

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, September 19, 2022, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Also present were Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, City Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated September 6, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

LOBBY:

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address for the record. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

Center Ridge Sewer Project

Rudy Ringwall at 31966 Center Ridge Road, expressed his concern regarding the Center Ridge Sewer Project. Mr. Ringwall expressed that the paving job in the project was atrocious and he is disappointed that the City is accepting that type of work. He added that he reported a sinkhole that occurred at his cleanout to the Engineer's Office. He noted that Mr. Runyon did come out to look at the sinkhole and it was stated that the sinkhole is caused by the settling of the pipe. Mr. Ringwall would like to know what made the pipe settle. Mr. Ringwall remarked that this is an issue that needs to be investigated by the City and he has been contacting the Engineering Office but has not received a response.

City Engineer Rodriguez explained that he has been in response with Mr. Ringwall and will continue to do so.

Mr. Ringwall hoped the issue is investigated and fixed soon. He continued to express his feelings regarding the work ethic of the contractor and that the Engineering Office should be investigating the issue.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

{Clerk notes: The Safety Service Director and City Engineer went before the Mayor's report because the Mayor entered the meeting at 7:07 PM.}

Mayor Corcoran provided the following report.

- Remarked that on first readings, He would be requesting emergency passage on T 140-2022 an ordinance amending 5937-2022 to increase the previously approved amount of \$550,000 to \$590,000 for the full depth concrete pavement replacement project. He would like to move to add the emergency clause in order for the contractor to be paid in a timely manner.
- Added that the Service Department is finishing up the last of the 11 streets on this year's paving list - McKinley Street.
- Remarked that if residents have questions about Issue 6 and Issue 28 they could visit the city's website at nridgeville.org to print the flyer highlighting upcoming opportunities to engage with City and School officials, and learn more about these facility proposals.
- Announced that on Thursday, September 22, 2022, he would have his monthly coffee & conversation in Council Chambers from 8:30-9:30 AM.
- Added that the Senior Center is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 30, 2022, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Senior Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children 10 and under. Dinner included spaghetti and meatballs, a side salad, and bread - Soda and dessert are available for \$1 each. Dine in or take out. All proceeds benefit essential programs at the Senior Center and the North Ridgeville Lions Club sponsored the event.
- Remarked that on Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 PM until 2:00 PM at Fire Station #1, the Fire Department would be hosting the annual Safety & Health Fair. There would be food, bounce houses, face painting, and other fun activities for kids. In addition, there would be information tables on hand with fire safety and health tips for adults and children. Fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, and street department trucks would be on hand to tour and touch. Area medical helicopters are scheduled depending on the weather and emergency permitting. This is a free event.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Boose to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss public employment and the purchase or sale of land.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster explained that the Mayor had an opportunity to go to Pioneer Ridge to speak to a large crowd about One Vision and One North Ridgeville. He apologized for his absence. He added that the Service Department is at the end of asphaltting. They are currently on McKinley Street where the asphalt is needed to get the road straight.

Safety Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

3. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez reported the following.:

- Explained that there was a walkthrough with the contractor regarding Mr. Ringwall's concerns. The contractor is aware of the issues and planned to work on them in the near future.
- Announced that he would be resigning from the City of North Ridgeville as the City Engineer. The effective date of his resignation is October 3, 2022. He expressed that it was not an easy decision to make and enjoyed his five years with the City and Staff. His years with the City have been a very rewarding time in his career and managing a very successful team dedicated to producing quality capital improvement projects and delivering them in a timely manner and within budgetary constraints. Mr. Rodriguez thanked the staff in the Engineering Department for all their hard work and they deserve all the credit. He also thanked the Administration, the Mayor, and the City Council.

Engineer Rodriguez concluded his report.

4. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson discussed the following:

- T 139-2022 is a permanent appropriation that is needed to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations. She requested the City Council to adopt the legislation with the emergency clause.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

August 2022 Financial Report

5. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

July 2022 Mayor's Court Report
August 2022 Building Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Liquor Permit Request:

A request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a new permit request for
Between the Bun Bar and Grill, at 34445 Center Ridge Road.

(Council action required - move to not request a hearing so that this permit can be sent to the state
for final disposition by October 11, 2022)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to not request a hearing so that this permit can be sent
to the state for final disposition by October 11, 2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstained – 1 (Mr. Winkel)

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 139-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5889-2021 OF THE CITY OF NORTH
RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING
JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 139-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to adopt T 139-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 139- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5993-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 140-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5937-2022, WHICH AUTHORIZED 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 2022 FULL DEPTH CONCRETE PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, BY INCREASING THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT FROM \$550,000.00 TO \$590,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 140-2022.

Councilman Boose remarked that the concrete pad replacement is one of the key things that the City does every year for street improvements. He named some of the older streets and is glad the streets are appropriated to be repaired.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to complete the project before the winter.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 140-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 140- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5994-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 141-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE RELOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW INFLUENT SCREENING SYSTEM AT THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 142-2022 PID NO. 117554
ODOT PROJECT TITLE: MUNICIPAL BRIDGE
INSPECTION PROGRAM RENEWAL (2023)

AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GIVING LEGISLATIVE CONSENT FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 143-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH PLANNING NEXT FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE 2023 MASTER PLAN, NOT TO EXCEED \$157,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 130-2022 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 ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE ABANDONED GAS STATION PROGRAM GRANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 130-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that this is a grant that the City would be receiving to clean up the property at the southwest corner of State Route 83.

Councilman Boose wanted to know if the grant was a reimbursement grant.

Auditor Wilkerson explained that it was a reimbursement grant.

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 clean up the property of any environmental hazards.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 130-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 130- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5995-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 131-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE MEADOW LAKES SUBDIVISION NO. 12 AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 132-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE LIFESTYLES OF MEADOW LAKES SUBDIVISION NO. 1 AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 133-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE LIFESTYLES OF MEADOW LAKES SUBDIVISION NO. 2 AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 134-2022 AN ORDINANCE GIVING THE MAYOR THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ISOMER GROUP, INC., TO PAY THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE COSTS FOR THE TURNING/DECELERATION LANE AT THE INTERSECTION OF BAGLEY ROAD AND LORAIN ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,100.94.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 123-2022 A RESOLUTION REVISING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA REQUIREMENTS BY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 768-94.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 8/15/2022; Second Reading on 9/06/2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 123-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 123- 2022 becomes **Resolution number 1576-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 125-2022 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 EXTENSION OF CYPRESS AVENUE TO AN INTERSECTING POINT WITH LORAIN ROAD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 8/15/2022; Second Reading on 9/06/2022)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 125-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 125- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5996-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 126-2022 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 REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS AND OTHER APPURTENANCES ON STONEY RIDGE ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 8/15/2022; Second Reading on 9/06/2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to start this project sooner than the other two projects under T 125-2022 and T 129-2022.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 126-2022 with the emergency clause. Councilman Boose noted that the City has been very aggressive over the last several years in repairing the water mains that have a high propensity to have issues. This project would help with the issues.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 126- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5997-2022.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 129-2022 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 EXTENSION OF A WATER MAIN AND OTHER APPURTENANCES ON MILLS ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 8/15/2022; Second Reading on 9/06/2022)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to adopt T 129-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 129- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5998-2022.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

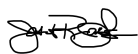
- The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
- The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

The City Council thanked Engineer Rodriguez for his service.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Approval of minutes on October 3, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL