

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, January 6, 2020 Council meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:**

Led by President DeVries.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by President DeVries.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Council members Holly Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Martin DeVries, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Michelle Hung and Clifford Winkel.

Also present was Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Acting Auditor April Wilkerson, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden and Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet.

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

President DeVries asked for any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of December 16, 2019. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries asked for any corrections to public hearing meeting minutes of December 16, 2019 regarding T 106-2019. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the Finance Committee meeting minutes of November 18-20, December 3 and December 9, 2019 (Finance Committee Budget meetings), Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 10, 2019, Tax Abatement Review Board meeting minutes of December 12, 2019 and the Utilities Committee meeting minutes of December 16, 2019.

**LOBBY:**

President DeVries opened the lobby session and stated there would be one lobby session this evening.

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 each person will be given three minutes to speak. He requested anyone that wished to speak to fill out a lobby sheet located in the back of the room.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Mayor Corcoran asked that T 1-2020 which is an ordinance cooperating with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Interchange Lighting Upgrade and Replacement Project be adopted with the emergency this evening to meet ODOT's deadline of January 15, 2020.

Mayor Corcoran asked that T 2-2020 which is an ordinance cooperating with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the resurfacing project on IR 480 be adopted with the emergency this evening to meet ODOT's deadline of January 15, 2020.

Mayor Corcoran asked that T 3-2020 which is 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 Ranger Way Extension project be adopted with the emergency clause this evening in order to begin construction by April 1, 2020.

Mayor Corcoran stated he will be holding his first coffee & conversation Thursday, January 16 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. He reminded everyone that the State of the City address will be this Friday as well.

City Hall offices will be closed Monday, January 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2020 due to the holiday.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adjourn into executive session before new business in order to consider the appointment of a public official, to consider the appointment of a public employee and to consider the sale of City property.

Clerk of Council Linden took a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

**B. Safety-Service Director:** None.

**C. Engineer:** Engineer Rodriguez stated in regard to the Ranger Way Project, the City must get the project out to bid to have work completed before the start of the 2020-2021 school year. He noted that school resumes August 20, 2020.

Engineer Rodriguez stated ODOT has commissioned a project to replace the lighting system at the SR 10 Interchange with Alt SR 83. The current lighting system has not been replaced since the 1970's. ODOT will continue to maintain the lights after the installation and the City will have to pay an annual maintenance fee for the maintenance and the electricity that those lights will use. All replacement lighting will be LED so the lights should be fairly efficient and use less energy.

Engineer Rodriguez stated ODOT has commissioned a project to resurface a portion of I-480 within the City limits. This is a no cost project to the City, but since this location falls within the City limits, the City must sign a participation agreement.

**D. Auditor:** Acting Auditor Wilkerson stated Council received the November 2019 Financial Report late last week. She stated the December Report will be preliminary and then a final version will be provided. The audit is set to begin in February 2020.

**E. Other Reports:** President DeVries noted Council received the November 2019 Police Department Report.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

A resignation letter dated December 31, 2019 from Council At-Large member/Council President, Kevin Corcoran.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

Adjourned into executive session at 7:39 p.m.

Reconvened into the City Council meeting at 8:08 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Open nominations for the vacant seat for Council At-Large**

President DeVries stated the person appointed this evening will be sworn in before the next City Council meeting.

President DeVries opened nominations.

Moved by President DeVries and seconded by Abens to nominate Jim Maleski.

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Hung to nominate Jason Jacobs.

President DeVries asked for any further nominations. No further nominations were offered and nominations were closed.

Councilwoman Swenk asked if she could make a statement.

President DeVries stated not at this time.

Councilwoman Hung asked if there was no discussion before the vote.

President DeVries stated not at this time and asked the Clerk to call the roll vote on the nomination of Jim Maleski.

Clerk of Council Linden took a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Yes – 4                      No – 2 (Swenk, Hung)

President DeVries announced that Jim Maleski was appointed to the vacant At-large seat.

President DeVries thanked everyone that applied for the seat and stated there were many great candidates.

**Appointment by Mayor Kevin Corcoran for the position of Safety-Service Director**

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to appoint Jeff Armbruster to the position of Safety-Service Director.

Clerk of Council Linden took a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Yes – 5                      No – 1 (Swenk)

President DeVries announced that Jeff Armbruster was appointed to the position of Safety-Service Director.

**Appointment for the position of Auditor**

Moved by President DeVries and seconded by Swenk to appoint April Wilkerson to the position of Auditor.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

President DeVries announced that April Wilkerson was appointed to the position of Auditor.

**Approval of the final plat for Meadow Lakes 17 in a PCD.**

**(Planning Commission approval on 12/10/2019; Council approval on 12/16/2019; Public hearing 01/06/2020)  
(Council action required)**

Moved by Abens and seconded by Boose to approve the final plat of Meadow Lakes 17 in a PCD.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the recess portion of the meeting.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

**FIRST READINGS:**

**Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 1-2020**      PID NO. 104158; PROJECT NAME: D03 LG FY2020  
AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INTERCHANGE  
LIGHTING UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 1-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 1-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 1-2020 in order to meet the ODOT deadline of January 15, 2020.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Councilwoman Hung asked if the costs were budgeted for 2020 or if this was a surprise.

Auditor Wilkerson stated it was not a surprise and was part of the 2020 budget.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 1-2020 becomes **Ordinance number 5694-2020**.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 2-2020**      PID NO. 79759; PROJECT NAME: LOR IR 0480 00.97  
AN ORDINANCE COOPERATING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING  
PROJECT ON IR 480 THROUGH THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 2-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 2-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 2-2020 in order to meet the ODOT deadline of January 15, 2020.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 2-2020 becomes **Ordinance number 5695-2020**.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 3-2020**      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 RANGER WAY EXTENSION PROJECT AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,611,610.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 3-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 3-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 3-2020 in order to complete the project before the start of school which is August 20, 2020.

Councilman Boose noted that this matter was budgeted and went through appropriations for 2020.

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

Yes – 6                      No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 3-2020 becomes **Ordinance number 5696-2020.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 4-2020**      A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, APPROVING AND RATIFYING 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; Approved by Tax Abatement Review Board on 12/12/2019)*

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 125-2019**    AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4275-2006 BY INCREASING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL.

*(Introduced by Councilman Abens; First reading 11/18/2019; Referred to Finance on 11/18/2019; Finance on 12/03/2019; Report accepted on 12/16/2019)*

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to amend T 125-2019 by substitution which changed the wage from \$8,000 to \$8,100.

Mayor Corcoran stated there was one additional item added which were the words “effective January 1, 2020.”

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Hung and seconded by Abens to dispense with the third reading for T 125-2019 Amended.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Moved by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 125-2019 Amended.

Councilman Boose called a point of order that a motion to adopt is first needed.

Moved by Hung and seconded by Abens to adopt T 125-2019 Amended.

Moved by Hung and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 125-2019 Amended in order to process the increase timely.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause, and the motion carried. T 125-2019 Amended becomes **Ordinance number 5697-2020.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 132-2019** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE GALAXY WATER METERS AND APPURTENANCES FROM BADGER METER, INC., NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 12/16/2019)

Moved by Hung to adopt.

Councilman DeVries noted it was under second readings.

**THIRD READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 129-2019** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT, A PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF INTEREST IN GROUND LEASE, AND A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF 2.372 ACRES LOCATED IN “VICTORY PARK” OWNED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE AND UNDER A CURRENT LEASE WITH PMJ PARK HOLDINGS TO THE BUYER, BLUE MARBLE VICTORY LANE, LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING ITS EXISTING BUSINESS AND/OR ADDING ADDITIONAL PARKING.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 12/02/2019; Second reading 12/16/2019)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Hung to adopt T 129-2019.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 129-2019 becomes **Ordinance number 5698-2020.**

Yes – 6                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 130-2019** A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN APPLICATION FOR TAX INCENTIVE IN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 14 CREATED BY CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE RESOLUTION NO. 768-94, BY ARC TERRA, LLC, AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Approved by Tax Abatement Review Board on 04/20/2016; First reading 12/02/2019; Second reading 12/16/2019)

Moved by Hung and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 130-2019.



A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 130-2019 becomes **Resolution number 1475-2020.**

Yes – 6

No – 0

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Approval of minutes on January 21, 2020:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL