lowest and best bidder(s).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville or his designee to purchase a Case 621G XR wheel loader and accessories for the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services or the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program; or to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with outside vendor(s) according to law and in a manner prescribed by law with the lowest and best bidders(s).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to purchase a 2025 HV507 SFA International dump truck with plow and salt spreader for the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services or the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program; or to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with outside vendor(s) according to law and in a manner prescribed by law with the lowest and best bidder(s).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract, according to law and in a manner prescribed by law, with BJAAM Environmental, Inc. to provide continued environmental professional services required by the Abandoned Gas Station Program Grant, not to exceed \$250,000.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-23 Amended.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to perform some remediation of the abandoned gas station property.

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 DeVries to adopt 2025-23 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2025-23.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to purchase a 2025HV507 SFA International dump truck and accessories for the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services or the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program; or to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with outside vendor(s) according to law and in a manner prescribed by law with the lowest and best bidder(s).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to purchase auxiliary equipment through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services or the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program for two (2) new International 7400 Chassis vehicles purchase by the City last year; or to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) with outside vendor(s) according to law and in a manner prescribed by law with the lowest and best bidder(s).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- R 2025-26 A Resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing tax levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances and buildings and sites therefor and for the payment of permanent, part-time and volunteer firemen, pursuant to Sections 5705.03, 5705.19(i) and 5705.191 of the Revised Code.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to amend Resolution Number 2025-26 by substitution with the revised version to correct the expiration date of the levy.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-26 Amended.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this resolution must be effective immediately so that it can be timely filed with the County Auditor and additional proceedings taken in order to submit the question of the levy to the electors at an election on May 6, 2025.

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 2025-26 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Resolution Number 2025-26.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-27 A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City of North Ridgeville the question of renewing an existing 1.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances and buildings and sites therefor and for the payment of permanent, part-time and volunteer firemen, pursuant to Sections 5705.19(i) and 5705.191 of the Revised Code.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-28 A Resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing tax levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and

other equipment used directly in the operation of the Police Department of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, and the payment of salaries of permanent police personnel of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, pursuant to sections 5705.03, 5705.19(j) and 5705.191 of the revised code.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to amend Resolution Number 2025-28 by substitution with the revised version to correct the expiration date of the levy.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-28 Amended.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this resolution must be effective immediately so that it can be timely filed with the County Auditor and additional proceedings taken in order to submit the question of the levy to the electors at an election on May 6, 2025.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-28 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Resolution Number 2025-28.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-29 A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City of North Ridgeville the question of renewing an existing 1.95-mill tax levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment used directly in the operation of the Police Department of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, and the payment of salaries of permanent police

personnel of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, pursuant to Sections 5705.19(j) and 5705.191 of the Revised Code.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-30 A Resolution declaring it necessary to renew an existing tax levy for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, pursuant to Sections 5705.03, 5705.19(g) and 5705.191 of the Revised Code.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to amend Resolution Number 2025-30 by substitution with the revised version to correct the expiration date of the levy.

Councilwoman Swenk inquired whether the legislation is a tax levy that provides funding for repairing roads in the city.

Mayor Corcoran confirmed Mrs. Swenk's Statement.

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

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-30 Amended.

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 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that this resolution must be effective immediately so that it can be timely filed with the County Auditor and additional proceedings taken in order to submit the question of the levy to the electors at an election on May 6, 2025.

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 2025-30 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Resolution Number 2025-30.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-31 A Resolution submitting to the electors of the City of North Ridgeville the question of renewing an existing tax levy for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, pursuant to sections 5705.19(g) and 5705.191.191 of the Revised Code.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

SECOND 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)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the third reading for 2025-2.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to accept the grant funds from the Ohio Department of Development to clean up the southeast corner of State Route 83 and Center Ridge.

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 DeVries to adopt 2025-2 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2025-2.

Yes – 7 No – 0

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 Third 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 Third 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 Third 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)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third reading for 2025-6.

Councilman Shaffer wanted to know the definition of a Columbarium.

President Jacobs explained that it is a monument structure that holds niches to inter the cremated remains of loved ones.

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 offer an alternative for individuals to place loved ones cremated remains in a memorial space.

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 2025-6 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for
Ordinance Number 2025-6.

Yes – 7 No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

There were none.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- A Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 6:00, in the Council Chambers to consider Resolutions 2025-27, 2025-29, and 2025-31.
- The next Regular City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 18, 2025:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL