

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2003**

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 P.M.

President of Council David Gillock: I would like to call this meeting of the North Ridgeville City Council to order. Please stand for the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: lead by Council Member Denny Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALLING OF THE ROLL - ROLL CALL:

Present were Council Members Allen Swindig, Josanne Pagel, Bob Olesen, Bernadine Butkowski, Denny Johnson and President of Council David Gillock.

Absent was Council Member Nancy Buescher.

Also, present were Mayor Deanna Hill, Safety-Service Director Jim Johnson, Law Director Eric Zagrans, Engineer Larry Griffith, Auditor Chris Costin and Clerk of Council Chuck Norris.

MINUTES - Corrections and Approval:

Regular Council Minutes of November 3, 2003

motion to approve by Pagel, 2nd by Butkowski.

President Gillock: Are there any corrections or additions? If not, please call the roll

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Minutes are approved by a vote of six to zero.

President Gillock: Please note:

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Minutes of regular meeting October 23, 2003.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT #4189 We have considered the matter of authorizing the Auditor to prepare the temporary appropriations for 2004 and recommend that this request be approved and proper legislation be drawn authorizing the above.

Signed: Chairperson Bernadine Butkowski, Members Dennis L. Johnson and Allen C. Swindig
motion to accept by Butkowski, 2nd by Swindig

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Report is approved by a vote of six to zero.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT #4190 We have considered the matter of amended appropriations for 2003 and recommend that this request be approved and proper legislation be drawn authorizing the above.

Signed: Chairperson Bernadine Butkowski, Members Dennis L. Johnson and Allen C. Swindig
motion to accept by Butkowski, 2nd by Swindig

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: The Committee Report is approved by a vote of six to zero.

Council Member Butkowski: Mr. Chairman, I have two verbal committee reports from the Finance Committee.

3) FINANCE COMMITTEE ORAL REPORT Authorize the preparation of legislation by outside legal counsel for the issuance of bond anticipation notes to replacement outstanding BAN's maturing January 27, 2004.

motion to accept by Butkowski, 2nd by Johnson

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Report is approved by a vote of six to zero.

4) FINANCE COMMITTEE ORAL REPORT Authorize the preparation of legislation by outside counsel for the issuance of bond anticipation notes, BAN's, in the amount of 2,757,000 dollars for the construction of a west Center Ridge sanitary sewer improvement.

motion to accept by Butkowski, 2nd by Swindig

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Committee Report is approved by a vote of six to zero.

QUESTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN REPORTS:

President Gillock: We have no written reports from the administration this evening. Mayor Hill has requested some time. I would like a motion to suspend By-Laws to allow the Mayor to speak.

motion by Swindig, 2nd by Olesen

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Motion is approved by a vote of six to zero.

President Gillock: Mayor Hill?

Mayor Hill: Thank you. Since this is my last Council meeting, I've asked for a few minutes to say a few thank yous. First, of course and more importantly, I want to publicly thank my family for always standing with me and encouraging me through two campaigns and eight years of public service as Mayor. Of course, I could add in the 26 years of public service in education, over two years as district director for Congressman Brown, so that, I guess, makes it over 36 years of public service. Next, the people I've had the pleasure of working with over those eight

years, I, like most people, have limited contact with City employees prior to being Mayor. However, the past eight years have taught me that the citizens of North Ridgeville are fortunate because they have some of the finest employees you can find anywhere, employees who sincerely care about improving the quality of life for the people of North Ridgeville. I also offer my gratitude to those who have served on City Council, those who served because they had the best interests of the City in their hearts and they voted that way. Finally, I think that most of our citizens know I've done my level best to be worthy of your respect and your support. Regardless of the fact that we often hear from the most unhappy and most vocal, the vast majority of the people of our community are wonderful folks who love this City and who have consistently been overwhelmingly kind to me. I thank you for allowing me to serve you. Thank you.

President Gillock: Mayor Hill, I would like to say thank you to you, also, for eight years as Mayor of North Ridgeville as this is your last Council meeting. Somewhere, I figured it out. You've been here on first and third Mondays for like, around 200 now and counting. Sometimes you and I agreed and sometimes we didn't but, as I told you this morning, I will always respect anyone that gets involved in public service in anyway and I think you deserve all of our thanks and appreciation for the sacrifices you have made and your efforts to move North Ridgeville forward and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, whatever they may be.

Mayor Hill: Thank you very much.

Council Member Swindig: Mr. Chairman, I was going to save this to the end but, it's been a pleasure working with the Mayor. She has moved this City ahead positively and I think we've had our differences but we worked them out and kept the City in best interest. She has received a lot of grants and a lot of money for this City. The residents thank her. Thank you.

President Gillock: Thank you, Mr. Swindig. Mr. Olesen.

Council Member Olesen: Just very briefly. You've said everything I wanted to say and I'd like to add that whatever your future endeavors are, we certainly wish you the best. Good luck in whatever you do except, if you run against a good republican that we like.

Mayor Hill: Well, too bad.

President Gillock: I would also like to extend my thanks to Mr. Johnson for his service also.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Auditor's Written Financial Report for October 2003

motion by Swindig, 2nd by Butkowski to approve

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Report is approved by a vote of six to zero.

OTHER REPORTS:

President Gillock: Please note:

Mayor's Court Operating Trust Fund/Bail Trust Fund Report for October 2003;

Water System Distribution Report for October 2003;

Fire Department Report for October 2003; and
Service Department Activity Report for October 27, 2003 through November 9, 2003.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

President Gillock: No old business. New business, T 135.

T 135-2003 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST CENTER RIDGE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR EASEMENTS, REMOVAL OF UTILITY POLES, AND VARIOUS OTHER EXPENSES, NOT TO EXCEED \$2,750,000.00.

motion by Swindig, 2nd by Olesen to suspend By-Laws to give this a first reading tonight

President Gillock: Is there any discussion on the suspension? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Motion is approved by a vote of six to zero.

T 136-2003 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIONS REPRESENTING CITY EMPLOYEES TO MAKE BENEFITS AND WAGES RETROACTIVE TO THE INITIAL DATE OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

motion by Swindig, 2nd by Johnson to suspend By-Laws to give this a first reading tonight

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? I will mention, we don't want to adopt either one of these ordinances which we just suspended. There's some outstanding issues on both of them.

For example, we have to get the BAN's done first. We can give them a first reading but, we really don't want to go any further with them than that this evening. No further discussion on T 136, on the suspension? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Motion is approved by a vote of six to zero.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Norris:

1) Received a memo from Mayor Hill submitting additional information to Council of supplemental safety measures necessary to implement a quiet zone.

2) Received a letter from Larry Harrison of Stoney Ridge Road regarding traffic signals and infrastructure related to growth in North Ridgeville and submitting his proposals for enactment of legislation to fund needed improvements to the infrastructure caused by development.

LOBBY:

President Gillock: We now come to the lobby portion of our meeting. Anyone is welcome to address Council. We ask that you use the lobby sign in sheets found in the back so we have information in case we need to respond. You'll be given three minutes and anyone that wishes to speak a second time can do so after everybody else has had their first opportunity.

1) Betty Van Meter of 36896 Chestnut Ridge Road extended her congratulations to everyone in the election. Spoke of travels on Bender Road and no signs to let cars know that the road was blocked at Melody Grove. Explained that she was directed through Melody Grove's parking lot and asked the worker if it was legal to use private property for a public thoroughfare. Stated that she called the Police Department and the dispatcher explained that they did not deal with such matters regarding road blocks and transferred her. Stated that she spoke to the Engineer's office and received a returned call from the Engineer's Office and stated that the developer had received permission from the property owner and explained that it was only for a short time in the morning and there was no need for a warning. Explained that she was on Bender Road at 2:00 P.M. and realized where the conversation was going so she hung up and called one of the owners of Melody Grove.

President Gillock: I'm sorry your three minutes are up.

motion by Butkowski to allow Mrs. Van Meter to continue, 2nd by Olesen

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Motion is approved six to zero.

President Gillock: You may continue.

Mrs. Van Meter thanked Council and continued by explaining that she had asked the owner of Melody Grove if permission was given to the City or the developer to use the parking lot as a thoroughfare for traffic and she was surprised that they had not asked her and would call to see if her sister gave permission. It was confirmed that neither owner gave permission to use Melody Grove's parking lot. Stated that all this took place Wednesday, November 12. Spoke of the City's finances and taxes. Stated that there are laws that should be adhered to by the citizens and by developers and if not adhered to, they should be cited and forced to pay fines.

President Gillock: Anyone wish to respond? Does anyone else wish to address Council? If not, the lobby portion is over. Recess.

motion by Pagel, 2nd by Butkowski to remove the recess from the agenda

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Motion is approved by a vote of six to zero.

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Norris:

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First Reading

SECOND READINGS:

THIRD READINGS:

T 91-2003 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1294.03(d) OF THE
REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, RELATING TO
3963-2003 DETACHED PRIVATE GARAGE.

Third Reading

motion by Olesen, 2nd by Butkowski to adopt

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 5 No, 1 (Swindig)

Clerk of Council Norris: Motion is approved by a vote of five to one and becomes permanent ordinance 3963-2003.

Permanent Ordinance No. 3693-2003

T 95-2003 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING A PENALTY SECTION TO
3964-2003 NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1444.17,
GRADING PLAN APPROVAL PRIOR TO BUILDING PERMIT ISSUANCE;
SEEDING AND MULCHING; CONFLICTS OF LAWS.

Third Reading

motion by Pagel, 2nd by Butkowski to adopt

President Gillock: Is there any discussion? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: T 95 is approved by a vote of six to zero becoming permanent ordinance 3964-2003.

Permanent Ordinance No. 3964-2003

T 125-2003 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NRCO CHAPTER 1294
3965-2003 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS BY ADDING A NEW SECTION.
Third Reading
motion by Pagel, 2nd by Olesen to adopt.
motion by Butkowski, 2nd by Johnson to amend paragraph B. to add the words
"shall be allowed"

President Gillock: Is there any discussion on the amendment? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: The amendment is approved by a vote of six to zero.

President Gillock: Is there any further discussion on the adoption? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: Motion is approved by a vote of six to zero. T 125 becomes
permanent ordinance 3965-2003.

Permanent Ordinance No. 3965-2003

T 126-2003 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NRCO SECTION 1286.09 GENERAL
3966-2003 PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL DISTRICTS BY ADDING A NEW
SUBSECTION.

Third Reading
motion by Olesen, 2nd by Pagel to adopt

President Gillock: Is there any discussion on the adoption? If not, please call the roll.

Yes, 6 No, 0

Clerk of Council Norris: T 126 is adopted by a vote of six to zero becoming permanent
ordinance 3966-2003.

Permanent Ordinance No. 3966-2003

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Gillock: Do we have any unfinished business? Mr. Swindig?

Council Member Swindig: I would like to see Mr. Harrison's letter be referred to Finance.

President Gillock: Fine. MR. HARRISON'S LETTER WILL BE REFERRED TO FINANCE
COMMITTEE. Any other items? Will the Clerk please read the committee meeting
announcements.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Clerk of Council Norris:

Next Council Work Session Monday, December 1, 2003 at 7:30 P.M.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, December 1, 2003 at 8:00 P.M.

There's a Buildings and Lands Committee meeting 7:30 P.M. November 18th.

There's a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd at 4:30 P.M.

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President Gillock: Any other announcements? This is my last meeting as Council President. I would like to thank Council for the opportunity to serve you for almost two years up here. Is there a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT:

motion to adjourn by Swindig
President Gillock: Meeting adjourned.

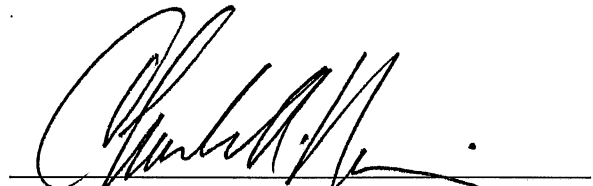
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

MOTION _____ Pagel _____ 2ND _____ Johnson _____ DATE _____ December 1, 2003 _____

YES _____ 4 _____ NO _____ 0 _____ ABSTAIN _____ 2 - Buescher, Arndt _____



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL