

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, October 3, 2022, 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, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Also present were Safety Service Director Jeffrey Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, 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 September 19, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes.:

Board of Zoning of Appeals Meeting Minutes dated September 22, 2022
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated September 26, 2022

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

John Vrtachnik at 5553 Main Avenue expressed that he looks forward to the City coming out and patching the potholes on the street. He noted that the City patched three times already on the side streets. He wanted to know if there is another way to patch, so service workers are not out and patching potholes all the time.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran provided the following report.:

- Added that multiple ordinances would need the emergency clause.
- Remarked that residents could visit the City's website at nridgeville.org to learn about Issue 6 and Issue 28, and to print the flyer highlighting upcoming opportunities to engage with City and School officials and learn more about the facility proposals. The initiative is called One Vision, One North Ridgeville.
- Explained that there are eight Charter amendments on the November 8, 2022 election. Residents could visit the City's website at nridgeville.org for a list of the issues including an explanation as to why the committee felt the changes are necessary.
- Announced that Parks & Recreation would be hosting the annual FallFest at South Central Park on Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Families would experience fun games, food vendors, face and pumpkin painting, balloon animals, pumpkin bowling, photo booth and hay rides (weather permitting). There are a limited number of pumpkins.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Boose to suspend the bylaws and to put T 152-2022 under first readings for the October 3, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to go into executive session to discuss public contracts.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

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

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster assured everyone that Christina Eavenson and Mike Runyon in the Engineering Office has been involved in all the projects before Dan Rodriguez resigned. He also added that it was explained to the neighbors that are impacted by some of the projects that there would be some sinking dirt and the Engineering Office planned to watch the sinking.

Safety Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

3. Engineer:

No report.

4. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson discussed the following:

- T 144-2022 is a permanent appropriation that is needed to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations. She requested the City Council to adopt the legislation with the emergency clause.
- T 145-2022 is a resolution requesting the transfer of funds. She requested the City Council to adopt the legislation with the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

5. Other Reports:

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS: The North Ridgeville Planning Commission took action on the following items at their Special Meeting of September 27, 2022:

1. Culver's Restaurant, 32574 Lorain Rd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039, PPN 07-00-003-101-010 & 07-00-004-109-043

Applicant: Joshua Clark, 216 Dirt Holdings, LLC, P.O. Box 591, Rhinelander, WI 54501. Proposal consists of a lot split to create a 1.7431-acre lot and development plans for a 4,393 sq. ft. single-story Culver's Restaurant with 58 parking spaces. Property is zoned B-4.

PC ACTION: Development plan and lot split approved 4-0, subject to sign package approval by BZBA
(Council approval is required for all plans and recommendations from Planning Commission)

Councilman Abens explained that he received positive responses from citizens for this project.

Moved by Abens seconded by DeVries to approve the Planning Commission action for the Culver's Restaurant.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

2. Proposed Zoning Amendment

An Ordinance amending Sections 1266.04 and 1268.04 of the North Ridgeville Zoning Code to update lot and yard requirements

PC ACTION: Approved 4-0

(Council approval is required for all plans and recommendations from Planning Commission)

Councilman Boose explained that this action was to clean up some of the languages that were misleading in the code.

Moved by Abens seconded by Winkel to approve the Planning Commission action for the proposed Zoning Amendment.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

3. Planning Commission Bylaws

Review of proposed updates to the Commission's Bylaws

PC ACTION: Approved 4-0

(Council approval is required for all plans and recommendations from Planning Commission)

Councilman Boose explained that this action was to clean up some of the languages that were misleading in the code.

Moved by Abens seconded by Winkel to approve the Planning Commission action for the updates to the Planning Commission Bylaws.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 144-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5889-202 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 144-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's Office with the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to adopt T 144-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 144-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5999-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 145-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE STATION CONSTRUCTION FUND.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 145-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to move money from one fund to another to get the project started.

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

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 145-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 145-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1577-2022**.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 146-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TO BE USED BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 146-2022.

Councilman Boose wanted to know why there is a delay in this ordinance since it normally comes at the beginning of the year and the retroactive request.

Mayor Corcoran explained this legislation would have been done at the beginning of the year. The City has leased some equipment that would go under this legislation. The reason for the retroactive is that the ordinance was not in effect when leasing was done.

Auditor Wilkerson explained that the rental equipment has not exceeded the \$50,000 threshold. She believed there was some confusion on the wording originally. The legislation is to cover the City since the City went through the bidding process.

Councilman Boose wanted to know if the amount was appropriated.

Auditor Wilkerson explained that \$100,000 was appropriated, but the department did not use all of the funds.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to put the ordinance in effect to avoid any potential issues.

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

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 146-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 146-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6000-2022.**

Yes - 7 No - 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 147-2022 PID NO. 105742
PROJECT NAME: LOR US 0020 19.83

AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF CENTER RIDGE ROAD (U.S. 20) THROUGH THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 147-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the project was supposed to start in the year 2022, but it was pushed to the Year 2023. This legislation would accept the project.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to meet the Ohio Department of Transportation deadline.

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

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 147-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 147-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6001-2022.**

Yes - 7 No - 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 148-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 12-MONTH CONTRACT (WITH RENEWAL OPTIONS) ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES, NOT TO EXCEED \$90,000.00 PER YEAR.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 149-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5977-2022, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE NEW POLICE STATION AND REAL ESTATE INTERESTS NECESSARY FOR THE SITE, FROM \$11,650,000.00 TO NOT TO EXCEED \$12,293,300.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 149-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained the bids came in a little higher than expected.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to move forward with the project.

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

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 149-2022 with the emergency clause.

Councilman Boose wanted to know where the extra funding would be coming from.

Auditor Wilkerson explained that the City would transfer the \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Police Station Fund. It would allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with contingencies included. There might not be contingencies. The bonds would be used first and then the money that was transferred from the General Fund.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 149-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6002-2022.**

Yes - 7 No - 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 150-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM A PORTION OF FINES COLLECTED IN MAYOR'S COURT FOR ILLEGALLY PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS TO A SEPARATE ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING CAMERAS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BUSES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Councilwoman Swenk presented a statement. She expressed that she appreciates the relationship the City has built with the School District in the past several years. She thanked Tammy and Melissa from the School District Bus Garage.

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 150-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that there was a discussion that cameras were necessary for school buses. When the State changed the law to eliminate the front license plate, it required the school to change the direction of their cameras because they could no longer pick up the front license plate. It had left a gap on some buses for viewing the violation from the vehicles. Mayor Corcoran added that the City felt it was necessary to purchase cameras for the buses as a law

enforcement tool and set up a fund that would allow for future camera purchases. He expressed that it is great the City was able to adopt this legislation and protect the safety of the school children.

Councilman Boose believed this legislation is great. He wanted to know how the money would be used if there is money in the fund and there is no need for more cameras.

Mayor Corcoran explained the reason for the fund. He would rather have no money in the fund. The City would address the situation when the time comes if there are funds in the account.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to create the account for the funds to be immediately directed to the appropriate placement for the safety and welfare of the children.

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

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 150-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 150-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6003-2022.**

Yes - 7 No - 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 151-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1266.04 AND 1268.04 OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE TO UPDATE LOT AND YARD REQUIREMENTS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 152-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran, Introduced on the floor)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 152-2022.

Mayor Corcoran explained that this contract is the last union negotiations contract for the 2023 to 2025 cycle.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 152-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 152-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6004-2022.**

Yes - 7 No - 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 141-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE RELOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW INFLUENT SCREENING SYSTEM AT THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/19/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 142-2022 PID NO. 117554
ODOT PROJECT TITLE: MUNICIPAL BRIDGE
INSPECTION PROGRAM RENEWAL (2023)

AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GIVING LEGISLATIVE CONSENT FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/19/2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 142-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to meet the Ohio Department of Transportation deadline.

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

Yes - 7 No - 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 142-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 142-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6005-2022.**

Yes - 7 No - 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 143-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH PLANNING NEXT FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE 2023 MASTER PLAN, NOT TO EXCEED \$157,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/19/2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the third reading for T 143-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to start the Master Plan as soon as possible for the future of the city.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by AWIG to adopt T 143-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 143-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6006-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 131-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE MEADOW LAKES SUBDIVISION NO. 12 AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022; Second Reading on 9/19/2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adopt T 131-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 131- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6007-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 132-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE LIFESTYLES OF MEADOW LAKES SUBDIVISION NO. 1 AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022; Second Reading on 9/19/2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adopt T 132-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 132- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6008-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 133-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE LIFESTYLES OF MEADOW LAKES SUBDIVISION NO. 2 AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022; Second Reading on 9/19/2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adopt T 133-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 133- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6009-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 134-2022 AN ORDINANCE GIVING THE MAYOR THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ISOMER GROUP, INC., TO PAY THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE COSTS FOR THE TURNING/DECELERATION LANE AT THE INTERSECTION OF BAGLEY ROAD AND LORAIN ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,100.94.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 9/06/2022; Second Reading on 9/19/2022)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 134-2022.

Councilman DeVries wanted to see if the emergency clause is needed.

Mayor Corcoran explained no.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 134- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6010-2022.**

Yes - 7 No - 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

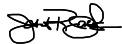
President Jacobs noted the following:

1. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Approval of minutes on October 17, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL