

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, June 6, 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, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Georgia Awig, and Martin DeVries.

Holly A. Swenk was excused.

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 16, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes.:

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 31, 2022;
Civil Service Meeting Minutes dated May 23, 2022;
Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated May 26, 2022;
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated April 27, 2022; and
Special Planning commission Meeting Minutes dated May 19, 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.

There were none.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran noted that he would be requesting the emergency passage for the following legislation.

- T 88-2022 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association Gold Unit.
- T 82-2022 –Amending Resolution # 1548-2021, which authorized the Mayor to enter into a cooperative agreement with Lorain County for the replacement of the Case Road Bridge and the adjacent retaining wall

The Mayor provided a paving update. The Service Department finished milling May Street, Orchard Lane, and Theresa Street. Depending on weather conditions, they would pave the streets starting Wednesday. The next street on their list is Creekside Lane. The complete list and schedule are on the City’s website at nridgeville.org.

The Mayor extended an invitation to all to attend the next Coffee & Conversation on Monday, June 20, 2022, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Mayor Corcoran expressed that he would not be in attendance; however, Safety Service Director Jeff Armbruster would be happy to update everyone on projects and answer any questions they may have.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the City would be co-sponsoring this year’s Freedom Festival and Fireworks with Pepco Elyria. The event is held at Victory Park Ohio, 7777 Victory Lane, on Sunday, July 3, 2022. The gates open at 5:00 p.m. with activities, entertainment, food, beverages, and fireworks at approximately 10:00 p.m. Tickets are per vehicle and could be purchased online in advance only by visiting www.victoryparkohio.com. The net proceeds 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.

The Mayor informed everyone that the City of North Ridgeville received the GFOA’s Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award Program (COA). The certificate is their highest level of achievement. He thanked Auditor Wilkerson for making the achievement possible.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by DeVries to go into executive session to discuss compensation of public personnel and union contracts.

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 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

No Report was presented.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez provided an update on the following projects:

- The 2022 Full-depth Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation Project bids recently opened on May 17, 2022. Construction King of Brunswick was the lowest and best bidder at \$543,799.
- The Mills Creek Water Main Rehabilitation Project - the contractors completed a new 6-inch water main along Scotch Pine Way, and it is currently under testing protocol. Once testing is completed all service laterals would be reinstated to the homes that are off the new main. Red Pine Way is next for the project.

Mr. Rodriguez concluded his report.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson remarked that the 2022 Financial Audit is nearing its completion. 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 89-2022 – Appropriation Amendment
- T 90-2022 – Advance Repayment

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

E. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

April 2022 Police Department Report
April 2022 Parks and Recreation Director Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT dated May 31, 2022 –The committee made a motion to table T 84-2022 for later discussion, and made a motion to have the Law Department draft legislation to amend certain sections of N.R.C.O Chapter 476, Snowmobiles, Off-Highway Motorcycles and All-Purpose Vehicles with the requested changes and for the Clerk to add a new temporary number to be introduced.

(Council action required)

Moved by Abens seconded by Boose to accept the Safety Committee Report dated May 31, 2022.

A voice call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission report of Thursday, May 19, 2022:

Beckett Thermal, Inc., 38000 Beckett Pkwy North, PPN 07-00-038-000-330

Applicant: Greg Baker, Beckett Thermal Inc., 38000 Beckett Parkway North, North Ridgeville, OH, 44039. Proposal consists of constructing a pre-assembled temporary laboratory for burner testing. Property is zoned I-3.

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0

(Council approval required)

Councilman Abens expressed that this particular project is exciting, the business is expanding in North Ridgeville, and the technology they are testing is the future energy.

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

A voice call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

RECESS:

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel 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 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)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 88-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS) (GOLD UNIT).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 88-2022.

Mayor Corcoran expressed that the Gold Unit is comprised of sergeants and lieutenants, and they are an excellent component of the Police Department. They have reached a union settlement agreement that covers three years.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to finalize negotiations and enter into a contract with the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association (Sergeants and Lieutenants) (Gold Unit).

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 88-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 88-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5955-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 89-2022 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 89-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 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 – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 89-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 89-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5956-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 90-2022 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE REPAYMENT OF FUND ADVANCES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 90-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 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 – 6 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 90-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 90-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1570-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 91-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1650.04(b) AS A RESULT OF RECENTLY PASSED STATE LAW CONCERNING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to amend T 89-2022 with the following.:

WHEREAS, H.B. 172 also ~~provides~~ **recognizes** that pursuant to home rule authority **granted by the Ohio Constitution**, a **charter municipality** ~~city~~ may choose to **prohibit and/or** restrict the days and times that a person may discharge consumer-grade fireworks.

Law Director Moriarty explained that the legislation would clarify that the municipality as home rule is granted by the Ohio Constitution to amend the language.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President Jacobs referred to T 91-2022 Amended to the Committee of the Whole Meeting for further discussion.

SECOND READINGS:

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; First Reading on 5/16/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

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; First Reading on 5/16/2022)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the third reading for T 82-2022.

Engineer Rodriguez remarked that the project was originally scheduled under the approved 2022 appropriation, but the bids came back higher based on the market. This legislation is updating the City's portion and accommodating the fluctuation of the bid.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to pay the City's fair share of the project as soon as possible.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 82-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 82-2022 becomes **Resolution number 1571-2022**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

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; First Reading on 5/16/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

THIRD 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; Second Reading on 5/16/2022; Public Hearing held on 6/6/2022)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 57-2022.

Mr. DeVries remarked that he worked with the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Chief Building Official to create this legislation to save the resident's time and aggravation.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 57-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5957-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

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; Second Reading on 5/16/2022; Public Hearing held on 6/6/2022)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 58-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 58-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5958-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

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; Second Reading on 5/16/2022)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 64-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 64-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5959-2022.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Approval of minutes on June 20, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL