

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:31 P.M.

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Tuesday, September 5, 2017 Council meeting.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Robert Chapek was excused.

Also present was Mayor G. David Gillock, Law Director Andrew Crites, Auditor Jeffrey Wilcheck, Assistant City Engineer Cathy Becker and Clerk of Council Tara L. Peet.

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

President Corcoran: You have before you the Committee of the Whole minutes of August 21, 2017 regarding T 51-2017. Are there any objections or corrections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved. You also have the City Council meeting minutes of August 21, 2017. Are there any objections or corrections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note we received the Civil Service Commission minutes of August 15, 2017, the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals minutes of August 24, 2017, the Employee Safety Committee minutes of August 24, 2017 and the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of July 26, 2017.

**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 – 6

No – 0

We are going to have two lobby sessions this evening. The first session will be for items that are on the agenda. The second will be for anything you would like to address with Council in general. If you would like to speak, please step up to the podium. Make certain you complete a lobby sheet in the back of the room if you choose to speak. You will be given three minutes to

speak. Would anybody like to speak? Seeing none we will move on to the Administrator's reports. Mayor, you are up first.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Thank you Mr. President.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to adjourn into executive session at the recess portion of the meeting to discuss the purchase and/or sale of City property.

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

Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries, 6-0.

Mayor Gillock: Congratulations to the North Ridgeville Fire Department on receiving a three-year accreditation from CAAS, the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services. This is a big deal. This is a gold standard for ambulance standards. Our fire department is now one of one hundred and seventy CAAS accredited emergency medical services in North America and one of only five in the state of Ohio. This demonstrates our commitment to patient care and the safety of our community. Congratulations to Chief Reese and the fire department on a job well-done! They actually had a perfect score on the exam.

Our Service Department crews are continuing to whittle away at the list of twenty-two streets to be paved this season. This week, they'll be paving Denny, Grant, Timothy and Wainwright. Once these four streets are completed, there are eight remaining streets on the list yet to be completed this paving season.

Columbia Gas notified the City that they'll be surveying the main gas line along streets and service line on properties up to the meter. The meter is on the side of your house so they will be in your yard. They will be using light surveying and measuring equipment to conduct their work. You may see Columbia Gas vehicles, employees and contractors on your property during this process. Columbia Gas expects to complete their work in our area by the end of 2017. Feel free to ask for identification from Columbia Gas or one of their contractors: Recon, Utilquest LLC, and Woolpert. They should be in uniform and have ID badges. If you have any questions, contact Columbia Gas Customer Service at 1-800-344-4077.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that students will be returning to school tomorrow, September 6. Please drive safely and watch out for children walking and biking to school. You'll certainly see an increase in school traffic and busses on the road. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

You'll also see school traffic and busses entering and exiting from the newly constructed Jaycox Road extension, known as Ranger Way, out to Center Ridge Road. This new road is intended only for school traffic allowing access to the newly opened North Ridgeville Academic Center. This road is not a thru street and ends at the school entrance.

At this time, I would like to introduce Tony Ramos from NOPEC. Last year Tony was here, or NOPEC was here and we recognized Tissy Simon as an Administrative Assistant. Tonight, we would like to make another special recognition. I, as a member of the NOPEC Board, made the recommendation but we did work with Kevin Corcoran and the person we are going to recognize is a direct employee of the Council. I want to add Kevin into this nominating procedure and turn it over to Tony Ramos from NOPEC.

Tony Ramos stated in 2016 an executive assistant program was established. Mr. Ramos stated he was a former Clerk of a City Council. Mr. Ramos presented a certificate which stated by Mayor Gillock that "Tara has proved herself an invaluable resource to the City and routinely takes on additional responsibilities as needed. She is an asset to both Council and the Administration. She is a pleasure to work with."

Mr. Ramos presented a gift bag and certificate to Ms. Peet.

Mayor Gillock: That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mayor. Mr. Safety-Service Director.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** As the Mayor suggested and pointed out, Ranger Way will be open tomorrow morning but those of you that do use it for school traffic, not cross thru. That is not what it is intended to be. There will be construction workers still there tomorrow working on landscaping. They are not going to start immediately so school traffic can get by. There will be people working there. Be careful when you are driving there. We have a brand new sidewalk that is over there and goes to Center Ridge Road. Be careful. They were painting it tonight. They are painting the striping and the striping will be painted in the permanent way as Center Ridge Road is prepared.

Secondly, the roundabout is moving along. First Energy has been there since last week moving the poles and relocating them trying to get it out of the way of the roundabout. Those of you that have driven that way, you can actually tell it is a roundabout now because of all the different circles and curbs. It is moving along and hopeful it will continue on schedule. That completes my report his evening. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Ms. Assistant Engineer.

**C. Assistant Engineer:** Thank you. The Lorain Road and I-480 eastbound onramp traffic signal and roadway modification's project to provide a four-way traffic signal near Leppos has been advertised and bids will be opened on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The project duration is expected to be five to six months. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Auditor.

**D. Auditor:** Thank you. I have no report this evening.

**E. Other Reports:** President Corcoran: We have the August 2017 Parks and Recreation Director's report and the July 2017 Police Department report.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

Clerk of Council Peet: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE report dated August 21, 2017 which recommends City Council adopt T 51-2017 as submitted.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Butkowski to accept the Committee of the Whole report dated August 21, 2017 regarding T 51-2017.

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

Yes – 6                                  No – 0

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk of Council Peet: A request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer permit from Sunrise Marathon, LLC, 8995 Avon Belden Road to Snappy Gas Mart, Inc., DBA Sunrise Gas Mart, 8995 Avon Belden Road.

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Abens to not request a hearing so that this permit can be sent to the state for final disposition by September 21, 2017.

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

Yes – 6                                  No – 0

**RECESS:**

(Adjourned into executive session at 7:45 p.m.)  
(Reconvened into the City Council meeting at 8:07 p.m.)

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)**

Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 75-2017** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO ADOPT AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW RULE VII, SECTION 2 REGARDING THE LENGTH OF TIME ELIGIBILITY LISTS MUST CONTINUE TO BE EFFECTIVE.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran stated this Resolution does not prohibit the Fire Department from hiring a new fireman.

Law Director Crites mentioned this was before Council as a mere good practice. The Ohio Revised Code states the list shall be in place for two years and the Civil Service rules state the list may be fixed by the Commission from one to two years. The City is a Charter City so it does not need to be in line with O.R.C.

President Corcoran: T 76.

Clerk of Council Peet:

**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)**

President Corcoran: I will refer that to the Building and Lands Committee. T 77.

Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 77-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5427-2017 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Butkowski to suspend the By-laws and dispense with the second and third readings for T 77.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 77-2017.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose asked what the \$48,000 was for.

Mayor Gillock stated it was for the asphalt path at Victory Sports Park that leads to all of the diamonds. It was very muddy last year from the Gift of Lights and they had to shut that area off. Gift of Lights came to the City, as the landlord, to pay for the asphalt and they will pay the labor and any additional costs in excess of \$48,000.

Councilman Boose asked what the total project cost was.

Mayor Gillock stated \$89,000 which was the median of the three bids that came in. This is all of our property and so this just improves the property. The City will pay invoices directly to Kokosing.

Councilman Boose asked who is managing the process as his concern is the concession and other amenities are still not complete as promised.

Mayor Gillock stated there was a grant from Gift of Lights for \$36,000 and Victory Park will pick up the rest. Magic Light Show will contribute \$12,000 over the next three years to Victory Park.

Law Director Crites stated the City will provide asphalt until December 31<sup>st</sup>. If it isn't done by then, they will be out of luck.

Councilwoman Johnson asked if there would be a benefit to the other parking areas.

Law Director Crites stated what is getting paved is the road that goes back to the park for the soccer fields and baseball diamonds. This isn't just for the light show, this is an improvement to the City park.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated this will give the emergency vehicles better access as well.

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 77-2017.

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

Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries and becomes **Ordinance number 5480-2017**.

Yes – 5                      No – 1 (Boose)

President Corcoran: T 78.

Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 78-2017**     AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5452-2017 REGARDING  
COMPENSATION FOR MILITARY LEAVE.

**(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)**

President Corcoran: I will refer that to the Finance Committee. There are no second readings. Moving on to third readings.

**SECOND READINGS:**     None.

**THIRD READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Peet:

**T 66-2017** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT “A” OF THE DEPARTMENT  
HEAD SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2725-93 AND SUBSEQUENT  
AMENDMENTS THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 06/05/2017; Referred to COW on 06/05/2017; COW on  
07/17/2017; Report accepted on 08/07/2017; Second reading 08/21/2017)

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 66.

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

Clerk of Council Peet: The motion carries and becomes **Ordinance number 5481-2017.**

Yes – 5                      No – 1 (Boose)

Moved by Westover and seconded by Boose to appoint Michael Gillespie to the Board of  
Drainage and Flood Control to fill the unexpired term of Rosemary Berg.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President Corcoran: Congratulations Mr. Gillespie.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Corcoran: We have a public hearing on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.  
regarding Danbury. Our next City Council meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2017 at 7:30  
p.m.

**LOBBY SESSION:**

President Corcoran: We are now opening our second lobby up for anything you would like to  
address Council or the Administration on. You will be given three minutes to speak. Would  
anyone like to speak?

John Vrtachnik, 5553 Main Ave. stated he felt something needed to be done at Old Towne Hall  
as the steps are steep and the chair lift does not work. He suggested money being appropriated  
for an elevator.

Mayor Gillock stated the chair lift is broken and the company the City was working with went  
out of business. The parts are difficult to find. Mayor Gillock stated either it will need to stay  
the way it is or else it may need to be shut down as the City doesn't really have many options.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Corcoran: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Approval of minutes on September 18, 2017:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL