

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Swenk called the Council meeting to order on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Swenk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Swenk.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Holly A. Swenk, Kathryn Rogerson, Robert Holub, Bruce F. Abens, Clifford Winkel, Paul Wolanski, and Cali Zingale.

Others Present: Mayor Kevin Corcoran, City Engineer Christina Eavenson, City Engineer Christina Eavenson, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

Finance Director April Wilkerson was excused.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Swenk asked if there were any corrections to City Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated March 16, 2026, and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes dated March 16, 2026. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Swenk noted the following:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 10, 2026.

Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 23, 2026.

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated March 26, 2026.

LOBBY:

President Swenk opened the lobby session. She asked that anyone who comes up to speak state their name and address for the record at the podium and have three minutes to discuss any topic of their choice.

There was no lobby session.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran reported the following:

- Mayor Corcoran requested that several pieces of legislation be passed by emergency this evening.
 - Under First Readings:
 - Ordinance 2026-40 – An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to provide amendments to General Offenses, North Ridgeville City Code Sections, as listed in the ordinance. He would like to dispense with the second and third readings and add an emergency clause to update the code and allow safety services to enforce it.
 - Ordinance 2026-41 –An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to provide amendments to the Traffic North Ridgeville City Code Sections as listed in the ordinance. He would like to dispense with the second and third readings and add an emergency clause to update the code and allow safety services to enforce it.
 - Ordinances 2026-42, 2026-43, and 2026-44 – ordinances to approve the sale of certain personal property owned by the city. He would like to dispense with the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to allow for the sale of items that are no longer of value or in use by the city.
 - Ordinance 2026-46 - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the cities of Avon Lake, Avon, the Eastern Lorain County Emergency Response Team, and the Westshore Enforcement Bureau for the interchange of SWAT services. He would like to dispense with the second and third readings and add an emergency clause to allow processing of the mutual aid agreement.
 - Ordinance 2026-47 – An ordinance authorizing the sale or resale of beer at the North Ridgeville summer concert series. He would like to dispense with the second and third readings and add an emergency clause to ensure proper permitting in a timely fashion.
 - Ordinance 2026-49 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts for the purchase of three battery-powered patient cots, three Lucas devices, and the necessary accessories for the ambulances from the state bid list or to advertise for bids and enter into contracts with outside vendors. He would like to dispense with the second and third

- readings and add the emergency clause in order to replace aging equipment.
- Ordinance 2026-50 – An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2025-158, providing appropriations for the period commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026. He would like to dispense with the second and third readings and add the emergency clause.
- Under Second Readings:
 - Ordinance 2026-16 - An ordinance authorizing the issuance of a request for concept proposals for the adaptive reuse of Old Town Hall. He would like to dispense with the third reading and add the emergency clause to allow us to begin the solicitation process. Any agreement would require council approval in the future.
 - Ordinance 2026-33 – An ordinance authorizing the purchase of a dump truck with plow and salt spreader for Public Works Department through ODOT or to advertise for bids and enter into contract with outside vendor. He would like to dispense with the third reading and add an emergency clause to allow sufficient time to place the order, as it could take up to a year to receive the vehicle.
 - Resolution 2026-36 – A resolution to approve, with modification, the application made by Wensink Robert B. et al., trustee, to have certain land owned by them designated as being located within an agricultural district by the Lorain County Auditor. He would like to dispense with the third reading.
 - Ordinances 2026-37 and 2026-38 – Ordinances to approve the sale/trade-in of personal property owned by the city. He would like to dispense with the third reading and add an emergency clause to allow these vehicles to be used as trade-ins for replacement vehicles.
 - Under Third Reading:
 - Ordinance 2026-31 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the construction of a salt barn and appurtenances for the Public Works Department. He would like to add the emergency clause to move forward with the bid process, allowing construction to proceed before additional salt arrives.
 - Storm Damage Recovery – He took the opportunity to thank the safety forces and Public Works for their hard work and dedication to cleaning up after last week's storms. As cleanup continues, Republic Services will pick up additional bulk trash items tomorrow, April 7, 2026, due to storm damage. The normal rules apply for bundling and cutting wood/branches and carpeting into four-foot lengths. For more details, visit the City's website to access the Republic Services Rules & Regulations.

- State of North Ridgeville Address – Invited all to join the Address on April 15, 2026, for an inside look at North Ridgeville’s Blueprint. The evening begins with a Community Open House at 5:00 p.m. at the new School Transportation and Maintenance Facility, followed by the State of North Ridgeville Address at 6:30 p.m. at the Academic Center. This event provides an opportunity to hear directly about the progress of your city and your schools, and what lies ahead.
- Fraud Awareness Seminar The Senior Center is partnering with the PNC North Ridgeville branch to engage community members through sharing practical information on protecting themselves from fraud and improving overall financial confidence. This educational seminar encompasses education, support, and trusted guidance in an open setting. The event is free and open to the community and will be held on April 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

The representative from the Engineering Department provided the following report:

- Reported no major project milestones to announce.
- Echoed and supported the Mayor’s remarks. Commended the Public Works Department and Police Department for their excellent work during the recent storm. She noted personal experience being rerouted by Police Department staff and expressed appreciation for their diligence.
- Reminded the public to call 911 if downed power lines are observed. Stated that FirstEnergy advises staying at least 30 feet away from any potentially energized lines.
- Reported that the City Hall weather station recorded approximately 3.2 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, classified as a 10-year storm.
- Acknowledged some drainage and runoff issues but noted they were less severe than in prior years.
- Reported that calls related to the storm were minimal.

City Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

3. Director of Finance:

There was no report.

President Swenk noted the following:

January 2026 Financial Report
February 2026 Financial Report

4. Other Reports:

President Swenk noted the following:

February 2026 Parks and Recreation Division Report
February 2026 Police Department 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 Wolanski to dispense with recess.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

- O 2026-40 An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of North Ridgeville, Ohio to provide amendments to General Offenses North Ridgeville City Code Sections 606.10, 606.12, 624.01, 624.02, 624.02.1, 624.03, 624.04, 624.05, 624.07, 624.08, 624.11, 624.14, 624.15, 630.01, 630.02, 636.17, 636.20, 642.01, 642.28, 666.01, 666.03, 666.21, 698.03, 698.05; to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for 2026-40.

Mayor Corcoran explained that general offenses were governed by the State of Ohio and that the City was working to align its local ordinances with the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code. It was noted that the State's statutory changes took effect on January 1, 2026, and that the codification company was preparing Ordinance No. 2026-40 and 2026-41 as the next step in bringing local ordinances into compliance with those changes. This alignment process occurs annually, as the codification company updates its records once per year to ensure the City's ordinances remain consistent with State law.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 2 (Abens and Wolanski)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause in order to have the City's local police department enforce the laws of the state of Ohio.

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

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Abens)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt 2026-40 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-40.**

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Abens)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-41 An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, City of North Ridgeville, Ohio to provide amendments to Traffic North Ridgeville City Code Sections 402.02, 402.04, 402.04.1, 402.05, 402.10, 402.14, 402.17.2, 402.18, 402.19.2, 402.24, 402.28, 402.30, 402.31, 402.32, 402.35, 402.37, 402.39, 402.44, 402.47, 402.48, 402.49, 402.53, 301.55, 301.56, 301.57, 301.58, 301.59, 301.60, 301.61, 301.62, 301.63, 301.64, 301.65, 301.66, 301.67, 301.68, 301.69, 301.70, 414.02, 414.03, 414.04, 414.09, 414.10, 414.11, 416.01, 416.03, 416.11, 416.12, 432.20.1, 432.30, 432.31, 432.32, 432.33, 432.34, 434.01, 434.03, 434.03.1, 434.07, 434.08, 434.09, 434.99, 436.03, 436.04, 436.07.3, 436.07.5, 438.25, 438.28, 440.11, 442.01, 452.03;

to provide for penalties; to provide for codification; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Rogerson to dispense with the second and third readings for 2026-41.

Mayor Corcoran explained that traffic code sections were governed by the State of Ohio and that the City was working to align its local ordinances with the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code. It was noted that the reasons are the same as Ordinance No. 2026-40. This alignment process occurs annually, as the codification company updates its records once per year to ensure the City's ordinances remain consistent with State law.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 5

No – 2 (Abens and Wolanski)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Rogerson to add the emergency clause in order to have the City's local police department enforce the laws of the state of Ohio.

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

Yes – 6

No – 1 (Abens)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Rogerson to adopt 2026-41 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-41.**

Yes – 6

No – 1 (Abens)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-42 An Ordinance approving the sale of certain personal property owned by the City of North Ridgeville pursuant to O.R.C. Section 721.15(D).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for 2026-42.

Mayor Corcoran explained that Ordinances Nos. 42, 43, and 44 involved the sale of City property that was no longer suitable for municipal purposes and stated that, consistent with past practice, selling such property as early as possible helped maximize value for taxpayers. He added that the use of the emergency clause could be appropriate, but left the decision to the Council on a case-by-case basis for each ordinance.

Councilman Holub asked why the ordinances were reported as requiring three readings.

Mayor Corcoran explained that dispensing with the second and third readings would eliminate the delay and reduce the value.

Councilman Wolanski explained that he supported the emergency clause, but he supported allowing at least one reading to provide residents an opportunity to respond, stating that a short delay would not significantly impact depreciation.

Councilman Winkel clarified that discussion is triggered by a motion and a second, and noted that similar ordinances had historically been passed with an emergency clause as part of an annual process that begins during departmental reviews and financial meetings held in November.

Mayor Corcoran noted that the item would be taken to an auction site and that GovDeals is the site for bidding. He agreed with Mr. Winkel and stated that they were not certain of the exact duration of the listed items.

Councilwoman Rogerson asked whether there was any reason to wait even two weeks to sell the property, given that it was not costing the city anything. She noted the property being sold served no purpose and was simply sitting idle.

Councilman Winkel noted that in late November, the Council had discussed disposing of and potentially replacing or purchasing items, and that this was part of the legislative process required to carry out what had been decided. He suggested the question was not whether to proceed, but rather that the decision had already been made.

Councilman Wolanski clarified that he was not seeking a practical reason to wait, but rather wanted to give citizens the opportunity to hear about the matter and reach out within two weeks if they had concerns or disagreed with the sale. He noted some confusion regarding the adoption timeline, as it had appeared the item would be adopted after three readings, which he interpreted as indicating the requester had not seen the matter as urgent. He stated he did not object to passing with an emergency clause and did not want to delay for six to eight weeks, but felt two weeks would be a courtesy to the public. He acknowledged what Mr. Winkel had said about the appropriation having

occurred in November, but noted that giving citizens visibility into what was being done meeting by meeting was simply a courtesy.

Councilwoman Zingale asked what constitutes an emergency, noting the term was used frequently. She acknowledged it was ideal not to continue with multiple readings for matters such as this, but stated that removing readings reduced visibility, and that if everything was treated as an emergency, the designation lost meaning.

Mayor Corcoran responded that the term emergency, as used in legislation, was not a true description of an emergency in the conventional sense. He explained that the emergency clause was typically tied to the health, safety, and welfare of residents, and that, in this case, the argument was that the city sought to maximize the value returned to residents. He stated the emergency clause was the only mechanism available to shorten the timeline, and while he acknowledged the word did not carry the same meaning most people associated with emergencies — such as the fire or police department responding — in government, it was a phrase used to shorten timelines for the benefit of the public. He argued that shortening the timeline would allow the City to obtain more money from the sale of the vehicle, and questioned why the City would not seek to maximize that return. He acknowledged Mr. Wolanski's point about public transparency, but noted that the department had determined the vehicle no longer served its purpose and that a single resident would be unlikely to overturn that decision unless, for example, they were a mechanic who could repair the machine at no cost to the City. He noted the vehicle was believed to be a 2008 truck, making it approximately 24 years old, and stated the City had used it to its maximum capacity.

President Swenk added that the assistant clerk had previously confirmed that the state required the use of the word “emergency”.

Councilman Winkel stated he had previously expressed this view: every emergency would constitute an emergency clause, but not every emergency clause necessarily indicated a true emergency. He explained that without an emergency clause, legislation required a second reading, a third reading, and four weeks to take effect after adoption — a total of eight weeks. He suggested thinking of it as an expedition clause, as it was frequently used to expedite matters, particularly financial ones, noting the City could not always wait eight weeks to pay for work already completed. He agreed with President Swenk that the language used did not reflect what most people would consider a true emergency, but stated that was how he understood and applied the term.

Councilman Abens stated that the equipment being sold was in high demand at that time of year, whether the eventual buyer intended to use it for parts or to repair it for their own purposes. He noted that the present moment was the right time to act, as the equipment was popular in the spring leading into construction season, and stated that was his reason for supporting passage that evening with the emergency clause.

Councilman Wolanski stated briefly that he was not suggesting the matter be held for eight weeks, but that a two-week wait would be a courtesy to the public. He acknowledged that the council operated as a representative government and made decisions on behalf of residents, but questioned the purpose of the public readings if they were not to provide that opportunity.

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

Yes – 6 No – 2 (Wolanski, Zingale)

Moved by Wolanski and seconded by Holub to add the emergency clause in order to allow for the sale of items that are no longer of value or in use by the City.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Wolanski and seconded by Holub to adopt 2026-42 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-42.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-43 An Ordinance approving the sale of certain personal property owned by the City of North Ridgeville pursuant to O.R.C. Section 721.15(D).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Rogerson to dispense with the second and third readings for 2026-43.

Mayor Corcoran clarified that he did not want any confusion regarding the timeline. He noted that the standard legislative process was not an eight-week period but rather a ten-week period. He explained that there were three council meetings with three readings, each approximately two weeks apart, with the

possibility of additional time if a break occurred. On top of that, there was a 30-day window following adoption. He stated that, from the start, it was a lengthy process and that a first reading under normal circumstances would set that timeline in motion.

Councilman Winkel added that, for the same reasons expressed regarding the prior item, he would be proceeding in the same manner on this item. He clarified that when he had referenced eight weeks, he had intended to convey that eight weeks was the fastest the process could occur under normal circumstances.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 2 (Wolanski and Zingale)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause in order to allow for the sale of items that are no longer of value or in use by the City.

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 2026-43 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-43.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-44 An Ordinance approving the sale of certain personal property owned by the City of North Ridgeville pursuant to O.R.C. Section 721.15(D).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for 2026-44.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 2 (Wolanski and Zingale)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause in order to allow for the sale of items that are no longer of value or in use by the City.

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 2026-44 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-44.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-45 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Map of the City of North Ridgeville such that a ± 12.5 acre portion of a parcel owned by the City of North Ridgeville, as more fully described in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B, be rezoned from R-1 Residence District to I-2 Light Industrial District.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Ordinance Number 2026-45 referred to the Planning Commission for further discussions and recommendations.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-46 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the cities of Avon Lake, Avon, the Eastern Lorain County Emergency Response Team, and the Westshore Enforcement Bureau for the interchange of SWAT services.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Holub to dispense with the second and third readings for 2026-46.

Mayor Corcoran explained that a mutual aid agreement has never happened before. The City has its own SWAT with Avon, Avon Lake, and North Ridgeville. The Westshore Enforcement Bureau, also known as WEB, has theirs. Before either one can enter into the territory of the other, there has to be a mutual aid agreement in place.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Holub to add the emergency clause to process this mutual aid agreement to improve the safety of all the residents in this particular area, as quickly as possible.

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 Holub to adopt 2026-46 amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-46.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-47 An Ordinance authorizing the sale or resale of beer at the North Ridgeville summer concert series.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Zingale to dispense with the second and third reading for 2026-47.

Mayor Corcoran stated that the matter had been discussed at length behind the scenes for some time and that conversations had been held with the City's insurance company. He noted that the idea originated with the Parks and Recreation Department, which believed that offering alcohol sales at the summer concert series could increase attendance. He explained there was a significant process to complete with the state to obtain the necessary licenses in time for the concert series, and requested that the ordinance be passed with the emergency.

Councilwoman Rogerson stated for the record that she had spoken with several city departments regarding the ordinance. She expressed her belief that residents would be enthusiastic about it and noted she had asked questions regarding the City's liability, which she was informed would be mitigated through insurance and the use of an outside vendor to handle sales. She stated she had satisfied herself that safety and liability considerations were adequately addressed.

Councilman Abens stated that while he was personally an avid beer drinker, he remained concerned about the advisability of selling alcohol at what could be family events. He expressed worry about individuals who might overindulge and

questioned how well the situation would be policed. He noted he was not necessarily opposed but referenced the well-known ten-cent beer night at a Cleveland Indians game as an example of how alcohol at public events could get out of hand. He indicated he wondered whether more time should be taken to consider the matter.

Councilman Winkel stated he was not necessarily opposed either, but that for the same reasons discussed with other ordinances, he would personally prefer the item remain for additional readings so the council could give it further thought, particularly given the differing perspectives already expressed.

Councilman Holub stated he had looked at similar matters professionally, though without success, and noted the proposal gave him something to reference. He offered that, in his experience, if someone intended to bring alcohol to a concert, they would do so regardless, and that if the city could generate revenue or direct profits toward donations, that would be a positive outcome.

Mayor Corcoran provided additional details on the proposed structure, explaining that the City would purchase the alcohol, which would be delivered on-site the day of the event, so no storage would be required. Volunteers representing organizations such as VFW or Community Care would handle sales. The city would recoup its cost for the alcohol, with remaining proceeds donated to the volunteer groups providing the service that evening. He noted this model was common at other organizations and sporting events. He added that if there was not sufficient appetite to pass it that evening with the emergency clause, he could amend his motion to dispense only with the second reading and allow the item to proceed to a third reading at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Rogerson asked about the deadline and the timeline.

Mayor Corcoran responded that the timeline was somewhat uncertain because it was not known how quickly the state would approve the license, which is why the City was seeking as much time as possible.

Councilwoman Zingale expressed concern about the use of volunteers, specifically regarding the certifications required to serve alcohol, noting her background in the service industry. She stated that training would be required before volunteers could perform that role.

Mayor Corcoran confirmed that such training requirements were in place.

Councilman Abens acknowledged that people already bring alcohol to concerts, but noted that doing so was currently illegal on City property and that enforcement remained a concern, whether alcohol was legal or not at the events. He

reiterated he was not necessarily opposed but had questions and stated he would appreciate one more reading.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to amend his motion to dispense only with the second reading rather than all readings.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-48 An Ordinance amending Chapters 1010 and 1444 of the North Ridgeville Codified Ordinances concerning engineering and building permits and fees.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Ordinance No. 2026-48 moved to second reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-49 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to enter into a contract(s) for the purchase of three (3) battery powered patient cots, three (3) Lucas devices and the necessary accessories for the ambulances from the State Bid List, or to advertise for bids and enter into a contract(s) with outside vendors, according to law and in a manner prescribed by law.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for 2026-49.

Mayor Corcoran explained that these items were discussed during the appropriations process and included in this year's budget. The devices have reached their end of life. The devices are life-saving and assist firefighters in their daily work.

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 to allow the City to purchase the life-saving devices as soon as possible.

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 2026-49 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-49.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-50 An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2025-158 of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, providing appropriations for the period commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for 2026-50.

Councilman Winkel explained that the Administration wished to provide additional background on the substance of the ordinance beyond its formal language. Ordinance 2026-50 contained several pieces. The first piece involved the General Fund. Appropriations were required to fund work at the Senior Center, specifically the removal of concrete flooring in the adjoining garage so that senior programming could be held there. The Parks and Recreation Director advised that while the existing flooring might be suitable for non-seniors, it was not appropriate or safe for seniors. The proposed improvements would allow the space to be used safely and comfortably by senior citizens.

Also within the General Fund was the purchase of gym equipment for City Hall, which involved the City paying for the equipment up front and receiving reimbursement later. Additionally, appropriations were included to pay employees for compensatory time under their contracts.

The Special Revenue Funds include the purchase of a Kobelco SK140 machine, a large piece of equipment used for ditch cleaning, tree removal, and material cutting. Because the equipment was used by multiple departments, its cost was split across multiple funds. The accompanying memorandum from the Director of Finance reflected allocations involving the Street, Water, Sewer, and Storm divisions. The special revenue portion represented the Street Fund's share of the purchase.

The remaining portion of the equipment cost was allocated to the Enterprise Funds, including Water, Sewer, and Stormwater. In total, the single piece of

equipment was funded by one special revenue fund and three enterprise funds, accounting for the multiple references in the ordinance language.

Finally, the Capital Projects Fund portion of the ordinance appropriated funds for the purchase of property that the City had recently decided to acquire.

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 allow the City to provide the Department of Finance with the necessary resources to meet its obligations and to pay the employees as soon as possible.

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 2026-50 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-50.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-16 An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Request for Concept Proposals for the adaptive reuse of Old Town Hall.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 02-17-2026; Building and Lands Committee on 03-05-2026; Committee Report on 03-16-2026)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third readings for 2026-16.

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 to send out the request for proposals for feedback on the reuse of the building, and to start utilizing the Old Town Hall.

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 2026-16 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-16.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-33 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Ridgeville to purchase an International HV507 SFA Tandem axle 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 03-16-2026)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third readings for 2026-33.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Holub to add the emergency clause to start the building of the vehicle because it takes a year, and receive the vehicle in a timely manner.

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 Holub to adopt 2026-33 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-33.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

R 2026-36 A Resolution to approve, with modification, the application made by Wensink Robert B, et al., trustee, to have certain land owned by them designated as being located within an agricultural district by the Office of the Lorain County Auditor.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Public Hearing on 03-16-2026; First Reading on 03-16-2026)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third readings for 2026-36.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the property owner requested that his property be placed in an agricultural district. The family has been farming it for years and years. This is just part of the process. The county is okay with the City passing this without using the emergency clause and still allowing the process to continue.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt 2026-36.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried for **Resolution Number 2026-36**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-37 An Ordinance approving the sale/trade-in of certain personal property owned by the City of North Ridgeville pursuant to O.R.C. Section 721.15(B).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-16-2026)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third readings for 2026-37.

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 trade in and purchase equipment with the trade-in.

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 2026-37 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-37.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-38 An Ordinance approving the sale/trade-in of certain personal property owned by the City of North Ridgeville pursuant to O.R.C. Section 721.15(B).
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-16-2026)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third readings for 2026-38.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Holub to add the emergency clause to trade in and purchase equipment with the trade-in.

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 Holub to adopt 2026-38 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-38.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

O 2026-31 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract according to law and in the manner prescribed by law with the lowest

and best bidder for the construction of a salt barn and all appurtenances thereto for the Public Works Department.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 03-02-2026; Second Reading on 03-16-2026)

Moved by Wolanski and seconded by Mayor Corcoran to add the emergency to have the barn finished before the first delivery of the salt.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Wolanski and seconded by Rogerson to adopt 2026-31 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2026-31**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Swenk noted the following:

1. A Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, for Bylaws discussions and O 2026-27.
2. A Regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers.
3. The Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Swenk adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes on April 20, 2026:



Holly A. Swenk
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL