

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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, Eric Shaffer, Bruce Abens, President Pro-Tem Clifford Winkel, and Martin DeVries.

Excused was Councilwoman Georgia Awig.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Finance Director April Wilkerson, City Engineer Christina Eavenson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

1. President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, City Council Organization Meeting Minutes, and City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 2, 2024. No discussion was offered.

The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs mentioned the minutes as follows:

Records Commission Meeting Minutes dated December 18, 2023

Civil Service Commission Special Meeting Minutes dated January 3, 2024

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated January 9, 2024

LOBBY:

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He reminded everyone that the lobby session is not meant to be an interactive question and answer session, but it is an opportunity for the public to address the City Council and the City's administration. He asked anyone who would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

No lobby session.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- Under first readings, he would be requesting emergency passage on several pieces of legislation.
 - 2024-11, and 2024-12.
- Appointments –

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk reappoint Paul Schumann to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term expiring December 31, 2027, and an appointment retroactive back to January 1, 2024.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk reappoint Neil Thibodeaux to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for a 4-year term expiring December 31, 2027, and an appointment retroactive back to January 1, 2024.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk reappoint Vincent Loparo to the Fair Housing Board for a 3-year term expiring July 5, 2025.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

- Senior Center Spaghetti Dinner - North Ridgeville Senior Center is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, January 26, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Tickets are available in advance at the Senior Center or the door on the day of the event. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children ten and under. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, side salad, and bread. Pop and dessert are available for \$1 each. Dine in or take out. Proceeds benefit programs at the Senior Center. Mayor Corcoran thanked the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville for sponsoring the event.
- Sign up for eNewsletter – Residents could sign up for the monthly eNewsletter, by visiting nridgeville.org to provide their email address. Residents have the opportunity to sign up for the city newsletter and also the Parks & Recreation communications.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to go into an Executive Session conference with the public body's attorney concerning pending or imminent court action.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

City Engineer Christina Eavenson provided the following updates:

- Early in the month, the Engineering Division was notified by NOACA that the City received the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant of \$ 2,174,000 for the Sugar Ridge and Bender Road roundabout with a projected construction schedule for fiscal year 2028.
- The Storm Water Utility Fee has increased by 2.6% for a new total of \$4.69 a month for residential properties which subsequently affects commercial businesses by establishing an equivalent ERU at the same \$4.69 a month rate.
- Engineering continued to work with the various utility companies to relocate their facilities for the Stoney Mills and Avalon roundabout as well as the new Chestnut Ridge and State Route 83 roundabout.
- The next Drainage Board meeting is held in Council Chambers, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

City Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

3. Director of Finance:

April Wilkerson, the Finance Director, requested the inclusion of an emergency clause to ensure that the Finance Department has the required resources to reach their financial obligations for 2024-9, amending annual appropriation. Finance Director Wilkerson added that she provided the December 2023 financial report and it is a preliminary report pending the completion of the Audit.

4. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

December 2023 Building Division Report
December 2023 Fire Department Report
December 2023 Water Distribution and EPA Report
December 2023 Mayor's Court 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 Winkel and seconded by Swenk 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:

2024-7 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE ULTRASONIC WATER METERS AND APPURTENANCES FROM BADGER METER, INC., NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to second readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

2024-8 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1062 CEMETERIES OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REVISE REGULATIONS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Awig to amend 2024-8 by substitution with the version that was provided to the City Council before the meeting. {Changed the wording of the dollar amounts to ensure they match the corresponding numerical values accurately.}

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

This Ordinance moved to second readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

2024-9 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 6121-2023 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Jacobs to amend 2024-9 to add \$50,000 to the Capital Projects line. The amendment is needed for architectural services for the renovation of the old police station.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for 2024-9 Amended.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to provide the Department of Finance with the resources necessary to meet its obligations.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt 2024-9 amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2024-9** with amendments.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

2024-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215 LIEN PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ADMINISTRATION CODE.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance moved to second readings.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

2024-11 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A THIRTY-NINE (39) MONTH AGREEMENT WITH GOTO FOR VOICE SERVICES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to amend 2024-11 by substitution with the version that was given to City Council before the motion.

Mayor Corcoran explained that there was a reduction in the services, so the dollar amount changed in the proposal.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for 2024-11 Amended.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to get the Police Department up and running in a timely manner with the necessary resources to operate.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt 2024-11 Amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2024-11** with amendments.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

2024-12 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTH AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE FOR FIBER/INTERNET SERVICES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to amend 2024-12 by substitution with the version that was given to City Council before the motion.

Mayor Corcoran explained that there was a reduction in the services, so the dollar amount changed in the proposal.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for 2024-12 Amended.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to get the Police Department up and running in a timely manner with the necessary resources to operate.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt 2024-12 Amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried for **Ordinance Number 2024-12** with amendments.

Yes – 6 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

2024-4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE SUCH THAT PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-023-101-074 LOCATED AT 8371 AVON BELDEN ROAD BE REZONED FROM R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO I-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 01-02-2024)

This Ordinance was referred to the Planning Commission.

THIRD READINGS:

There was none.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. A Public Hearing will be on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss 2024-3 (Vacate of Pleasant Avenue).
2. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
3. A Public Hearing will be on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss 2024-4 (Rezone Request).

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 5, 2024:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL