

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Council meeting on Monday, February 18, 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, and Georgia Awig were present.

Councilman Martin DeVries was excused.

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

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2025 (Agricultural District Application), Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2025 (Agricultural District Application), Regular City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2025, and Special City Council Meeting Minutes dated February 4, 2025. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

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.

There were none.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- Legislation – Emergency Passage for the following: Ordinance #2025-32 and Resolution #2025-33.
- State of North Ridgeville, February 25
- The State of North Ridgeville address on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Academic Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about progress and plans for our city and schools. Visit the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce at nrchamber.com to RSVP your attendance.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

City Engineer Eavenson remarked the following.:

- Great Lakes Construction will begin working on the bridge deck for the State Route 83 bridge over State Route 10. They are expected to implement their temporary traffic signal system on Monday, February 24, 2025.
- Ridgeville Farms will install sanitary sewer along State Route 83 in the upcoming weeks. There will be additional delays along State Route 83
- The Division proposes Ordinance Number 2025-35 to construct roadway resurfacing of Caroline, Luanne, and Monica Drive. This project includes a Community Development block grant from the county in the amount of \$150,000 to start early this summer
- Engineering continues to push private utilities to complete their relocations at the State Route 83 and Chestnut Ridge intersection, so that the City may start construction this summer for the roundabout

City Engineer Eavenson concludes her report.

3. Director of Finance:

No report.

4. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following:

January 2025 Water Distribution and EPA Report
2024 End of Year EPA Report
January 2025 Building Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

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 – 6

No – 0

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2025-16 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to renew an agreement with the North Ridgeville City School District relating to the tax revenue effected by tax abatement agreements which promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the city and the school district.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran stated that this is an agreement the City makes with the Schools every five years to renew the tax incentive arrangement, allowing the Schools to receive funding from the City.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-16 Amended.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to amend Ordinance 2025-16 for the date in the agreement to state January 1, 2025 instead of January 1, 2020.

Councilman Shaffer wanted examples of how the agreement would impact businesses.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that when a company receives a tax incentive, the abatement considers the potential school losses due to this incentive. The City has entered into a revenue-sharing agreement with the Schools and asked companies, like Ruf, to donate to the School District. The tax abatement is assessed on a case-by-case basis. Once the City passes the legislation, the School Board reviews and decides on the agreement.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt 2025-16.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2025-16.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-32 An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2025 Energized Community Grant(s).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-32.

Councilwoman Awig inquired about the grant amount and its intended use.

Director Wilkerson explained that the \$81,229.00 funding is for the Chestnut and State Route 83 roundabout.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to accept the grant.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-32 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2025-32.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-33 A Resolution authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to make application on behalf of the City of North Ridgeville for funding from ODOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program for the Bainbridge Road and Root Road Roundabout; further authorizing funds for the local match; further authorizing the Mayor to accept the funding, if awarded, and to execute a contract with the State of Ohio.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-33.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the application was to apply for funding for the safety of the residents at the intersection of Bainbridge Road and Root Road.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know if there would be enough property.

Mayor Corcoran stated that the City would have to acquire some property.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt 2025-33.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-33.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-34 A Resolution authorizing the donation of thirteen (13) footballs to the North Ridgeville Middle School Football Program.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for 2025-34.

Councilman Shaffer asked when football season begins.

Councilman Winkel clarified that there is off-season training year-round, and the actual season starts in June.

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

Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Winkel)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-34.

Mayor Corcoran noted that the footballs did not serve municipal purposes and instead would benefit the high school.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-34.**

Yes – 5 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Winkel)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-35 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 roadway resurfacing of Carolyn Drive, Luanne Drive, and Monica Drive, and other appurtenances.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2025-36 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 Root Road Park Parking Lot Improvement Project.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-37 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Delinquent Debt Collection Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General pursuant to R.C. 131.02 for the collection of delinquent debts owed to the City.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Resolution moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2025-38 A Resolution to approve the application made by Andrew A. Rack 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:

R 2025-39 A Resolution to approve the application made by Woodside, Constance Ann Trustee 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.

SECOND READINGS:

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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the third readings for 2025-11.

Councilman Shaffer inquired about the reason behind the Agricultural Application District application.

Mayor Corcoran noted that there are 30 days to conduct a hearing and 30 days to act on the legislation.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-11.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-11.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the third readings for 2025-12.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-12.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-12.**

Yes – 6 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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third 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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third 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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third Reading.

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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Resolution moved to Third 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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third 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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third 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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third Reading.

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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third 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; First Reading on 02-03-2025)

This Ordinance moved to Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS:

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; First Reading on 01-21-2025; Second Reading on 02-03-2025)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to adopt 2025-3.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the legislation allows the City to partner with surrounding communities to improve safety in the city.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-3.**

Yes – 6

No – 0

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; First Reading on 01-21-2025; Public Hearing on 02-03-2025; Second Reading on 02-03-2025)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to adopt 2024-4.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2025-4.**

Yes – 6

No – 0

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; First Reading on 01-21-2025; Second Reading on 02-03-2025)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt 2025-5.

Councilman Shaffer asked for the reasoning behind the legislation.

President Jacobs clarified that the board hasn't met in some time and that it is a formality.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2025-5.**

Yes – 6

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- A Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:45 p.m., in Council Chambers for Agricultural Applications.

- The next Regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

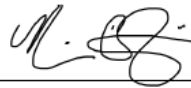
ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Approval of minutes on March 3, 2025:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL