

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, June 20, 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, 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 06, 2022. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 11, 2022
Building & Lands Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 25, 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:

No Report was presented.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster remarked that he would be requesting emergency passage on several pieces of legislation. The administration would like to move to dispense the second and third readings and add the emergency clause for the four pieces of legislation.

- Under first readings is T 92-2022 an ordinance amending 5952-2022 which repealed and replaced N.R.C.O. Chapter 264, Civil Service Commission.
- Next up under first readings is T 93-2022 an ordinance amending 5536-2019 which authorized the Mayor to enter into a contract with a consulting engineering firm for design services, construction plans & specifications for the Mill Creek Conservation & Flood Control Project by increasing the amount from \$372,000 to \$420,000.
- Also under first readings is T 94-2022 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with a consulting engineering firm for the sanitary sewer master plan update not to exceed \$350,000.
- Under third readings, is ordinance T 79-2022 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the 2022 Traffic Paint Striping.

Mr. Armbruster added that the Summer Concert Series at South Central Park starts on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Families could enjoy a free concert at South Central Park Gazebo lawn on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Armbruster reminded everyone that the City would be co-sponsoring this year's Freedom Festival and Fireworks with Pepco Elyria. The event would be held at Victory Park Ohio, 7777 Victory Lane, on Sunday, July 3, 2022. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. with activities, entertainment, food and 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 would benefit the 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.

Mr. Armbruster concluded the Mayor's report.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez explained that if the 2022 Traffic Paint Striping legislation is adopted, the City would move forward with the bid process on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

He added that the Mills Road, Stoney Ridge Road, and Avalon Drive Peanut Roundabout are still in negotiations with the multiple property owners for the necessary right-of-way that is needed for the project.

He added that the Lorain Road Water Main construction has begun. The project should end in August 2022. One lane Eastbound would be closed during the project for its duration.

Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project has only six laterals to install. The road trip is prepping North Barton Road for the new concrete pavement should be placed on June 7, 2022.

The Mills Creek Water Main Rehabilitation Project is almost done for Scotch Pine Way and Red Pine Way.

Mr. Rodriguez concluded his report.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson remarked that the May 2022 Financial Audit was distributed to the City Council and posted on the City's website. 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 97-2022 – Appropriation Amendment

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

E. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

May 2022 Mayor's Court Report
May 2022 Water Distribution and EPA Report
May 2022 Building Department Report
May 2022 Fire Department Report
May 2022 Police Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission report of Tuesday, June 14, 2022:

Proposed legislation amending Chapter 1210 Planning Commission

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0

Proposed legislation amending Chapter 1242 Administration, Enforcement and Penalty

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0

Proposed legislation creating a new Chapter 1243 Permits and Development Review

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0

Proposed legislation amending Chapter 1244 Board of Zoning and Building Appeals

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0

Proposed legislation amending Chapter 1246 Amendments

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0

Proposed legislation creating a new Chapter 1247 Conditional Uses

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0

Proposed legislation creating a fee schedule for zoning-related applications and reviews

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 3-0

(Council approval required)

Councilman Abens remarked that the proposed legislation was referred to the Planning commission by the Charter Review Committee. The commission reviewed and approved the legislation by the Planning Commission.

Moved by Abens seconded by Swenk to approve the Planning Commission's actions and report dated Thursday, June 14, 2022.

A voice call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Master Municipal Clerk Designation for Fijabi Gallam:

President Jacobs introduced Dana Schroeder. Dana Schroeder read the following statement for the record.:

My name is Dana Schroeder. I am the President of the Northeast Ohio Municipal Clerks Association and the Director of Legislative Services for the City of North Royalton.

I am thankful to be here this evening to recognize and honor your Assistant Clerk of Council, my dear friend, and fellow clerk, Fijabi Gallam for achieving her certification as a Master Municipal Clerk.

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks is a professional association founded in 1947. There are upwards of 15,000 members in the US, Canada, and many other countries. IIMC's primary goal is to actively promote the continuing education and professional development of Municipal Clerks through education programs, certification, publications, networking, annual conferences, and research. IIMC also engages in municipal research, enhances critical professional skills development, and fosters a spirit of mutual assistance and good fellowship among Municipal Clerks around the globe.

The Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation program is designed to enhance the job performance of the Clerk in both small and large municipalities. To earn the MMC designation, which is the second and more advanced of the two professional designations granted by IIMC, 1st being the Certified Municipal Clerk designation, the Clerk must complete an advanced continuing education program that prepares participants to perform complex municipal duties. The program has an extensive and rigorous educational component and a professional contribution component.

It is with great pleasure that I stand before you tonight to officially present your Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam with her Master Municipal Clerk designation. After a long and dedicated journey of several years and many hours of seminars, conferences, and institute sessions, she has reached this pinnacle, an achievement that very few clerks are able to accomplish. With 15,000 International Institute of Municipal Clerks members, she is now one out of 1,366 Master Municipal Clerks worldwide.

I know Fiji has only been a part of your city for a short time, but she is highly dedicated to this profession and has worked very hard to do the best job possible for your City's residents and herself. I am honored to be here tonight to make this presentation.

Congratulations Fiji!

Assistant Clerk of Council Gallam thanked everyone for the opportunity.

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 92-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5952-2022, WHICH REPEALED AND REPLACED N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 264, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to dispense with the second and third readings for T 92-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to the ordinance to be in line with the union contract.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 92-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 92-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5960-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 93-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5536-2019 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR DESIGN SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MILL CREEK

CONSERVATION AND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT, BY INCREASING
THE PRIOR APPROVED AMOUNT OF \$372,000.00 TO \$420,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings
for T 93-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to allow the City
to finalize the plans and move this project forward to the construction phase.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 93-2022 with the emergency
clause.

Mr. Boose added that this legislation is part of the overall flood control program the City has
been involved with for a number of years. The City is one step closer to the process. He
expressed that he is in favor and would like to move the legislation forward.

Mr. Rodriguez noted that there are grant funds associated with the project and would like to
move forward with the project to make sure the City is meeting the demands of the grant.

Mr. Abens pointed out that the project is benefiting Real Creek Conservation and that many
developments in Ward 3 have retention ponds that they are forced to maintain without the
City's assistance. He expressed that the City may need to make a few changes to this
procedure.

Mr. Boose noted that the project does not only affect the Real Creek area, it also begins with the
turnpike and goes through Cypress Avenue to the east of Lear Nagle Road. It affects a
large portion of the City.

Mr. Rodriguez agreed with Mr. Boose's statement. He added that the Ohio EPA developed a
Storm Water Management Plan that required Developments to follow the storm water
protocol. They would own their ponds and the ponds are served by the HOAs.

Mrs. Swenk expressed her appreciation for the Storm Water Management Plan.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 93-
2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5961-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 94-2022 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLAN UPDATE, NOT TO EXCEED \$350,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 94-2022.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to move forward in updating the plan with the appropriated funds and plan for future projects.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 94-2022 with the emergency clause.

Mr. Boose noted that this project was discussed in budget meetings and it is appropriated.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 94-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5962-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 95-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 476, SNOWMOBILES, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES, AND ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES.

(Introduced by Councilman DeVries)

This ordinance was referred to the Safety Committee for discussion.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 96-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 634 NOISE CONTROL TO SOUND CONTROL.

(Introduced by Councilman DeVries)

This ordinance was referred to the Safety Committee for discussion.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 97-2022 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 Coreoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 97-2022.

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 allow the Auditor's office to meet its 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 Boose to adopt T 97-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 97-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5963-2022**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND 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 Coreoran; First Reading on 6/06/2022)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

THIRD 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; Second Reading on 6/06/2022)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to request a bid as soon as possible to start the project in the warmer months.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 97-2022 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 79-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5964-2022.**

Yes – 7 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; Second Reading on 6/06/2022)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt T 83-2022.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 83-2022 becomes **Ordinance number 5965-2022.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

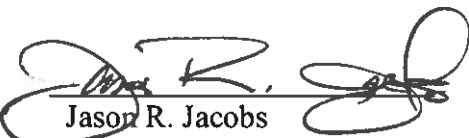
- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

Councilman Boose reminded everyone that the tickets must be purchased online for the July 4th festival at Victory Park. Tickets are not available on the day of the event. He added that there are many Baseball and Softball tournaments held at the Shady Drive Complex and some of them charge their participants a fee to park. The fee is not for North Ridgeville residents that are enjoying the facilities of the park.

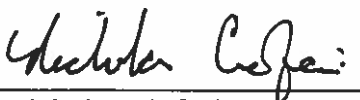
ADJOURNMENT:

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

Approval of minutes on July 5, 2022:



Jason R. Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL