

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 5, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Tuesday, July 5, 2022, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

President Jacobs recognized Bill Gardner, as a longtime resident. He expressed that Mr. Gardner was very active in the community and he would be missed by many. Mr. Gardner passed away on June 30, 2022.

Mr. Jacobs asked for a moment of silence to honor Bill Gardner and his memory.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Boy Scout Troop 153 and President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Councilman Cliff Winkel 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 June 20, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes dated June 20, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 14, 2022
Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated June 23, 2022
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 27, 2022

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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 Sewer Project

Rudy Ringwall, at 31666 Center Ridge Road, addressed the workmanship of the constructions and the City's oversight on the Center Ridge Sewer Project - lateral paving patches. Mr. Ringwall noted that there were 11 water shutoffs and three gas leaks. He explained that he is not getting notices when shutoffs or leaks are happening, and City supervisors should be able to post alerts from their phones. He added that the contractor's traffic control has traffic backing up for about 15 minutes and the timing of the traffic lights are too short. Mr. Ringwall expressed that the current contractor for the project is not spooning the gravel patches - leaving ruts. He explained why the patches weren't done right for this project. Mr. Ringwall believed that the Engineer Department should not wait until the end of the project to assess the project. It should be done during the project to fix any issues before the project is completed. He expected the City to hold the contractor's workmanship to the highest level. Mr. Ringwall wanted to know if all the builders and contractors pay the same amount for the tap-in fees as the residents of North Ridgeville.

Burned House Complaint

Bob Meeker, at 32415 Center Ridge Road, expressed that he agreed with Rudy Ringwall's statement regarding the Center Ridge Sewer Project. His house is always covered with dust and he believed there is no support from the City in updating the residents in the area.

Mr. Meekers expressed his concerns regarding the burned-down house on Barton Road. He described that mother nature is taking over the house. He wanted to know why the house is not torn down, and tape around it to keep kids away. It is a dangerous house. He believed the Engineering Office should be on top of this issue.

Charter Review Committee Items

Adam Chapek, at 5564 Main Avenue, remarked that the City Council would be getting the Charter Review Committee recommendations at first reading. He expressed that the committee worked very hard on the recommendations, and hoped the City Council had a chance to read them.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the City Council has eight pieces of legislation that were referred by the Charter Review Committee. As part of the City Charter, every six years the Mayor is to

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appoint nine qualified electors of the Municipality to review and recommend to the Council not less than 90 days prior to the November election any revisions or amendments to the Charter. He publicly thanked the nine members of the committee that took part in this process. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. He Thanked Sara Markle who served as the Committee Chair and the following members: Bob Chapek, Dawn Fitz, Rachele Glynias, J.D. Gontkovsky, Bob Meeker, Sarah Miller, Frank Toth, and Ken Wilson.

He added that the Service Department is doing a great job with paving this year. They finished up Creekside Lane last week and would be moving over to Root Road next. They would be paving the section of Root between Lorain Road and Chestnut Ridge Road. Residents could visit the city's website at nridgeville.org for the most up-to-date schedule.

He reminded everyone that Parks & Recreation would be holding the second in the series of Summer Concerts on Sunday, July 10, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor Corcoran encouraged everyone to bring the entire family out along with their chairs or blanket to enjoy a free concert at South Central Park Gazebo. Performing is Jul Big Green – pop/rock music.

Mayor Corcoran added that there are two pieces of legislation on the agenda that are important – one is a resolution and one is an ordinance. The legislation is discussing the joint project with the City Schools. The City and the School District spent a lot of time trying to figure out the best way to approach the residents to help pay for the cost of the project. The discussion included RITA - the City's tax collection agency, the City's Auditor, and others. The discussion resulted in a 0.2% income tax increase. The 0.2% would effectively pay for the City's portion of the project which includes construction costs, financing costs, and operating costs. It is a specific ask for a specific purpose and residents of North Ridgeville have been supportive of paying in the past. The schools planned to discuss their bond issue to construct the facilities later in the month. The request is for the two pieces of legislation to be read at the first reading and second reading and then passed with an emergency to have time to process them for the ballot for the November Election. The deadline to submit ballot requests is August 10, 2022. He added that he is available to answer any questions, and is asking for a lot of volunteers for public presentations. Mayor Corcoran expressed that this is an opportunity for the City and School District to work together to save the taxpayers money overall. He added that it is important to know that both issues from the City and Schools need to pass in order for the joint project to work. The City is using the school's property for building to save public money. Mayor Corcoran expressed that this is an 18 million dollar cost savings and it is a historical and monumental opportunity to move the community forward.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster remarked that on July 1, 2022, the volunteers in the community garden put all new mulch and cleaned up the weeds. The same volunteers cleaned up the roundabout at Chestnut Road and Route 10. There are plants added to the community garden to allow people to eventually enjoy the garden throughout the Summer, Spring, and Fall. Mr.

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Armbruster expressed that it is an outstanding place that brings people together from all walks of life.

Mr. Armbruster concluded his report.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez had no report.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson remarked that the audit of the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report has concluded. The External Auditor issued their Independent Audit Report. In the report, they noted that the financial statements are fairly represented in all materials. They also noted that there are no significant deficiencies. The audit report and the accompanying financial statements have been submitted to the Auditor of State for review. The report would be on the City's website once it is released. Basic Financial Statements are available for inspection by the Auditor.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

E. Other Reports:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT dated June 20, 2022 – The committee made a motion to table T 91-2022 for further discussion.
(Council action required)

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by DeVries to accept the Committee of the Whole report dated Monday, June 20, 2022.

A voice call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

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NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

RECESS:

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries 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 98-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1210 PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 102-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1246 AMENDMENTS OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 105-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 878.01, 878.03 AND 878.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL TWO-TENTHS PERCENT (0.2%) INCOME TAX BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS AND THEIR SITES, INCLUDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS PART OF A COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND PAYING DEBT CHARGES ON SECURITIES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY RELATED THERETO.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 106-2022 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF APPROVING THE PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 878.01, 878.03 AND 878.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL TWO TENTHS PERCENT (0.2%) INCOME TAX BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS AND THEIR SITES, INCLUDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS PART OF A COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND PAYING DEBT CHARGES ON SECURITIES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY RELATED THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 107-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, THE AUDITOR, OF THE CITY CHARTER, EFFECTIVELY MERGING BOTH THE AUDITING DEPARTMENT AND THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 108-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.7, MANDATORY REFERRAL OF REZONING TO ELECTORS, OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE CHARTER ELIMINATING AN OBSOLETE FORMULA AND MAINTAINING A MANDATORY SUBMISSION TO THE

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ELECTORATE OF ANY REZONING OF PARCELS IN A MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 109-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3.18 SALE OR LEASE OF MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE, TO ARTICLE III THE COUNCIL, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ALLOW COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH ORDINANCES GOVERNING THE SALE, LEASE OR DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPALLY-OWNED REAL ESTATE AND IMPROVEMENTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 110-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.8, CLERK OF COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE CHARTER PROHIBITING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL FROM SERVING AS AUDITOR AND PROVIDING FOR A CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR THAT OFFICE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 111-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE X, SECTION 10.3, CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICE, TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 112-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.5(C), PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, TO ALLOW APPOINTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

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Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 113-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.16, PUBLICATION, TO MAINTAIN ELECTRONIC MEDIA AS A FORM OF PUBLICATION AND ELIMINATE THE USE OF THE LOBBY BULLETIN BOARD.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 114-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 9.1, ENACTMENT OF ZONING AND BUILDING ORDINANCES, TO MAINTAIN ELECTRONIC MEDIA AS A FORM OF PUBLICATION AND ELIMINATE THE USE OF THE LOBBY BULLETIN BOARD.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

SECOND READINGS:

There were none.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 87-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT B OF ORDINANCE 5596-2018 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN DISCRETIONARY EMPLOYEES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 6/06/2022; Second Reading on 6/20/2022)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to adopt T 87-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 87-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5966-2022.**

Yes – 6

No – 0

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
- The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
- A Public Hearing will be on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss Zoning Code changes.

Councilwoman Swenk asked the elected officials to stick around after the meeting to answer any questions the Boy Scouts Troop might have.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Approval of minutes on July 18, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL