

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

President DeVries called the Monday, November 15, 2021, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President DeVries.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President DeVries.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Martin DeVries, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Jason Jacobs, and James R. Maleski.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeffrey Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, City Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of November 1, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following:

- Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of October 28, 2021

LOBBY:

President DeVries 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. He requested anyone that wished to speak to fill out a lobby sheet located in the back of the room.

Angelo Ritson, 33009 Hidden Hollow Court, North Ridgeville – Mr. Ritson wanted to present suggestions regarding the train crossing at Root Road in Ward 3. He expressed that he is happy to see the new police station passed at the November 2021 General Election. He noted that the Root Road train crossing cuts residents off from the new police station. The suggestion was to

create an underpass for the train crossing at Root Road to allow convenience and safety for Ward 3 residents. Mr. Ritson described different types of long trains.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran wanted to thank the residents for the overwhelming support they showed for the Police Department at the polls on November 2, 2021. With the successful passage of Issue #11, plans to build a new police station will move forward to break ground in 2022. As more details become available, updates could be found on the City's website.

Mayor Corcoran announced that the Utilities Department launched a new payment service, offering greater flexibility to view and pay their utility bill online. The New Payment Portal is now open. All UBILL and auto pay users would need to re-register in the new payment system. For more information, visit the city's website at nridgeville.org.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that residents are invited to join him on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers for his monthly coffee and conversation.

Mayor Corcoran added that City Hall Offices would be closed on November 25, 2021, and November 26, 2021, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mayor Corcoran noted that the City is currently collecting Non-perishable food items and new toys in original packaging to help support North Ridgeville Community Care for the holidays. Drop-off boxes are located at City Hall, Parks & Recreation, and Senior Center. Items may be dropped off through December 3, 2021.

Mayor Corcoran announced that North Ridgeville Visitors Bureau is sponsoring the 21st Annual Holiday on the Ridge on Saturday, December 4, 2021. The community could experience the magic of Christmas while visiting multiple business open houses, craft shows, and special events like the pancake breakfast and annual tree lighting ceremony to be held at 5:00 p.m. at South Central Park Gazebo. For the complete listing of activities, stop by City Hall or the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce to pick up a pamphlet, or visit the City's website. 24 businesses are participating in this event.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Boose to go into executive session to discuss public employment and union contract negotiations.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.
Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster had no report.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez announced that there is one project out for bid currently for the Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project. The bid is scheduled to open on November 30, 2021. He added that the full-depth concrete project is coming to an end with two phases left on the Nicoll Street project.

Engineer Rodriguez concluded his report.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson remarked that T-142 is seeking to authorize the advancement of funds. T-143 ordinance is amending the 2021 appropriations, and T-144 is a resolution authorizing then and now certificates. Mrs. Wilkerson requested the City Council to pass the legislation with the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources to meet the City's financial obligations.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

E. Other Reports:

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

- October 2021 Fire Department Report.
- October 2021 Building Department Report.
- October 2021 Mayor's Court Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

Planning Commission report dated November 9, 2021, for the approval of Applicant One Tony Valore, Valore Properties, Inc., final Plat approval for Hampton Place Phase 6.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to accept the application for Applicant One from the Planning Commission report dated November 9, 2021.

President DeVries asked if there were any questions or comments. No comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

Planning Commission report dated November 9, 2021, for the approval of a vacating public access request - a property known as Roosevelt Avenue from 5169 Lear Nagle Road to 33593 Adele Street in the City of North Ridgeville.

Councilman Abens noted that there was some confusion regarding a road between the requested addresses. Mr. Abens added that there is no road. Mr. Abens remarked that the City would continue to maintain easements and are giving up their right away to turn the property over to the residents.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to accept the referral from the Planning Commission report dated November 9, 2021.

President DeVries asked if there were any questions or comments.

Councilman Winkel added that the properties in question are off of Lear Nagle Road and the adjoining property had a right away that prohibited the requester from doing anything with the rear part of their property. This request is to allow the resident to use their entire property.

No other comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

RECESS:

Moved by Boose and seconded Maleski by 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 Linden:

T 135-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 634 NOISE CONTROL TO SOUND CONTROL.
(Introduced by Councilman Maleski; Referred to Safety Committee on 10/19/2021; Safety Committee Report approved on 11/01/2021)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Councilman Boose noted that T 135-2021 and T 136-2021 were different on his printed copy and Onbase. Mr. Boose wanted to make sure he was voting on the correct legislation. Councilman DeVries continued with the reading of legislation that was presented on the Council Agenda dated November 15, 2021. Mr. DeVries noted that they would address the issue after the meeting.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 136-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 476, SNOWMOBILES, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES AND ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES.
(Introduced by Councilman Maleski; Referred to Safety Committee on 10/19/2021; Safety Committee Report approved on 11/01/2021)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 137-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading. Legislation is required to go through three readings.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 138-2021 AN ORDINANCE GIVING THE MAYOR THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ISOMER GROUP, INC., TO PAY THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE COSTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TURNING/DECELERATION LANE AT THE INTERSECTION OF BAGLEY

ROAD AND LORAIN ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$61,092.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran explained that this ordinance is for an agreement to share some of the infrastructure costs associated with the project. The estimated amount is a placeholder. The exact amount that is used with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds for the project. The legislation would be amended at the next meeting. TIF funds are used for infrastructure purposes.

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 139-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 3442., FOR THE 2022 WAGE RE-OPENER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 139-2021.

Mayor Corcoran explained that this ordinance is in a result of the discussions they had with the AFSCME Union. He expressed that everyone was happy with the offer.

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 finalize the agreement with AFSCME.

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 139-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 139-2021 becomes **Resolution number 5874-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Mayor Corcoran thanked everyone for their support and consideration of the agreement and dedication to the city.

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 140-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBITS A OF ORDINANCE NO. 2725-93 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN DISCRETIONARY EMPLOYEES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 140-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to pay employees the appropriate amounts in a timely fashion.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 140-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 140-2021 becomes **Resolution number 5875-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 141-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBITS "A" AND "B" OF ORDINANCE NO. 5596- 2018 AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AFFORDED TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CERTAIN DISCRETIONARY EMPLOYEES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to amend T 141-2021 with adding a new Section to say - *SECTION 2. Additionally, Ordinance No. 5596-2018 shall be amended in Section 2 of the Ordinance to remove the words “within said ranges” from the last sentence to now read: “The annual salaries shall increase periodically in the same percentage as that average percentage increase in wages as is from time to time negotiated by the various collective bargaining units of the City of North Ridgeville in order to maintain wage parity.”* and changing the subsequent numbers to continue with the new section.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for the Amended version of T 141-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to pay the employees on a timely basis.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt an amended version of T 141-2021 with the emergency clause.

Councilman Abens pointed out that on the agenda the legislation title has Exhibit 8 instead of Exhibit B and confirmed that it was corrected on the official copy.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 141-2021 becomes **Resolution number 5876-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 142-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND ADVANCES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 142-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens 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 Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 142-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 142-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1539-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 143-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5784-2020 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 143-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens 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 Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 143-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 143-2021 becomes **Resolution number 5877-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 144-2021 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 Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 144-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary financial resources.

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 144-2021 with the emergency clause.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know the reason why the invoices were old.

Auditor Wilkerson explained that the invoices are sometimes dated when a project is started and not when it is completed. She added that the bills are not sitting to be paid.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 144-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1540-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 131-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11/01/2021)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

T 132-2021 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF STORM WATER FOREMAN FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11/01/2021)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the third reading for T 132-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to create the position that is already filled by an employee.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 132-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 132-2021 becomes **Resolution number 5878-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

T 133-2021 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE POSITION
OF STORM WATER FOREMAN

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11/01/2021)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the third reading for
T 133-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to pay
the current Storm Water Foreman.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 133-2021 with the
emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 133-
2021 becomes **Resolution number 5879-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 125-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH
RIDGEVILLE TO LEASE/PURCHASE A NEW SINGLE AXLE DUMP
TRUCK WITH ACCESSORIES FROM THE STATE BID LIST, OR STATE
CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR
LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR
ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT
TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 10/18/2021; Second Reading on 11/01/2021)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Meleski to adopt T 125-2021.

President DeVries remarked that this request was budgeted in the approved 2021 appropriation.
He requested that the emergency clause be added to purchase the truck before the end of 2021.

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Meleski to add the emergency clause to purchase the dump
truck before the end of 2021.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 125-2021 with the emergency clause.

No other questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 125-2021 become **Ordinance number 5880-2021.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 130-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (C) OF N.R.C.O. SECTION 642.08 POSTING BILLS AND NOTICES; DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC NOTICES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 10/18/2021; Second Reading on 11/01/2021)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to adopt T 130-2021.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 130-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5881-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Swenk)

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 3 through Friday, November 5, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day to discuss 2022 appropriations in City Council Chambers.

President DeVries reminded everyone that the next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Approval of minutes on December 6, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL