

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Monday, November 20, 2017 Council meeting.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Gregg Westover, Dennis Boose, Bruce Abens, Robert Chapek, Roseanne Johnson, Bernadine Butkowski and President Kevin Corcoran.

Also present was Mayor G. David Gillock, Assistant Law Director Toni Morgan, Auditor Jeffrey Wilcheck, City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez and Deputy Clerk of Council Donna Tjotjos.

**MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:**

President Corcoran: You have before you the public hearing minutes regarding Meadow Lakes 14 dated November 6, 2017. Are there any objections or corrections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

Also, you have before you the City Council meeting minutes of November 6, 2017. Are there any objections or corrections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

**LOBBY:**

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to bifurcate the lobby session.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: The first lobby session is now open and is for the items that are on the agenda this evening. If you would like to address Council or Administration on any of those items, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. If you have another item you would like to speak about, we will have a second lobby session toward the end of the meeting. Is there anybody that would like to address an agenda item at this point? Seeing none, we will move on to Administrator's reports. Mr. Mayor, you are up first.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Thank you Mr. President. First, the Safety-Service Director, Mr. Armbruster is on vacation and so he has an excused absence this evening.

City Hall offices will be closed this Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. It is one of my favorite holidays because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your loved ones.

Join me next Tuesday, November 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall for my monthly coffee & conversation. This is a great way for you to ask questions or just listen in on what's happening in the City with upcoming projects.

The North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau is sponsoring their annual Holiday on the Ridge on Saturday, December 2. The self-guided tour takes you to multiple craft shows, business open houses and special events. Don't forget at 5:00 p.m. at South Central Park Gazebo, the annual tradition of lighting the community Christmas tree. The high school choir will lead the spectators in festive songs of the season as local scouts decorate the tree and I'll be on hand to flip the switch. For more information, stop by City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce to pick up a brochure which has all the locations in it or visit the City's website for more details.

Now, I would like to ask John Butkowski to come forward for a special presentation.

Mr. John Butkowski with the North Ridgeville Corn Festival explained that every year, the Corn Festival donates back to the community. They start out with \$2,000 in scholarships for high school seniors. Then they look at the City and organizations that could use some help. This year, during the Corn Festival he spoke with Chief Freeman regarding any needs they may have that they did not have in the budget. He explained that they could use flotation devices as there are many times that an officer will be a first responder to the many retention basins and ponds within the city. The Corn Festival Committee met and voted to present forty-three personal flotation devices to the Police Department.

Mayor Gillock: Thank you John. That is very much appreciated and I extend that appreciation to the Corn Festival Committee. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mayor.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** Absent.

President Corcoran: Mr. Engineer.

**C. Engineer:** Thank you Mr. President. Tonight I just have a couple of things I wanted to bring up. All day Saturday, we had a rain event. There was two and a half inches of rainfall throughout the day and into the evening, which then turned to snow. I received some calls on

some of the correspondence that I received personally, but what I gathered so far and what I have heard was that a lot of the calls were due to leaves over catch basins, which are pretty easy to clear if some of the residents are vigilant. There were a number of calls for that and there were also some dry-pipe culverts that were plugged. Those are two things that residents can be a little proactive and help out a little bit. Dumping leaves in road side ditches is going to eventually cause these dry-pipes and culverts to plug. Not only dry-pipes but other culverts and so they are only going to back up onto your property and cause problems. If anyone sees anything like that, call it in or go out and rake them off and clean them up because it will help everyone.

The Engineering office has been working together with the Administration, the Auditor's office and other offices in putting together some pieces of the capital improvement budget which one of the biggest projects is going to be the Center Ridge Road project for next year. We have also been working on our own department budget in trying to man all these projects that the City has and man them appropriately. Those highlights will be discussed during upcoming Finance Committee meetings.

Engineering has completed reviews of Waterbury 9 and Meadow Lakes 15. The comments to those have been returned to the developer's engineers. K. Hovnanian has stated that they will be submitting two more subdivisions in the hopper early 2018 and I'm assuming there will be more to come from other developers and entities. We are going to have at least five to ten under construction at the same time.

If there is anything in particular or a particular project that Council or anyone would like to know more about that I'm not currently updating on, you can send me an email. My address and the link is on the website and I am pretty responsive to that or if not, I can at least address it here at the Council meetings and I would be happy to report on anything I have information on or answer any questions that I can pertaining to projects that are going on. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Auditor.

**D. Auditor:** Thank you Mr. President. I have one item for this evening and I wanted to point out that the monthly financial report was sent out last week. If there are any questions, I will do my best to answer them. The other item that is on tonight is T 99. It is an Ordinance that sets aside the recently enacted \$5.00 permissible motor vehicle license fee that was done in 2015. It sets that aside to pay the debt that is being incurred for the Center Ridge project. Once that debt is paid off, the \$5.00 will revert back to the permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund and be used for road improvements. The Ordinance is only setting it aside a little further to pay the debt and that is an allowable expenditure by statute for those dollars. That concludes my report.

**E. Other Reports:** President Corcoran: We have the October 2017 Fire Department report, the October 2017 Support Car report and the October 2017 Water Distribution report.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

A letter was received from Joe Masso of 8938 Longbrook Drive commending Joe Voros of the Building Department for his kindness and professional conduct.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Westover to dispense with the recess.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: That has been passed and recess is skipped. First readings, T 99.

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)**

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

**T 99-2017** AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX IMPOSED IN ORDINANCE 5205-2015 TO THE REPAYMENT OF DEBT FOR THE CENTER RIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

**(Introduced by Councilwoman Johnson)**

President Corcoran: Moving on to second readings, we have T 79.

**SECOND READINGS:**

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

**T 79-2017** A RESOLUTION REVISING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA REQUIREMENTS BY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 768-94, SECTION 4.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 09/05/2017; Referred to Finance on 09/05/2017; Finance on 10/16/2017; Report accepted on 11/06/2017)**

President Corcoran: T 84.

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

**T 84-2017** A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN APPLICATION FOR TAX INCENTIVE IN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 14 CREATED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE RESOLUTION NO. 768-94, BY RLG CLEVELAND, LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 10/02/2017; Referred to Finance on 10/02/2017; Finance on 10/16/2017; Report accepted on 11/06/2017)**

President Corcoran: T 95.

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

**T 95-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 884 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §5739.09(B)(3) TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL THREE PERCENT TAX ON TRANSACTIONS FOR TRANSIENT GUESTS AT A HOTEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM IN THE CITY.  
**(Introduced by Councilwoman Butkowski; First reading 11/06/2017)**

President Corcoran: That was the end of second readings. We are now moving on to third readings.

**THIRD READINGS:**

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos:

**T 76-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5394-2016 DEDICATION OF LAND FOR PUBLIC USE; EASEMENTS; ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS AND UTILITIES BY ADDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTERS 1282, 1280, 1279 AND 1273 TO ITS PROVISIONS.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 09/05/2017; Referred to B&L on 09/05/2017; B&L on 10/02/2017; Report accepted on 10/16/2017; Second reading 11/06/2017)**

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 76-2017.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Deputy Clerk of Council Tjotjos: The motion carries and becomes **Ordinance number 5495-2017.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Corcoran: We have Finance Committee meetings to discuss the 2018 budget on November 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and November 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Our next City Council meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

**LOBBY SESSION:**

President Corcoran: At this point, the second lobby is open if you would like to address Council or the Administration. Please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record and you will be given three minutes to speak on the topic of your choice. Would anybody like to do so?

Albert Krage, 37903 Sugar Ridge Road: spoke regarding his belief in the overburdening of our town with homes being built everywhere. The road traffic is becoming congested. He spoke regarding the need for more safety services because of it being overburdened. He spoke of the truck route and asked if the City will be able to maintain all the roads because of the truck route that is planned in the Master Plan. He noted that Maddock Road is falling apart with a big hole falling off the embankment right by the railroad tracks. He also added that there is a beaver living in the creek by Maddock Road creating problems. He again spoke about the traffic and asked that the construction of housing slow down. He spoke about the semi-trucks traveling on a no-truck roadway on Sugar Ridge Road.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Westover to allow Mr. Krage an additional three minutes to speak.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. All those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Mr. Krage stated that he spoke with an Estes truck driver and then spoke with the Estes Terminal Manager about the issue and gave him all the truck numbers. Richard's Tree Service from Elyria came through there with a heavy load. Police patrol during the day has been backed off which is understandable. He asked for additional signs. He also recommended that the stop light on 83 and Chestnut be staggered and change the traffic pattern. He is aware that it is a State Route.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else?

Jonathon Tipple, 36655 Chestnut Ridge Road: stated he was on his way home from work on Tuesday and a BFI truck went down Chestnut Ridge and lost a bunch of garbage off the top of his truck. A North Ridgeville police officer, Brandon Mundell, took the time to pick up the trash. Mr. Tipple commended the Police Department.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Corcoran: Anybody else? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approval of minutes on December 4, 2017:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL