

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, August 1, 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, and Georgia Awig.

Councilman Martin DeVries was excused.

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 July 18, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Tax Abatement Review Board Meeting Minutes dated April 25, 2022
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes July 12, 2022
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 25, 2022

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 Road Sewer Project

Rudy Ringwall, at 31966 Center Ridge Road, addressed the poor paving job on the Center Ridge Road Sewer Project. Mr. Ringwall thanked Councilman Winkel and the Councilmembers for listening to the resident's concerns regarding the project. He was told by Mr. Rodgriuez that one lateral patch would be repaved and the other two would not because they are fine. He added that there are vehicles that are larger than cars that travel over the patches and it is loud when bigger vehicles travel over it. The patches in front of houses #31966 and #32000 are too low. He added that 80% of the patches from this project are low and should be repaved. Mr. Ringwall expressed that the work should be completed by the contractor. He described the paving issues and explained that they would cause issues in the future. Mr. Ringwall requested the City to make sure the lateral patches are repaved and brought up to Ohio Department Of Transportation (ODOT) standards. He would like the roads to stay in good condition.

Russel Ringwall, at 31922 Center Ridge Road, reiterated what Rudy Ringwall expressed. He hoped the specific State guidelines are being followed. He agreed with Mr. Rudy Ringwall's concerns.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

The City received a Proclamation from Brian Thunberg, RITA Representative, for being one of the founding members of the Reginal Income Tax Agency (RITA). RITA is celebrating 50 years of serving municipalities and their municipal taxpayers with their tax services. Mr. Thunberg explained their service and subpoena programs.

Auditor Wilkerson expressed her appreciation for Mr. Thunberg for all that he do for the City Auditor and Treasurer.

Mayor Corcoran requested an emergency passage on T 119-2022 an ordinance to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the construction of the new police station. He would like to move to dispense the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to move the project forward. Also under first readings is T 120-2022 - a resolution accepting funds from the Ohio Department of Development through the abandoned gas station cleanup grant program for \$250,000. He would like to move to dispense the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to meet the Ohio Department of Development's project deadline to move forward with the project.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the Service Department is doing a great job with paving this year. They are currently paving Harris Drive this week and would move over to Gail Drive next. Residents could visit the city's website at nridgeville.org for the most up-to-date schedule.

Mayor Corcoran announced that the 47th annual Corn Festival is held on Bainbridge Road between Route 83 and Root Road from Friday, August 12, 2022, through Sunday, August 14,

2022. There would be plenty of activities from live entertainment, fireworks, food vendors, a grande parade, and much more. He advised everyone to stop by the One Vision One North Ridgeville booth at the festival to find out more about the joint facilities project with the City and the Schools. The schedule of events is on the Corn Festival's website at nrcornfest.org.

Mayor Corcoran added that a Primary Election is on August 2, 2022, from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Mr. Armbruster hoped that everyone goes out to vote at the Primary Election on August 2, 2022.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez remarked the following.:

- The Mills Creek Condo Water Main Project is complete and the condos have been switched over to the new service.
- Lorain Road Water Main Extension is completed and tested. Some of the services have been reinstated to some of the businesses. The other businesses should be completed the week of August 8, 2022. Restoration work has begun on the site, and should be done by the end of August 2022.
- Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Project – Sanitary manholes are being vacuumed and tested.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson had no reports this evening.

E. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

July 2022 Parks and Recreation Director's Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 119-2022 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 CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE NEW POLICE STATION AND REAL ESTATE INTERESTS NECESSARY FOR THE SITE, NOT TO EXCEED \$11,650,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 119-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the designs for the new Police Station took some time and they are completed. The designs are ready to go out for bid.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to move forward with the project and for the health, wealth, and safety of the community.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to adopt T 119-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 119-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5977-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 120-2022 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE ABANDONED GAS STATION CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 120-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the property that is mentioned in the legislation is at the corner of Center Ridge Road and State Route 83. There was a gas station before and there was work done on the area, but it is believed that there is still some contamination in the ground. The grant would give the City the ability to investigate the issue and clean the area up.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to apply for the grant.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 120-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 120-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1574-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 121-2022 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 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran explained that the project was discussed during appropriations and money was moved around to accommodate the project. Mayor Corcoran added that they would like to get the project done before the end of the year, so he would be requesting an emergency at the next meeting.

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 122-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PENALTY SECTION OF N.R.C.O. SECTION 432.30(g)(1), STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS.

(Introduced by Councilwoman Swenk)

Mayor Corcoran explained that the schools open in the middle of August and the City would like to get this legislation passed with an emergency at the next meeting.

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 115-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE STONEY RIDGE ROAD, MILLS ROAD, AND AVALON DRIVE ROUNDABOUT PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,487,500.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 7-18-2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

THIRD READINGS:

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Winkel to suspend the bylaws to read T 98-2022 through T 104-2022 by title only.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 98-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1210 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 7/05/2022; Second Reading on 7/18/2022; Public Hearing on 8-01-2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 98-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 98-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5978-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 99-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1242 ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 7/05/2022; Second Reading on 7/18/2022; Public Hearing on 8-01-2022)

Moved by Awig and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 99-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 99-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5979-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 100-2022 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 1243 PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 7/05/2022; Second Reading on 7/18/2022; Public Hearing on 8-01-2022)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt T 100-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 100-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5980-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 101-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1244 BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 7/05/2022; Second Reading on 7/18/2022; Public Hearing on 8-01-2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt T 101-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 101-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5981-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 102-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1246 AMENDMENTS OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 7/05/2022; Second Reading on 7/18/2022; Public Hearing on 8-01-2022)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 102-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 102-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5982-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 103-2022 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 1247 CONDITIONAL USES OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 7/05/2022; Second Reading on 7/18/2022; Public Hearing on 8-01-2022)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt T 103-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 103-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5983-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 104-2022 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 1444.10, 1444.20, 1444.25(G) AND 1444.25(H) OF THE BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE AND ESTABLISHING A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR VARIOUS ZONING-RELATED APPLICATIONS AND REVIEWS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 7/05/2022; Second Reading on 7/18/2022; Public Hearing on 8-01-2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 104-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 104-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5984-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Monday, August 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Councilman Jacobs reminded everyone that Tuesday, August 2, 2022, is an election day, He asked everyone to get out and exercise their right to vote.

Councilman Winkel remarked that the legislation T 98-2022 through T 104-2022 were discussed in length at a joint Planning and Building and Lands work session. A lot of the work has been done by the Planning and Economic Development Director. He thanked the Planning and Economic Development Director, Kim Lieber.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of minutes on August 15, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL