

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Jacobs called the Monday, May 16, 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, 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 May 2, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the Special City Council meeting minutes dated May 9, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted that the Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 18, 2022, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 23, 2022, and Planning Commission and Building & Lands Committee Work Session Minutes dated May 10, 2022, were provided to City Council.

**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.

Truck Traffic in the City

Albert Krage, at 37903 Sugar Ridge Road, expressed his concerns regarding truck traffic issues that are ongoing in his neighborhood. The trucks are destroying the roads and he does not see an aggressive approach from the City on the truck issue. He expressed that it is a safety issue. Mr. Krage noted that he took pictures of the trucks being in places they are not supposed to be. Mr. Krage gave the pictures he took of the trucks to Mayor Corcoran.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:**

Mayor Corcoran noted that he would be requesting the emergency passage for a few pieces of legislation (T 67-2022, T 80-2022, and T 81-2022). The Mayor would explain more about each legislation later in the meeting.

The Mayor remarked that Lorain County recently announced ARPA Grants for Small Businesses. The County has earmarked \$3-million to assist small businesses in Lorain County that have been negatively impacted or have faced hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its related effects on the economy. Visit the City's website at [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org) for more information on qualifications and how to apply for the grants. The application deadline is May 27.

The Mayor invited the community to join him on Friday, May 20, 2022, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., in Council Chambers for his monthly coffee and conversation.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service are scheduled to take place on Monday, May 30, 2022. The parade would begin at 9:45 a.m. at the Senior Center and travel down Bainbridge Road and conclude at the Ranger Stadium with the Memorial Service in association with the North Ridgeville Lions Club and VFW Post 9871. Residents could contact the Lions Club Parade Director Dennis Boose at (440) 327-8528 for more information.

The Mayor added that on May 30, 2022, City Hall is closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Republic Services planned to operate on a one-day delay that week. Trash collection would be on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, citywide.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the City would be co-sponsoring the 2022 Freedom Festival and Fireworks with Pepco Elyria. The event would be held at Victory Park Ohio, 7777 Victory Lane, on Sunday, July 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. with activities, entertainment, food and beverages, and fireworks at approximately 10:00 p.m. Tickets are per vehicle and available for purchase online in advance only by visiting [www.victoryparkohio.com](http://www.victoryparkohio.com). Early bird pricing is available through May 31, 2022. He added that the net proceeds from the 2022 Freedom Festival and Fireworks with Pepco Elyria benefit North Ridgeville Community Care and Canine Superheroes Foundation. In 2021, Victory Park Ohio presented North Ridgeville Community Care a generous check in the amount of \$7,500.

He added that North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation would be sponsoring Touch-A-Truck on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Shady Drive Complex, 37077 Shady Drive. This is a free event. This unique event encourages children and adults to touch vehicles, ask questions and climb inside to get a view from the driver's seat. The first two hours of the event are sensory-friendly without the lights, sirens, and horns.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

**B. Safety-Service Director:**

No Report was presented.

**C. Engineer:**

Engineer Rodriguez provided an update on the following projects:

- Full-depth Concrete Pavement rehabilitation bids recently opened on May 17, 2022. Work should begin sometime in mid to late June if the bids come back favorable.
- The current projects are Eastview Sanitary Sewer Extension, Sugar Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension, Barres Road Realignment at Stoney Ridge Road, and State Route 83 & Chestnut Ridge Roundabout.
- Mills Rd, Stoney, and Avalon Peanut Roundabout Project have started the right away acquisition. One out of three parcels negotiations has been completed.
- Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension - construction continues on the Center Ridge Road sanitary sewer extension project. The project has approximately 50' left of mainline sanitary sewer to install.
- Mills Creek Water Main Rehabilitation - Northeast Ohio Trenching Service began installing a new 8" water main along Mills Road just west of Mills Creek Lane last week. This new 8" main will connect to the new 6" water mains along Scotch Pine Way, Red Pine Way, Spruce Pine Way, and White Pine Way to remove dead-end water mains from the City's water distribution system. This work will help with reducing pressure spikes and provide better water quality in this area of the City's distribution system.
- Water Asset Management Plan - Work has begun on the City's water asset management plan with consultant OHM Advisors.
- Geographic Information System (GIS) - The City has delivered a draft version of our new GIS web portal. The engineering, service, and IT departments will continue to work with the Consultant to continue to add data to the system as well as develop applications and tools for departmental use.
- Mill Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project - Ohio Erie Excavating, LLC have begun to mobilize equipment to the Mill Creek Conservation and Flood Control Project Site north of Boulder Drive. Tree removal is scheduled to begin on or around May 22, 2022. Tree removal will take approximately 8 weeks according to the contractor's schedule. The completion date of the project is July 31, 2022.

Mr. Rodriguez concluded his report.

**D. Auditor:**

Auditor Wilkerson requested the City Council to adopt the following legislation with the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office to meet its financial obligations.

- T 85-2022 – Then and Now Resolution
- T 86-2022 – Appropriation Amendment

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

President Jacobs noted the following report:

April 2022 Financial Report

**E. Other Reports:**

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

March 2022 Parks Director Report  
April 2022 Building Department Report  
April 2022 Fire Department Report  
April 2022 Water Distribution and EPA Report  
April 2022 Mayor's Court Department Report

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries 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 79-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 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 2022 TRAFFIC PAINT STRIPING AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 80-2022 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1476-2020, WHICH APPROVED AND RATIFIED AN APPLICATION FOR TAX INCENTIVE IN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 14 CREATED BY CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE RESOLUTION NO. 768-94 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, FOR ISOMER GROUP INC., A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 80-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to amend the agreement to match the construction percentage of completion, and for tax incentive purposes.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 80-2022 with the emergency clause.

Mayor Corcoran expressed that T 80-2022 and T 81-2022 are tax abatements that were put in place for the construction of two businesses. The change is to match the construction completion with the agreement.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 80-

2022 becomes **Resolution number 1567-2022.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 81-2022      A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1461-2019, WHICH APPROVED AND RATIFIED AN APPLICATION FOR TAX INCENTIVE IN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 14 CREATED BY CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE RESOLUTION NO. 768-94 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, FOR YOUNG EXPLORERS MONTESSORI, LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 81-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to amend the agreement to match the construction percentage of completion, and for tax incentive purposes.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to adopt T 81-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 81-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1568-2022.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 82-2022      A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1548-2021, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LORAIN COUNTY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CASE ROAD BRIDGE #0083 AND THE ADJACENT RETAINING WALL, BY INCREASING THE CITY’S PORTION OF THIS PROJECT FROM \$56,630.00 TO \$100,000.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

This resolution moved forward to Second Reading.

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 83-2022 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE RESERVE AT WINFIELD FARM SUBDIVISION PHASE 2, AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 84-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PENALTY SECTION OF N.R.C.O. SECTION 432.30, STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS.  
(Introduced by Councilwoman Swenk)

This ordinance was referred to the Safety Committee for discussion.

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 85-2022 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES BY THE FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS PURCHASE ORDERS.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 85-2022.

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 address the time-sensitive invoices for the various purchase orders.

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 85-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 85-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1569-2022**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 86-2022 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.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 86-2022.

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 provide the Auditor’s office with the necessary financial resources

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 86-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 86-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5950-2022.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:**

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 57-2022 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 660.12 FENCES OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE.

(Introduced by Councilman DeVries, Referred to Planning Commission Committee on 4/4/2022; Referred to Building & Lands Committee on 4/4/2022; Planning Commission met on 4/12/2022; Building & Lands Committee met on 4/25/2022; Council approved the Commission report on 4/18/2022; Council accepted the Committee report on 5/2/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 58-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1294 SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE CITY’S FENCE REGULATIONS.

(Introduced by Councilman DeVries, Referred to Planning Commission Committee on 4/4/2022; Referred to Building & Lands Committee on 4/4/2022; Planning Commission met on 4/12/2022; Building & Lands Committee met on 4/25/2022; Council approved the Commission report on 4/18/2022; Council accepted the Committee report on 5/2/2022)



Mr. DeVries recognized Shane Taylor for bringing the fence issue to his attention and thanked the administration for working on the fence issue.

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 64-2022 AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1046, WATER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 4/04/2022; Referred to Utilities Committee on 4/4/2022; Utilities Committee Meeting on 4/18/2022; Council accepted the Committee report on 5/2/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

**THIRD READINGS:**

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 53-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES BY THE CITY FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS PURCHASE ORDERS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 3/21/2022, Referred to Finance Committee on 4/4/2022; Finance Committee recommended changes on 4/11/2022; Council accepted Finance Committee report on 4/18/2022; Second Reading on 5/2/2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to provide the Auditor's office with the necessary financial resources.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Boose to adopt T 53-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 53-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5951-2022.**

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 65-2022 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 264, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 4/18/2022; Second Reading on 5/2/2022)

Moved by Awig and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 65-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 65-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5952-2022.**

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 67-2022      PID NO. 102703  
PROJECT NAME: LOR SR 0083 10.79

AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPLACE THE BRIDGE DECK AND PARAPETS ON LOR SR 0083 10.79 WHICH CROSSES OVER SR 0010 WITH THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 4/18/2022; Second Reading on 5/2/2022)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to submit a decision by June 1, 2022.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 67-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 67-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5953-2022**.

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 69-2022      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO AMEND A MEMORANDUM OF GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PMJ PARK HOLDINGS, LLC.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 4/18/2022; Second Reading on 5/2/2022)*

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 69-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 69-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5954-2022**.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Jacobs noted the following:

- A Public Hearing would be on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.
- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Engineer Rodriguez remarked that there is a comment period for the Chestnut Ridge and State Route 83 roundabout for the community to comment on the project on the City's website and paper forms are available at City Hall and the Public Library.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approval of minutes on June 6, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani  
CLERK OF COUNCIL