

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Monday, November 17, 2014 regular Council meeting.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President Corcoran.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Terrence Keenan, Dennis Boose, Robert Olesen, Roseanne Johnson, Dr. Ronald Arndt, Bernadine Butkowski and President Kevin Corcoran.

Also present was Mayor David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffrey Armbruster, Law Director Andrew Crites, City Engineer Scott Wangler, Auditor Chris Costin and Clerk of Council George E. Smith.

**MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:**

President Corcoran: You have before you the Council meeting minutes of November 3, 2014. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note the Workers Comp Safety Committee meeting minutes of October 23, 2014.

**LOBBY:**

President Corcoran: That brings us to the lobby session of the meeting. This is your opportunity to address Council and bring your concerns to us. Unfortunately, this is not an interactive session and we do not have questions and answers. It is just an opportunity for you to tell us what your problems are and we will have the appropriate people get back to you. If you are going to speak, please step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record. You will have three minutes to speak on the topic of your choice. Is there anyone that would like to address Council this evening?

Charlotte Corridoni, 34056 Gina Dr.: stated elected officials should listen to residents in regard to the ballot issues that failed again. She also stated she will reconnect her downspouts if she is charged an increase in fees for sewers. Mrs. Corridoni stated the issues regarding flooding stem from broken infrastructure.

President Corcoran: Thank you. John, you are up next.

John Vetachnik, 5553 Main Ave.: stated for the next election, people would vote for an issue that was solely for a new fire station and not tacking other things on to the ballot issue.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Sandra Williams.

Sandra Williams, 33909 Bainbridge: stated she was a former “monkey” that worked for the City as quoted in the North Ridgeville Press by Mayor Gillock and felt the Mayor owed employees an apology.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else that would like to address Council this evening? Seeing none, we’ll move on to the Administrator’s reports. Mr. Mayor.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Thank you Mr. President. Looks like we have a short agenda this evening.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to go into executive session in place of the recess for the purposes of discussing litigation.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: Alright, we will go into executive session in place of the recess.

Mayor Gillock: Secondly, in response to the remarks that Mrs. Williams brought up. That is kind of taking out of context when talking to the reporters. We were talking about professional positions; department heads. We were not talking about rank and file employees. I just wanted to make that clear. If anyone was offended, I apologize but it was certainly not directed to our rank and file employees whether they are in the union or not.

Lastly, I just want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and that concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Safety-Service Director.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** There have been several residents from the Meadow Lakes area that have been concerned about the retention basin or detention basins or lakes that are in that subdivision. We spent one morning over there with the engineers, Health Department, K. Hovnanian and the M2 Management. Not that there is any confusion as to what the ultimate goal is; the ultimate goal is the homeowners association will have total control of all the lakes in Meadow Lakes. This is how it was originally set up. We are now defining just exactly which lakes belong to the homeowners association based on the webpage from the Lorain County Auditor’s office and ones that are still in K. Hovnanian’s names. We are sorting that out and working through there. Rest assured though that the lakes themselves are not breeding any mosquitos. Presently, the Health Department did not see any indication that was taking place, but we are still working on the issue and certainly we will work through it. Meadow Lakes is very important to us from the drainage standpoint and we want it to work properly and be maintained appropriately. We are continuing to work on that issue and I just wanted to report

back to Council that some of you were involved in that and rather than we email, I'll do it on television. That concludes my report. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Armbruster. Mr. Engineer.

**C. Engineer:** Thank you Mr. President. Considering this early visit of the arctic blast that we are getting now, I am going to touch on deicing materials a little ahead of schedule. They are a valuable tool to keep our roads and driveways and sidewalks free of ice and safe to use, however, in the course of doing their job, the deicing crystals drain away melted snow and into our water courses. There are several options to use for deicing materials and I would implore people to take a moment to read the packaging for proper application rates and use the minimum amount to be effective. This simple step will both help us preserve water quality and save money at the same time. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Wangler. Mr. Auditor.

**D. Auditor:** Thank you Mr. President. Council should have already received the October financial report. Just a reminder to Council: I know it is hard to believe that we are at the end of the year and shortly we will have some year-end housekeeping matters to take care of. I remind Council at the next two meetings we will have an amended appropriation Ordinance for 2014, a transfer/reimbursement Resolution and a temporary appropriation Ordinance for 2015 and with all that information in advance; Council will receive the detail behind the calculations contained in each of those pieces of legislation. That concludes my report and comments.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Costin.

**E. Other Reports:**

President Corcoran: We have the October 2014 Fire Department report, the October 2014 Support Car report and the October 2014 Water Distribution reports.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk of Council Smith:

A letter dated November 5, 2014 from the Government Finance Officers Association awarding Chris Costin a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

President Corcoran: We actually had a presentation on this last meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Butkowski to suspend the By-laws and add 5178-2014 back to the agenda this evening.

Councilwoman Butkowski: what was the T number on that?

President Corcoran: It is now an Ordinance and I don't know its T number. It was the Northborough Senior Citizen Planned Residential Development, Phase 2 that we passed last meeting.

Councilwoman Butkowski: Okay.

President Corcoran: We will discuss it once we have it back on the agenda. All those in favor say yes.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, point of order. I think what you are looking at is a motion to amend a previous Ordinance.

President Corcoran: I have to put it on the agenda first before we have any discussion; we have to have it on the agenda which I think that is what Mr. Boose is looking for.

Mayor Gillock: I am talking that you have to have a motion for a previous Ordinance. You cannot reconsider an Ordinance that has already been passed. It is an Ordinance. So you want to make a motion to amend 5178 and then have that discussion why you want to amend it. That makes sense to me.

President Corcoran: If it is not on the agenda how do we amend it?

Mayor Gillock: Make it a new motion - a new motion to amend a prior Ordinance which happens to be 5178.

Law Director Crites: Because we did not follow the parameters of our By-laws for it to make cloture and give the public notice of the action; you have to first suspend your By-laws to put it before Council to then make the motion to amend.

Mayor Gillock: So we suspend By-laws to make a motion to amend a previously adopted Ordinance.

Law Director Crites: It is combining the two motions, but it works. I was originally going to suggest making a motion to suspend the By-laws to put it on the agenda under old business and then go back to it. Then make a motion to amend.

President Corcoran: It is a two-step process.

Councilman Keenan: It was T 105.

President Corcoran: It was T 105, the old T 105 which is now Ordinance number 5178.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Mr. President, we are getting copies of it.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions on suspending the By-laws to put 5178 back on the agenda under old business? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Keenan to amend previously adopted Ordinance number 5178-2014 by adding an emergency clause to the Ordinance in order to move the project forward.

Law Director Crites: Do we not wait until we have copies in front of all of Council before...

President Corcoran: I don't think it is necessary once we have the discussion, it will be perfectly clear. The reason for this is this came before Planning Commission sometime in March, I believe; February and the normal course of business would be to bring it before Council, have it go through its readings and then we would adopt it. Unfortunately, it did not follow that procedure. What we did the last time was correct the deficiency to correct our mistake and we passed it through all in one evening at the last meeting. Because of the process in which this has to then go to the City then to the County before they could then go forward with their project; we are essentially holding them up from moving forward and we are holding them up due to our own mistake. At this point, the amendment is actually adding the emergency clause to this Ordinance in order to move the project forward.

President Corcoran: Are there any questions?

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, I have a comment. It was the same comment I made at the last meeting where I thought this was a very perfunctory step for us in that we as a Council had a brief discussion that we said that we don't want to be in a position where we are holding anyone up – people from selling their property and people from selling lots. I remember it and I supported it then and I am supporting it now. The idea of adding the emergency I am very much in favor.

President Corcoran: Any other comments? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The measure passed unanimously and Ordinance number 5178-2014 will now have the emergency clause.

President Corcoran: Moving on to new business. T 121.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance and Resolution Submittals**

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 121-2014** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO O'TOOLE, MCLAUGHLIN, DOOLEY, PECORA, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,146.25.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to suspend the By-laws to give T 121 a first reading.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 121 will be added to first readings. That is the end of new business. We are going to take a recess and go into executive session.

**RECESS:**

(Adjourned into executive session at 7:50 P.M.)

(Reconvened into City Council meeting at 8:07 P.M.)

**FIRST READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 117-2014** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN  
**Amended** AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME OHIO COUNCIL 8 TO AMEND THE  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AS IT RELATES TO WAGE  
INCREASES AWARDED TO LICENSED BUILDING INSPECTORS.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Amended on the floor on 11/03/2014)

President Corcoran: T 121.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 121-2014** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO  
O'TOOLE, MCLAUGHLIN, DOOLEY, PECORA, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$4,146.25.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings for T 121.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, I would defer to the Law Director to address this one please.

Law Director Crites: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This would be for the attorneys who we engage to assist as outside counsel for the formal process of fact-finding and conciliation with the FOP. This amount indicates the amount of fees incurred over the purchase order which I believe was \$15,000.00. I say that, maybe speaking from a biased chair, that this was a very reasonable fee charge and result for the amount of work we got. I thank them for it.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President? Did they bill hourly?

Law Director Crites: Yes.

President Corcoran: Are there any other comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 121.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to add the emergency clause to T 121 in order to pay the invoice timely.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passes unanimously and becomes **Resolution number 1320-2014.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to second readings.

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 110-2014** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5140-2014, WHICH APPROVED THE PURCHASE/LEASE OF 3 NEW POLICE VEHICLES FROM THE STATE CO-OP OR FROM AN OUTSIDE VENDOR, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF VEHICLES BEING PURCHASED TO 4, AND BY INCREASING THE PURCHASE AMOUNT FROM \$95,481.00 TO \$128,033.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 11/03/2014)*

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Butkowski to dispense with the third reading for T 110.

President Corcoran: Are there any comment or questions?

Councilman Keenan: Will this ultimately take us to needing the emergency clause?

Mayor Gillock: We just hope to adopt this evening so we can go ahead and get the thing ordered. It is going to take three months to get it here anyway, but we would not need the emergency. It will take us that long to do the paperwork.





Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passes unanimously and becomes **Ordinance number 5184-2014.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 113.

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 113-2014** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRIANGLE SERVICES, INC. FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES, NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 11/03/2014)

(\*Amended version submitted at 11/17/2014 Council meeting\*)

Councilman Olesen: Mr. President, is this the contract that is set to expire December 1?

Law Director Crites: Yes.

Mayor Gillock: This is set to expire December 1 so we need to adopt something here tonight to keep our offices clean.

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Boose to amend Section 4 to read: “The contract shall commence on December 1, 2014 and conclude on November 30, 2015 and will have an option for one additional year extension as provided in the advertised specifications.”

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions on the amendment? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Olesen to dispense with the third reading for T 113-2014 Amended.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 113 Amended.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to add the emergency clause to T 113 Amended in order to have a contract in place by December 1, 2014.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: On the adoption, with the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passes unanimously and becomes **Ordinance number 5185-2014.**

President Corcoran: There are no third readings.

**THIRD READINGS:** None.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Corcoran: There will be a Building and Lands Committee meeting on **Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.** in Council Chambers to discuss T 114, T 115 and T 116.

Our next regular Council meeting will be on **Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.** in Council Chambers.

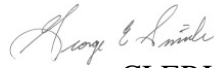
**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Corcoran: Seeing no other business to bring before the City this evening, everyone enjoy their Thanksgiving, the meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Approval of minutes:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL