

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, October 17, 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 Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Auditor April Wilkerson, Assistant Engineer Eavenson, 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 October 3, 2022, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated October 3, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes.:

Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes dated September 27, 2022

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated October 11, 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.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran provided the following report.:

- Remarked that under first readings he is requesting an emergency passage on T 153-2022, an ordinance authorizing an encroachment and reimbursement agreement with Columbia Gas Transmission to remove and construct a new casing for a high-pressure, underground natural gas pipeline. He would like to move to dispense the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to move forward with this project. This needs to take place before the construction of the peanut-shaped roundabout at Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road, and Avalon Drive.
- Explained that he would be introducing a piece of legislation on the folder. T 155-2022 was given to the City Council for review. This legislation is an appropriation amendment that addresses the money that is required for the T 153-2022 project.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Swenk to suspend the bylaws and to put T 155-2022 under first readings for the October 17, 2022 Council Meeting Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

- Residents could visit the City's website at nridgeville.org to learn more information about One Vision, One North Ridgeville (Issue 6 and Issue 28 and to print the flyer highlighting upcoming opportunities to engage with City and School officials and learn more about these facility proposals.
- Added that Charter Amendments would be on the November 8, 2022 Election. North Ridgeville voters would be asked to consider eight changes to the Charter. A resident 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 the next Mayor's Coffee & Conversation is Monday, October 24, 2022. He would be in Council Chambers from 8:30-9:30 a.m. He advised the residents to stop by to learn more about what's going on in the city!
- Remarked that the Senior Center is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 28, 2022, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children 10 and under for dine-in or take-out. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, a side salad, and bread. Drinks and desserts are available for \$1 each. The proceeds benefit essential programs at the Senior Center. The Mayor thanked the VFW Post 9871 for sponsoring the event.

- Announced that the Citywide Trick-or-Treat is on Monday, October 31, 2022, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If residents plan to participate in passing out candy, they should turn their street/porch light on. He reminded everyone to drive carefully throughout the city to ensure the safety of the children.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster commented that the temporary stop sign that has been up at Root Road and Chestnut Ridge is replaced with a permanent stop sign.

Safety Service Director Armbruster concluded his report.

3. Engineer:

Assistant Engineer Eavenson provided the following updates.:

- The Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project has been approved and accepted. Property owners could tie into their system.
- Columbia Gas has completed its service line relocation work for the roundabouts of Stoney Ridge Road, Mills Road, and Avalon Drive. T 153-2022 would give the Engineer's Office the authority to move forward with the project.

4. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson discussed the following:

- T 154-2022 - As part of the annual tax budget, the Lorain County Budget Commission determines the amounts and rates associated with the City's levies for the upcoming year. It is required by ORC 5705.34 that the taxing authority pass legislation accepting the amounts and rates and authorizing the tax levies to the County Auditor. The adopted Resolution is due to the Lorain County Auditor by November 1, 2022. Mrs. Wilkerson requested the emergency clause to meet the Lorain County Auditor deadline.
- T 155-2022 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. This legislation is to support T 153-2022 and 5962-2022.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

5. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following minutes.:

September 2022 Fire Department Report
September 2022 Building Department Report
September 2022 Water Distribution and EPA Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT dated October 3, 2022 – The committee made a motion to recommend ordinance T 136-2022 with the following amendments: Change the time from "9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m." to "4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m." and strike out allowing the Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays before and after July 3, 4 and 5. In addition to the amendments, add a second sentence to the beginning of the legislation referring to the Ohio Fire Code (OF.C).

(Council action required)

Moved by Swenk seconded by Boose to accept the Committee of the Whole Report that is dated October 3, 2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The North Ridgeville Planning Commission took action on the following items at their Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022:

1. Angie's Coffee, 34906 Center Ridge Rd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039, PPN 07-00-016-101-051

Applicant: Ryan Lazuka, Aveline Holdings LLC, 19885 Detroit Rd #210, Rocky River, OH 44116. Proposal consists of a 312 sq. ft. drive through only coffee shop. Property is zoned B-3.

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-1

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

Moved by Abens seconded by Winkel to approve the Planning Commission action for the Angie's Coffee.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

2. Planning Commission appointment to Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0 for the nomination of Jennifer Swallow.

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

Moved by Abens seconded by Winkel to approve the Planning Commission action for the nomination of Jennifer Swallow for the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Transfer Liquor Permit Request:

A request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer permit request for Mould Development Co. an Ohio Partnership, at 34885 Lorain Road to AAHANA LLC DBA Butternut Food Mart, at 34885 Lorain Road.

(Council action required - move to not request a hearing so that this permit can be sent to the state for final disposition by November 07, 2022)

Moved by Boose seconded by DeVries to not request a hearing so that this permit can be sent to the state for final disposition by November 07, 2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

RECESS:

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel 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 153-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN ENCROACHMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION TO REMOVE AND CONSTRUCT A NEW CASING FOR A HIGH PRESSURE, UNDERGROUND NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS NOT TO EXCEED \$375,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 153-2022.

Councilman Boose wanted to know if the legislation included a reimbursement in which the City would get the money back and if the cost is shared with the City of Avon.

Auditor Wilkerson explained that she is unfamiliar that the money would be reimbursed. The funds are for the City's portion.

Mayor Corcoran explained that Columbia Gas is getting reimbursed for the work they are performing and the cost is not shared with the City of Avon. There was an agreement between North Ridgeville and Avon that anything west of Jaycox Road is the City of North Ridgeville's responsibility.

Mayor Corcoran explained that Columbia Gas had the information regarding the roundabout project for over a year and did not do anything about it. It did not come to their attention

until Columbia Gas stopped the City from moving forward with the project because there is a utility easement on one of the properties.

Councilman Boose wanted to know how much was the total project before the Columbia Gas project.

Auditor Wilkerson noted that it was \$1.5 million.

Councilman Bruce explained a similar issue he had with Columbia Gas.

Mayor Corcoran explained the inconvenience of having Columbia Gas do this project late after the roundabout made some progress.

Councilman Boose reiterated that to complete the roundabout the project is needed and the additional monies are still better than the other traffic alternatives to address the safety issues.

Mayor Corcoran agreed with Councilman Boose.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know if there is anything the City could have done to avoid these issues with Columbia Gas.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the Engineering Department reached out to Columbia Gas multiple times and they did not respond.

Assistant Engineer Eavenson noted that it is the transmission department that is a part of Columbia Gas that did not follow up on the City's request.

Auditor Wilkerson explained that the project is not fully funded by the City. An OPWC grant and loan are also included in the \$1.5 million estimate for the whole project.

Mayor Corcoran reminded everyone that through negotiations the Columbia Gas project (\$375,000) estimate was reduced from the original proposed amount.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Swenk)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to move the roundabout project forward.

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

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Swenk)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 153-2022 with the emergency clause.

Council Boose commented that the roundabout project has been discussed in many meetings. A lot of money has been put into the project.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 153-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6011-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Swenk)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 154-2022 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 154-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to meet the November 1, 2022 deadline in order to get the certified tax levies to the County Auditor.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 154-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 154-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1578-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 155-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5889-2021 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Introduced on the Floor on 10/17/2022)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 155-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Swenk)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to move forward and get started on the project.

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

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Swenk)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 155-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 155-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6012-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Swenk)

SECOND READINGS:

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; First Reading on 10/03/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

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; First Reading on 10/03/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

THIRD 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; Second Reading on 10/03/2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 141-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 141- 2022 becomes **Ordinance number 6013-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

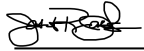
President Jacobs noted the following:

1. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
2. The next Finance Committee meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2022, and Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss 2023 Appropriations.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of minutes on November 7, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL