

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2000**

President Brown: I'd like to call this Special Meeting of North Ridgeville City Council to order for the purpose of taking all necessary action relating to T 111-2000, an Ordinance and directing the submission to the electors of a proposal to amend Article IX of the Charter of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio by adding section 9.11. Roll call please, Mr. White.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council Members Larry Overby, Allen Swindig, Karen Borocz, Gail Minnick, Bernadine Butkowski, David Gillock and Jean Brown.
Also, present were Mayor Deanna Hill, Safety-Service Director Jim Johnson and Clerk of Council Jim White.

Council Clerk White: I will have the Third Reading of T 111-2000.

T111-2000 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE IX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, BY ADDING SECTION 9.11.

Third Reading

motion by Gillock to adopt, 2nd by Butkowski

President Brown: Discussion? Mr. Overby.

Council Member Overby: I understand that legally we have to do this because it is something we have to do. If it was done under different circumstances and for different reasons, I wouldn't have a problem in going along with this. I personally think it's politically motivated, especially with some of the remarks that were made at the last Council Meeting, and I think it's being done for totally the wrong reasons and I'm confident that the citizens of the City will see this and vote accordingly.

President Brown: Thank you. Yes, Mr. Swindig?

Council Member Swindig: Madam Chairman, I cannot support this being the reason I've had people coming to my house, calling me on the phone to say, well, we're not having building and these PCD's because they do not own the property and they are owned agricultural and they cannot build on an agricultural zoning. I told them that I'm sorry, they're wrong. You were told half truths. You were not told everything. When I explained it, they said, well, I think they lied to me. For that reason I cannot support it.

President Brown: Thank you, Mr. Swindig.

Council Member Borocz: Madam Chairman, I, too, am going to support this, but I have to say that I believe having sat through all the meetings that each and every one of us has, I've listened to every comment that is made by the group of people called STAMP and their other supporters. I've listened to the demands and the requests. When you asked us to repeal the legislation regarding the rezoning of Kingston Place, we did that. Now you're asking us to put on the ballot a Charter amendment that's going to hold future elections of PCD's a necessity. I just want each and every one of you to

remember that the cost of the Special Election is going to jeopardize street repair and/or repaving. Because of legal obligations, I will vote yes, and I pray that in November the residents will use their very astute common sense when voting. Thank you Madam Chairman.

President Brown: Thank you Mrs. Borocz. Any other comments? Mrs. Minnick?

Council Member Minnick: There will not be a special election, according to my understanding, this will be put on the general election on the ballot. Unlike the other three's opinion, I have had people call me very upset with the density, with not following the Master Plan. Mr. Crobaugh at the meeting on Tuesday night expressed his dismay at the lack of residential representation from this Council. It's my understanding that the people in this City had no other recourse but to do this. I wholeheartedly support voting for this because it is their City and they have a right to have a say on how it is built. Thank you.

President Brown: Anyone else wishing to speak. Mrs. Butkowski?

Council Member Butkowski: Madam President, I support this amendment. It is a general election. There will be a lot of people voting and that's what our country is based on, the right to express your opinion. That's how we were founded and if the people, almost 2000 people signed the petition, we have every right to put it on the ballot and give everyone a say so. We've had community meetings. People had a lot of opinions that could not voice them and now they have the right to voice it at the polls.

President Brown: Anyone else? Mr. Gillock?

Council Member Gillock: Might as well have my two cents.

President Brown: Might as well.

Council Member Gillock: Other than the half a dozen or so people consisting of STAMP or that might have spoke at lobby here, I've not had one individual express a comment to me that they are against Planned Community Developments. I've talked to a lot of people. The half a dozen or dozen or so that come here and are very vocal that insist that we listen to them seem to ignore the other hundreds of people out there that have opinions that don't necessarily come to Council. There's a lot of people that depend on us and rely on us to do our job. We have to pass this ordinance and get this on the ballot due to the Charter. However, my main concern is if it did pass we would not have Planned Community Developments. The developers would just not go that route. They would just build R-1. There would be no open space, there would be no sewers, there would be no roads, they would just build houses in the same checkerboard square that we have in most of the City now and there would be no room for the City to negotiate or get any amenities, work with them for turning lanes or open space or golf courses. None of that would exist. They just wouldn't build Planned Community Developments. They would just build R-1 under a cluster subdivision which would give them a lot about five feet larger than what a PCD allows. That's not good for the City.

President Brown: Thank you Mr. Gillock. I'd like to have a comment. I think I'm entitled to it. I agree with Mrs. Minnick. This is going on the general ballot. Election will be held in November, but if you read the amendment that they want to put in the Charter, it says that we will have election every time a PCD comes up or ten acres or more of commercial land. Can our City afford to have these elections every time someone wants to have ten acres or more of commercial land or wants to build a PCD. The people when they go to the election booth in November better remember that it's

going to cost our City so much money that we will not be able to go forward and have a Community Center, have good streets, or anything else that takes money.

Council Member Minnick: Madam President, it's my understanding that any of these things that would go to the ballot would go on to the general election in November. There would not be a special election. I personally feel that if the people are voting on it, the developers are going to make these PCD's more palatable. As for the Council doing their job, I don't think so. Council has not done their homework.. Tuesday night I asked some questions. Nobody could answer them. We rush through these things without giving them enough thought. Does anybody know how much it's going to cost the City to add more fire personnel, more fire trucks, another building to house these extra personnel? How about City services? What is it going to cost for City services? Has anybody checked into that? What about the Police force? Has anybody checked into that? I called today as Chairman of the Safety Committee. I have been calling around this week to our safety forces to try to find out how much it's going to cost us. No one has ever contacted them to find out how much it's going to cost. None of them. The City garage has no idea how many developments there are going to be. How many roads there are going to be to cover? I have these statistics on how long it takes a truck to plow. It takes two men three hours to plow north Mills Creek Lane, four hours to do south Mills Creek Lane. Has anybody dug into that? No. We just rush, rush, rush, rush, rush. Other cities take years.

Council Member Swindig: Madam Chairman, I call for the point.

President Brown: Thank you Mr. Swindig. We will have roll call please.

Council Clerk White: I would like the motion made for the emergency.

motion to add the emergency by Minnick, 2nd by Butkowski

President Brown: Do we have discussion again?

Council Clerk White: No. Why is there an emergency?

President Brown: Mr. Overby.

Council Member Overby: Due to the immediate need to comply with the petitions submitted on August 28, 2000, in accordance with Section 15.1 of the Municipal Charter of the City of North Ridgeville, Ohio, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, by filing the question on the Charter amendment to the Board of Elections on the sixtieth day prior to the next regular election which is September 8, 2000. Wherefor, this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Council Clerk White: Thank you.

Council Member Gillock: Madam Chairman, point of order. Don't we have to vote on the call to the question?

Council Clerk White: We should.

President Brown: Take roll call.

Council Member Overby: Yes

Council Member Swindig: No

Council Member Borocz: Yes

Council Member Minnick: Yes

Council Member Butkowski: Yes

Council Member Gillock: Point of Order. Mr. Swindig made the motion. He has to vote for the

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motion. The motion is, the motion to Call the Question, is to suspend debate on the motion.

President Brown: Does there have to be a second?

Council Member Gillock: Yes there does.

Council Member Minnick: I will second it to avoid confusion.

President Brown: Did you get that Mr. White?

Council Clerk White: Yes ma'am.

President Brown: Okay. Now, shall we take the vote again? Roll call.

Council Clerk White: I'll be glad to. Let me write this down.

motion by Swindig to suspend debate on the motion, 2nd by Minnick

Yes, 5 No, 1 (Gillock) Abstain, 1 (Swindig)

Council Clerk White: Motion carries.

President Brown: Now the emergency has been added, now we have to vote for the whole thing.

Council Clerk White: Now we vote on the emergency. Yes ma'am.

Yes, 6 No, 1 (Swindig)

Council Clerk White: Motion carries six, one. Now on the adoption.

Yes, 6 No, 1 (Swindig)

Council Clerk White: Motion carries six, one. T 111-2000 becomes Ordinance No. 3605-2000 with emergency.

Permanent Ordinance No. 3605-2000

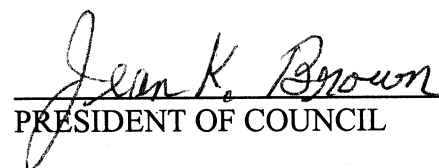
Council Member Swindig: Madam Chairman, let me explain the abstention vote. According to our Rules and Regulations, an abstention vote is neither a yes or a no vote.

motion by Overby to adjourn, 2nd by Borocz

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 P.M.

MOTION Swindig 2ND Borocz DATE September 18, 2000

YES 6 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL