

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

President Corcoran called the Monday, August 20, 2018 Council meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Corcoran.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Dennis Boose, Robert Chapek, Martin DeVries, Michelle Hung, President Kevin Corcoran, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens and Gregg Westover.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Auditor Jeff Wilcheck, City Engineer Daniel Rodriguez and Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Corcoran asked for any corrections to the public hearing minutes of August 6, 2018 regarding Meadow Lakes 15. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Corcoran asked for any corrections to the public hearing minutes of August 6, 2018 regarding Lifestyles at Meadow Lakes No. 2. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Corcoran asked for any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of August 6, 2018. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Corcoran noted Council received the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of July 26, 2018, the Employee's Safety Committee meeting minutes of July 26, 2018, the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of July 25, 2018, the Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 14, 2018 and the Utilities Committee meeting minutes of August 6, 2018.

LOBBY:

President Corcoran opened the lobby session. He stated there will be just one 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 each person will be given three minutes to speak.

Ronald Devine, 8880 Diane Dr.: stated he experienced water in his neighborhood. He noted this has been an ongoing problem since 2013. He asked that something be done to alleviate the

flooding and asked why it continued to happen. He felt something had to be wrong with the sewers. He was told backflows are not permitted in the homes.

Mayor Gillock stated the City Engineer did take a look at this area. He noted the six inches of rain that did come down last week in a very short period of time.

Engineer Rodriguez stated there was roughly five inches of rain that fell within an hour. The band of showers hit Mr. Devine's area very hard. The City received several calls from that area. Engineer Rodriguez stated the sanitary and storm sewers have been looked at and are clean. They did discover that many downspouts of the homeowners are tied into the ground and go somewhere. The sanitary is not designed to carry storm water. It is designed to carry toilet flushes, showers and laundry. That is a private plumbing issue.

Mayor Gillock stated residents are permitted to have backflow prevention in the home. He noted he will have a discussion with Bramhall Engineering to look at the issue again. There were some blockages in the Harris Ditch that were cleared out, but it would not cause this kind of flooding. He advised Mr. Devine to check where his gutters are going.

Councilman Boose asked if the Engineering Department or Street Department could reach out to the residents, as was done in the past, to see if residents had their spouts going down into the gutters to see if that was the issue.

Engineer Rodriguez stated he was too short staffed to do that. He stated a private plumbing contractor could be contacted by the residents.

Mayor Gillock stated on an individual basis the Street Department could look, but this is an issue of the private property owner.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated he spoke to a few individuals that indicated they did not have sump pumps in their basement. He suggested residents install one. He also advised people disconnect their downspouts into the yard so the water isn't going into the basements. There will be cleanup near the soccer fields in a small drainage ditch which will help give relief to the Harris and Diane Drive areas.

Councilman DeVries stated much of the flooding on Harris Drive was from the Harris Ditch. He asked if the ditch could be dredged and cleaned.

Mayor Gillock stated it is on their list and he believed it was already started.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated they have not been out there yet due to vacations, but they will get out there as soon as possible. He noted the City wants to do it right with the properly trained staff to do it correctly.

Mr. Devine stated the dumpsters that were brought out to the subdivision for those that were flooded are being filled with other people's trash.

Mayor Gillock stated those dumpsters have been in place for a week and they should have been utilized by now. They will be removed soon.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated if Mr. Devine sees someone dumping into the dumpsters by people that don't live there, call the Police Department.

President Corcoran reminded Mr. Devine that this was not a back and forth session. The lobby session is designed for residents to bring their concerns forward. He asked if anyone else carried to speak.

Tom Rowe, 8839 Harris Dr.: stated three of his neighbors have sump pumps and they flooded. He noted that the answer is not sump pumps. He felt that the mass development of homes is the real problem that is causing the flooding in his area. He noted he does not have a sump pump.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Mayor Gillock stated the Service Department is continuing to prep and mill in the Mills Creek development on Leafy Mill Lane, Fern Tree Lane and Gate Moss Oval with paving to follow. The streets should be completed by the end of this month, subject to weather.

Mayor Gillock stated the next coffee and conversation is Thursday, August 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Mayor Gillock stated the last movie of the season will be held at South Central Park gazebo at dusk Friday, August 24. The feature movie will be "Black Panther."

Mayor Gillock stated on Friday, August 31, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the gazebo "Jam Machine" will be performing.

The movies and concert series are subject to cancellation because of weather conditions. For updates, visit the Parks & Recreation Department Rainout Line Tab on their webpage, call the Rainout Line at (440) 210-6226 or download the free Rainout Line app.

Mayor Gillock reminded everyone that the first day of school is August 29 and to be cautious while driving near schools.

Mayor Gillock noted that City Hall offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

B. Safety-Service Director: Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the City has been working with the State of Ohio and gridSMART to install cameras for traffic. The camera that

was on Ranger Way last spring will be reinstalled for traffic control. It will be the only one that is automated on Center Ridge Road. The others are temporary lights. The City hopes the state will approve nine cameras for Center Ridge Road. It assists in investigations, traffic flow and crime. These are not installed for speed. This will save the project \$400,000. Ranger Way will be managed by gridSMART beginning on August 23rd.

Councilman Boose asked if the camera manages the flow of traffic.

Engineer Rodriguez stated it detects cars and assists in keeping traffic flowing. There is video detection. He noted that it alleviated a lot of backed up traffic in the spring.

Councilman Boose stated he disagreed. He further asked if it could be monitored in the beginning because it was backed up south on Jaycox all the way to Leslie.

Councilman Chapek stated on Pitts Boulevard, the turning lane was taken out and the area becomes backed up; he wondered if that area could have restricted school traffic between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Engineer Rodriguez stated there was a traffic study completed and the determination was made to remove the turning lane. He felt it would be better once Center Ridge is five lanes.

C. Engineer: Engineer Rodriguez stated the I-480 EB and Lorain Road Signal Upgrade Project has begun and lane closures will be through the duration of the project. Lane closures will make travel in and around this area difficult during rush hour traffic. The work will continue for up to eight weeks. All left hand turns will be eliminated. Drivers will need to enter the businesses off of Cook Road.

Engineer Rodriguez reported on the US 20/Center Ridge Road Widening Project. He stated Olive Ave. is closed permanently. The intersection closure is being performed per plan. Olive Ave. is being turned into a Cul-de-Sac. Residents and customers of Dr. Firas Atassi will have to utilize Wallace Ave to Garden Street to Olive Ave. for access. There are detour signs posted. Traffic has flipped to the south side of US 20. Crews have started to install the waterline on the north side of Center Ridge Road from Emerald Dr. toward the east.

Engineer Rodriguez stated that traffic has flipped over to the west side of Lear Nagle Road. The current traffic configuration will remain the same until further notice.

Engineer Rodriguez stated in regard to the French Creek Bridge construction, crews finished installing sections of the new box culvert. The contractor will allow the City to have some of the sandstone to keep.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the Boulder Drive water main project has been put out for bids. Construction should begin end of September or beginning of October.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the City water tower will be recoated this fall. The work is scheduled to start September 10th and should last about forty-five days.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the City received one bid for the Luanne Drive pump station project from Nerone and Sons. The pumps are eight to twelve weeks on order. The construction may be delayed due to the ordering of the pumps.

The City did receive localized flooding on August 7 and 8. Some areas saw up to six inches of water. The City will continue to investigate these events.

D. Auditor: Auditor Wilcheck stated Council received the July 2018 Financial report on Friday. T 93-2018 is a supplemental appropriation. He noted the memo he sent last week had a typo referencing an old T number. He explained the main item in the appropriation was the overtime in the Service Department which was used in the plowing season earlier this year. He noted \$15,000 to cover damages for the FLSA overtime issue. He noted additional money for the paving program this year as well as money not budgeted for debt coverage. He also noted increased costs for maintenance and repair of vehicles.

E. Other Reports: President Corcoran noted Council received the August 2018 Parks and Recreation Director's report, the July 2018 Fire Department report, the July 2018 Police Support Car report and the July 2018 Water Distribution reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission action(s) taken at the August 14, 2018 meeting:

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

APPLICANT: Joshua Baughman, Vans Tire Pros of North Ridgeville, 37775 Center Ridge Road

OWNER: 37775 Property LLC, 37775 Center Ridge Road

LOCATION: 37775 Center Ridge Road in a B-3/R-1 District

REQUEST: Approval to construct a 40x40 foot building addition and a separate 16x4 foot addition on an existing commercial building; Parcel No. 07-00-034-000-133

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0-1

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to approve the Planning Commission action.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions.

Councilwoman Hung stated one member abstained due to business conflicts.

President Corcoran took a voice vote and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President Corcoran noted the action has been approved.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

APPLICANT: Joe Molnar, Bob Schmitt Homes, Inc., 9095 Gatestone Road

OWNER: Same

LOCATION: Extension of Longbrook Drive, Ridgefield Subdivision No. 15 in an R-1 District

REQUEST: Final plat approval of Ridgefield Subdivision No. 15; Parcel Nos. 07-00-001-000-380, 07-00-001-000-329, and 07-00-001-000-332

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0

Moved by Abens and seconded by DeVries to approve the Planning Commission action.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions.

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call a roll vote.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet took a roll vote and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Corcoran)

RECESS:

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

President Corcoran took a voice vote and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 92-2018 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 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND COLLECTION AND PROCESSING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR EACH RESIDENTIAL UNIT WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by President Corcoran to dispense with the second and third readings for T 92-2018.

President Corcoran asked the Mayor to explain.

Mayor Gillock stated this was for the trash collection currently with Republic Service. The City had been with them for ten years to include a five year extension. It was originally a five year contract. They usually kept the rate solid and didn't enforce rate increases at times. He noted he has concerns about the renewal. There is currently a problem in China where about forty percent of the recyclables are sent to China. China is trying to clean up their problems and they have lowered the contamination to a very low percentage. Mayor Gillock stated some of the trash haulers have stated the percentage was an unattainable number. There are bails of recyclables in Lorain County. Mayor Gillock stated he has a lot of concern about what kind of bids the City will receive. The emergency clause is not needed, but he would like to get moving.

Councilman Boose asked if the contract will come back to Council after bids.

Mayor Gillock stated no.

Councilman Boose stated the reason he asks was because in the past the City was able to negotiate leaf pickup and Muirwood Village receptacles had special language in the contract as well.

Mayor Gillock stated this is how the City handles all contracts. The City will negotiate the best contract they can. North Ridgeville will be like the test case since the issue with China began. He noted he has no problem sharing the contract with Council.

Councilman Boose stated he would like to see leaf pickup and Muirwood Village in the contract.

Mayor Gillock stated Muirwood Village was negotiated after the contract was in place and the City has always had leaf pickup.

Councilman Boose stated he just wanted to make certain Muirwood Village was included in the contract.

Mayor Gillock stated he just wants to get a contract.

President Corcoran stated this has been a challenge in Cleveland for a few months. They are actually fining people for putting recycling in the wrong bins.

Councilman DeVries asked if there was an assessment done to determine if the current contract is sufficient for residents. He noted he is always holding bulk items. He asked if some months there could be two bulk pickups.

Mayor Gillock stated he could ask but he felt it was unlikely. Republic only has a certain number of trucks.

Councilman DeVries asked if there was an option to have an additional can.

Mayor Gillock stated yes but it will cost the resident.

President Corcoran took a voice vote on the motion to dispense with the second and third reading for T 92 and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Hung to adopt T 92-2018.

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call the roll vote.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet stated the motion carried and becomes **Ordinance number 5569-2018.**

Yes – 7 No - 0

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 93-2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5497-2017 OF
THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018
AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third reading for T 93-2018.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions.

Councilman Boose asked if the additions to the budget came from the General Fund or some contingency set aside.

Auditor Wilcheck stated it was the additional amount he would need for the rest of the year.

Mayor Gillock stated it comes from different places, but the majority comes from increases in the Street Levy which is from the property tax. The paving budget was \$35,000 short. This would not allow them to pave Leslie. In other places it was saved money or taken from the General Fund.

Councilman Boose stated that was what he wanted to understand.

President Corcoran took a voice vote on the dispensing of the second and third readings and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 93-2018.

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to T 93-2018 for the health, safety and welfare of the residents and to make certain that enough money is available to spend when needed.

President Corcoran took a voice vote on the emergency clause and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

President Corcoran asked the Clerk to call the roll vote on the adoption of T 93-2018 with the emergency clause.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet took a roll call vote and the motion carried. T 93-2018 becomes **Ordinance number 5570-2018.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 53-2018 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 440.17, THROUGH TRUCKS PROHIBITED; LOAD LIMITS.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 05/07/2018; Referred to Streets, Sidewalks and Bridges on 05/07/2018; SSB on 05/21/2018; Report accepted on 06/04/2018; SSB on 07/16/2018; Report accepted on 08/06/2018)

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Boose to amend T 53-2018 by substitution.

President Corcoran noted what was being amended was Section 1, the words “gross vehicle weight as defined at N.R.C.O. Section 402.17” was added.

President Corcoran asked for any comments or questions.

Councilman Boose thanked the resident participation on T 53.

President Corcoran took a voice vote on the motion and it carried. T 53-2018 has been amended by substitution.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet:

T 91-2018 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO TRANSFER A REMNANT PARCEL OF LAND TO THE RINI REALTY COMPANY.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 08/06/2018)

THIRD READINGS: None.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran stated the next regular Council meeting will be on **TUESDAY**, September 4, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Approval of minutes on September 4, 2018:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL