# NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 6, 2015

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

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Monday, April 6, 2015 regular Council meeting.

## **INVOCATION:**

Led by President Corcoran.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Will Price.

# **ROLL CALL:**

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

Also present was Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, 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 public hearing minutes of March 16, 2015 regarding the Stash Agricultural District. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: You have before you public hearing minutes of March 16, 2015 regarding the Smith Agricultural District. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: You have before you public hearing minutes of March 16, 2015 regarding the Grosik/Haputa Agricultural District. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: You have before you public hearing minutes of March 16, 2015 regarding the Rak Trust Agricultural District. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: You have before you the Council meeting minutes of March 16, 2015. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of March 26, 2015, the Civil Service Commission meeting minutes of March 17, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of February 25, 2015, the Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 10, 2015 and the Tax Abatement Review Board meeting minutes of March 24, 2015.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Arndt to bifurcate the lobby session to have two separate lobby sessions – the first designed to allow people to speak on items that are on the agenda this evening and a second lobby session before adjournment to allow for interaction between participants in the lobby session and the Council and Administration.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilwoman Butkowski: Mr. Chairman, since we have a lot of people here that are interested in speaking to us tonight; why can't we just do it all at the first session and then we can move on?

President Corcoran: Our first session; we normally don't interact with the public.

Councilwoman Butkowski: Well, let's just put it all together and we can interact if possible and if necessary and just allow them to get it ya know, instead of asking them to wait through our entire meeting.

President Corcoran: Are you making an intervening motion?

Moved by Butkowski and seconded by Boose to allow the second lobby session to be combined at the first lobby session.

President Corcoran: Okay, as far as discussion is concerned, I think the reason why we split the lobby session in half is because we are allowing the people that were going to speak on the items that are before us this evening or any evening to have an opportunity to speak on those issues and then give us an opportunity to conduct the business of the meeting which is why we are here and then allow interaction at the second part. If you remember back in the day when we had the original lobby session, it was at the end of the meeting. That was before I was on Council. When I joined Council, I convinced you guys to move it up to where it is now to give people an opportunity to speak before we voted on something. That wasn't a right that people had before. By limiting our discussion at the first session, we can do that, but then we don't have interaction. I think what we are looking at is when we have these lobby sessions, we are really here to design them to handle every single meeting, not just one particular meeting. If we start bouncing around, I don't want to be accursed of changing the rules to accommodate certain groups and not other groups and discriminating against groups because of their ability or inability to speak at certain times. I think that is a dangerous path for us to go down.

Councilwoman Butkowski: Well, I understand that. We have to approve that at every meeting. I guess that is our right to approve it at each meeting if we haven't made it permanent on our rules for Council. When they used to, in the old meetings, we didn't speak at the end of the meeting, but it was later on in the meetings than what we do now, but we have a lot of people here. Why should they have to sit here through all this stuff that they are really not interested in

or we could interact, but there is no reason we can't interact with them at the beginning of the meeting, same as we do at the end of the meeting; if we are interacting with people.

Councilman Boose: As of all members of Council recall, I sent an email last night to Mrs. Butkowski's point because I've been an advocate for a long time of having residents be able to not only ask questions and voice their concerns, but to get a response that same evening; whether it be from a City Council person or typically it is more appropriate from the Administration because the Administration are the individuals that run our day-to-day operations of the City. I have been a proponent of that for a long time. I am glad that we had the compromise that we have two different sessions. In speaking with the Council President earlier this evening on the subject; he brought up a point and I think it is a good one: one of the reasons that we do this the way we do it and allow and ask people to speak or give their concerns on topics that are on the agenda is because one, I've sat in their chair and waited all meeting because I wasn't too concerned about what else went on, but we as Council members and the Administration and the audience should be concerned about what is going on in the City because that is why we are here. To have people speak on the topics that on are the agenda is important because that is what we are going to talk about later on. If we have a bunch of people, no matter on what topic, whether it be the Aurensen issue or flooding or streets or whatever you want to bring out, and we spend an hour on that at the first part of the meeting, it takes away and can take away from those people that actually do want to speak on the topics that are up for discussion during the meetings. I do think it is an appropriate compromise at the end of the day. We are all very interested in hearing what everybody wants to say. I am very interested in hearing the responses that I or someone else may be able to give you, so I don't think a little bit extra is asking too much for the residents. Most people, in my opinion, all they want to know is that they were heard and that they could get a response to their questions. In that regard, I can go either way on it. Thank you Mr. President.

Councilman Keenan: On this issue and most of the people sitting in these seats are in my ward - I believe that we have an interesting agenda tonight. I think they can handle listening to it and I think then when we get to their issue, there will be no sense of time urgency or rushing through your comments. I would be voting in favor of the split lobby session tonight.

Councilwoman Butkowski: I will just withdraw my motion. It was a suggestion.

President Corcoran: On the original motion on splitting the lobby session into two parts; all those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes - 7 No - 0

## LOBBY (REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

President Corcoran: We are at the first lobby session. If you wish to speak to one of the items on the agenda for this evening, now is your opportunity to do so. This lobby session will be used for the items that are on the agenda this evening. Please come to the podium; state your name and address for the record. You will be given three minutes to talk about the topic that is on the agenda. There won't be any interaction at this session, but if you want interaction there will be

plenty of time at the other lobby session. Is there anybody that would like to address Council during this first lobby session?

President Corcoran: Seeing none, we will move on then to the Administrator's reports.

## **ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** Absent.

**B.** Safety-Service Director: The asphalt plants are open. I don't know if those of you that have driven home down Lorain Road this evening, but if you got off 480 and came back by Leppo's, you could see that we had our panel grinder, which is a new piece of equipment, out. There are some, quite a few spots on the right hand lane that has been repaired. We rolled it in and it looks like they did an outstanding job. They are going to go back and crack seal and seal it up. They did use the panel grinder, they got it out and it is working very well from that standpoint.

We also had a demo which Council was invited to; some were able to make it. I am sorry about the short notice, but the Dura Patcher machine that we tried; if you go back in the back lot back here where the Police Department is – there is a storm grate back there. The holes that were there were probably at least four inches deep and maybe two feet wide in different areas. We used the Dura Patcher there. It is an area I drive by and most people would drive over, not by, through, in the morning. It is holding up very well. It is an outstanding piece of equipment. It gives us another tool in our toolbox. The machine would make the asphalt all winter long instead of using cold patch. We have the panel grinder now out working. It can do a two foot area of asphalt road and then they come back and tack in and put asphalt, real asphalt, down and seal that off. Those three pieces of equipment and of course now the Dura Patcher is not something that has been purchased yet. It is on the state bid list and we are hopeful that Council will give us the approval to purchase that piece of equipment to round out the other equipment we have to try and hopefully bring our roads back to where they are including all of the asphalt that you have provided; all the asphalt money that you provided us this year. We will get those bids out and get started working on those roads. I know that the roads are a little bit better, but they are not necessarily good in any way whatsoever. We are not the only community. I am not making any excuses in any way whatsoever, but I can tell you that this City Council and the Administration are working very hard to bring the roads back to where they were within years ago.

This coming Wednesday, not this coming Wednesday, but a week from Wednesday, we will be holding the Administration, the City of North Ridgeville will be holding an information session with regards to Issue 17, 18 and 19 which is police, fire and streets. These are renewal levies. This is no new taxes. This is something that the City of North Ridgeville residents started years and years ago. In fact, going way back into the early 90's or prior to that where instead of giving income tax money; they gave specific dollars for specific purposes. They gave, we as residents, would like to allocate our money and this is what they did. The money that is spent if you vote for the police levy will be spent on police; the fire levy would be spent on the Fire Department

and then the street levy – in that case, it is not spent on any personnel at all. It is all spent on equipment and any asset that we can buy that lasts five years and it is for the asphalt, concrete tack and stuff like that would last longer than five years. The money is well used. It is not necessarily; none of the street monies were used for personnel. It is all for actual stuff that we use to fix the roads.

There has been much conversation in the last few days, actually, several weeks and might even go into longer than several weeks with regards to the Cross Creek development. Probably in the last week, it has even wrapped up further than that after the Planning Commission approved it on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the City Council approved it for Planning Commission minutes on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Before these approvals were given, there was a lot of conversation and concerns. There were a lot of other people that praised the project as to how they were going to use it and how they are going to get in and out of it. There was a planning director that we hire that weighed in on it months ago as to his thoughts. There have been discussions on ditch cleaning and I don't know if those of you that are over there recently and live in the neighborhood; we started cleaning the ditches over there last year. We said we were going to come back this year. We are in fact; the track hoe is over there now. We had to fix, finish up a job that we are working on Chestnut Ridge. It just so happens, timing wise, that was the next place I think the track hoe is now at is Bogner's. We will be tracking back in there. They are starting at Maddock Road and coming back up. They have some areas that are blocked up that should help quite a bit, but we will stay on that as we did with Lake Ridge Academy – that ditch over there and continue to clean that out.

The developer, Tony Valore, is not in town and hasn't been since last week. There has been communication between the Mayor, myself and the Administration and engineers with regards to the development of Cross Creek. I know that there is a concern. We know there is a concern with regards to sidewalks. Mr. Valore has verbally addressed that with us via phone and in person before he left. His plan is to put one sidewalk in and that is a sidewalk on the north side of Aurensen. The other issues that I know is a concern of this community and the residents over there are still open to discussion and we are working through those. City Council is actively involved in these discussions and they are doing an outstanding job. They are voicing not only your concerns but theirs. The Mayor is very aware of all the situations that are taking place. He wishes that he were here this evening, but he is unable to be here being out of town and I look forward to the second session to try to answer any questions that any residents have. We certainly are listening. We are hearing and we are going to do what is best for the community as we move forward. Thank you very much. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

**C. Engineer:** Thank you Mr. President. It is a busy time of year for me with appropriations coming through. I have a lot of projects that are just starting. One of the things was Jaycox Road, the south end, which I am working on that. I asked for and received money to do cores in that road which is something new for me this year. It allows me to be a little more proactive in my design. I got the cores on that street and I got the results back from that. There

is going to be a little change in direction on Jaycox, but typically what we would do is mill off three inches of material to make space for the three inches of new material that would go in place so everything would match up to all the driveways. The results from the cores show that the thickness of the road overall is about six inches thick which isn't all that thick. I am going to rather than remove three inches and put three inches of new in there, I am going to; the road will end up being three inches higher with it ending us up with a nine inch thick road. The money spent milling will then be spent transitioning driveways. That concludes my report.

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

**D.** Auditor: Yes, I have nothing as interesting as anything you heard. No report scheduled for this evening.

President Corcoran: Thank you.

# **E.** Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the February 2015 Police Department report and the March 2015 Park and Recreation Director's report.

President Corcoran: There are no Council Committee reports.

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

President Corcoran: There is correspondence.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk of Council Smith:

A letter dated March 9, 2015 from Tony Hatmaker regarding the overtime in the Auditor's office.

A memo dated March 13, 2015 from Engineer Scott Wangler requesting City Council give final acceptance to Windsor Point Subdivision No. 4.

A memo dated March 13, 2015 from Engineer Scott Wangler requesting City Council give final acceptance to Windsor Point Subdivision No. 5.

A letter dated March 16, 2015 from Auditor Chris Costin regarding the overtime in the Auditor's office.

A letter dated March 25, 2015 from the Lorain County Board of Elections sending the proof of ballot for the May 5, 2015 election.

President Corcoran: There is no old business.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

President Corcoran: Moving on to new business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **Ordinance and Resolution Submittals**

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 59-2015 AN ORI

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE WINDSOR POINT SUBDIVISION NO. 4, AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, as a point of clarification for everybody's benefit unless everybody already knows it – Windsor Point Subdivisions 4 and 5 are actually located within Avalon Estates. The name Windsor Point is, I don't want to say misleading, but it is not very informative; it is within Avalon Estates.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Keenan. T 60.

#### Clerk of Council Smith:

T 60-2015

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE WINDSOR POINT SUBDIVISION NO. 5, AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 61.

## Clerk of Council Smith:

T 61-2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JAYCOX ROAD EXTENSION, THE NEW 3<sup>RD</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHOOL, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 62.

#### Clerk of Council Smith:

T 62-2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE/ LEASE FOUR NEW POLICE VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Olesen to suspend the By-laws to add T 62 to first readings.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Finance Committee during the appropriations meetings already approved the expenditure for these vehicles. Again, to recap, this is for vehicles. Usually they choose five and so we were able to accommodate them this year with these vehicles. The sooner we get these things out to bid, things are never less expensive later on, and they are always more. They will either go through the state bid list or co-op or the bids that will be lower than that. The faster we can move this forward, since we already negated this for a couple of months, certainly will be beneficial for the Police Department and the City.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Boose. All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no. Yes - 7 No - 0

President Corcoran: T 62 will have a first reading. T 63.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 63-2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILE TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE MARBLE REALTY, LLC FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON VICTORY LANE.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Acting Mayor Armbruster and seconded by Keenan to suspend the By-laws to add T 63 to first readings.

President Corcoran: As acting Mayor he can make that motion. Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Keenan: Yes, I have a comment: I think this is a good transaction for the City to spur further development for our athletic complex on Victory Lane. My one technical comment within the agreement there are trigger dates of June 15 for obtaining all permits, etc. that are of governmental control as we are the seller those things are in our somewhat, in our control. My only concern with that is I find that extremely quick. I wouldn't want to be going down the road with the development agreement that has dates in it that we don't know we can meet. We don't know when the Planning Commission will see the development documents. It is hard for us to say we can absolutely meet those dates when we don't even know when the start of the action, which is the seller obligation, will occur.

Councilman Boose: I also have some questions on this that I don't know that I would be ready to vote on this tonight. I don't mind having the first reading. I do have some questions. One, there are some typographical errors in the document. There are also some things that I found in my research that don't correspond to the Auditor's website. There are several references to the

ground lease. I think a copy of the ground lease should be included in the attachments for reference. I for one was not able to pull them up and read them. Since we are eliminating some of that, I would like to see that and I have some other questions. If we could have some more time on that I would appreciate it.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes - 7 No - 0

President Corcoran: T 63 will have a first reading. T 64.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 64-2015 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC., NORTH

RIDGEVILLE DIVISION.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to suspend By-laws to add T 64 to first readings.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilwoman Johnson: Noted here that the last agreement expired December 31, 2014.

President Corcoran: This is an agreement with our Police Department which is an important organization within our City. All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes - 7 No - 0

President Corcoran: T 64 has now been added to first readings. T 65.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 65-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1294, SUPPLEMENTARY

REGULATIONS, BY EXEMPTING SERVICE STATION AND OTHER SIMILAR COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS-USE CANOPIES FROM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.

(Introduced by CBO Guy Fursdon)

President Corcoran: I will refer that to Building and Lands Committee. T 66.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 66-2015 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEAR NAGLE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

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(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Johnson to suspend By-laws to add T 66 to first readings.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, if I could, I would like direction from the Safety-Service Director if there is a timing issue on this matter.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: I'll defer the comments to the Auditor.

Auditor Costin: No, let me explain what this is. I don't believe we have a timing issue at this point. With regard to the City's portion of the Lear Nagle project: typically, they are the lead agent and typically they are going to need a certificate from the Auditor saying that the money is set aside. I can't give them that certificate because we would have to have the BAN's in the process of issuing first. Because our portion of the construction is likely not going to be necessary until next year, we can issue the BAN's next year. Per discussions with the Lorain County Auditor's office, they will take a Resolution approved by Council in lieu of that certification. They just want to know if they are going to spend their money to keep going with this project that we are committed. They have not yet asked for that certification so if we could just pass this the normal course of business for right now. If the request comes quicker, I will alert you that we have to pass it by emergency. I think at this point, I think you can go through your regular first, second and third readings.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Costin.

Councilman Boose: Just for those in the audience and television - this is a Resolution in support of the Lear Nagle Road widening project. We have been working on this for; I can't tell you how many years. We passed Ordinances and spent money on this project for several years and if we are not in support of it now, we have a problem coming. I look forward to any discussion on it. Thank you.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, because we don't know exactly what ODOT will do with making requests for us, what I would like to do is avoid the emergency portion of this at the end. Therefore, I would like to just get it to first readings. It is nothing more than a first reading but it still sees two readings.

President Corcoran: All those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes - 7 No - 0

President Corcoran: T 66 has been added to first readings.

## **RECESS:**

President Corcoran: This is the recess portion of our meeting. Would anyone like a recess?

Moved by Johnson and seconded by Boose to dispense with the recess.

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

Yes - 7 No - 0

President Corcoran: Moving on to first readings. First up we have T 47.

### FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

**T 47-2015** A RESO

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY MICHAEL J. SMITH REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY HIM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Public hearing on 03/16/2015)

President Corcoran: T 48.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 48-2015

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY RICHARD STASH REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY HIM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Public hearing on 03/16/2015)

President Corcoran: T 50.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 50-2015

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY WILLIAM SCHRAUF REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY HIM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Public hearing on 04/06/2015)

President Corcoran: T 57.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 57-2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 62.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 62-2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE/ LEASE FOUR NEW POLICE VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM THE STATE BID LIST OR CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Olesen to dispense with the second and third readings for T 62.

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

$$Yes - 7$$
  $No - 0$ 

Moved by Boose and seconded by Olesen to adopt T 62.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Olesen to add the emergency clause to T 62 for the health, safety and welfare of the community and obtaining these vehicles as quickly as possible.

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 No. 5228-2015.** 

$$Yes - 7$$
  $No - 0$ 

President Corcoran: T 63.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 63-2015 AN ORI

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILE TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE MARBLE REALTY, LLC FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON VICTORY LANE.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 64.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 64-2015 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC., NORTH RIDGEVILLE DIVISION.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 64.

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 Boose to adopt T 64.

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to T 64 in order to finalize the agreement.

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 No. 5229-2015.** 

$$Yes - 7$$
  $No - 0$ 

President Corcoran: T 66.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 66-2015 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEAR NAGLE ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: That is the end of first readings. Moving on to second readings. We have T 40.

#### **SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 40-2015 A R

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY GEORGE D. GROSIK & MARGARET HAPUTA REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THEM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Public hearing on 03/16/2015; First reading 03/16/2015)

President Corcoran: T 46.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 46-2015

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY THE LILLIAN M. RAK TRUST, CONSTANCE WOODSIDE, TRUSTEE REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THEM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; Public hearing on 03/16/2015; First reading 03/16/2015)

President Corcoran: That is the end of second readings. Moving on to third readings. First we have T 2 Amended.

## THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 2-2015 Amended AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1240.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE ORDINANCE, TO RE-ZONE THE FOLLOWING LAND: LOCATED AT GREENLAWN DRIVE; PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-028-103-125 (AS SHOWN BY LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED); FROM B-5 ARCHITECTURAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND OWNED BY KATHLEEN M. AND HAROLD J. BOGNER, TRUSTEES.

(Introduced by petition of Harold Bogner on 12/18/2014; B&L Committee on 01/20/2015; B&L Committee report accepted on 02/02/2015; Planning Commission on 02/10/2015; Planning Commission report accepted on 02/17/2015; Amended on the floor 03/02/2015; First reading 03/02/2015; Public hearing on 04/06/2015; Second reading 03/16/2015)

Moved by Olesen and second by Arndt to adopt T 2 Amended.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilwoman Butkowski: Mr. Chairman, I will be voting against this tonight because I don't think that we should be changing zoning and doing away with business districts or any other district that gives a higher tax rate than a residential to taxing. I think we should...we need business in the City and I don't see any reason to do away with this business zoning in the City.

President Corcoran: Anybody else? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passed with one no vote and becomes **Ordinance No. 5230 -2015.** 

Yes - 6 No - 1 (Butkowski)

President Corcoran: T 28.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 28-2015 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY JEFFREY A. SWEITZER REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY HIM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 03/02/2015; Public hearing on 03/02/2015; Second reading 03/16/2015)

Moved by Olesen and second by Arndt to adopt T 28.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passes unanimously and becomes **Resolution No. 1348-2015.** 

Yes - 7 No - 0

President Corcoran: T 29.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 29-2015 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE APPLICATION MADE BY FRANK AND DONNA KRUPKA REGARDING CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THEM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 03/02/2015; Public hearing on 03/02/2015; Second reading 03/16/2015)

Moved by Arndt and second by Boose to adopt T 29.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passes unanimously and becomes **Resolution No. 1349-2015.** 

Yes - 7 No - 0

## **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Corcoran: The next regular Council meeting will be on **Monday**, **April 20**, **2015 at 7:30 P.M.** in Council Chambers.

President Corcoran: This brings us to our second lobby session.

# LOBBY (Q&A - REGARDING ANY CITY BUSINESS):

President Corcoran: This is your opportunity to address the items of your concerns within the City to Council. This gives us an opportunity to respond to your concerns. If you wish to address Council, please approach the podium and state your name and address for the record and ask away. You will still be given the three minutes to speak on the topic of your choice.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, before we go into the lobby, may I have an opening comment?

President Corcoran: Sure thing Mr. Keenan.

Councilman Keenan: I am really addressing this to the residents of the Aurensen and Behm area who are most specifically concerned with the Cross Creek development. First let me start off with a very sincere thank you to everyone that has invested their time, their emails and their phone calls to me and to the Administration expressing your concern and opinion over this important issue. Regarding some of those previously expressed concerns, let me briefly tackle them and then I will turn it over to you.

Storm water: the fully engineered plans for the project have not yet been submitted to the City Engineer, Mr. Wangler. He does have preliminary engineering but nothing to closely to evaluate yet. What we do know is that the storm water run-off from the new development will all be collected and directed into a detention basin on the west side of their property. The water will be released out from that basin at rates never greater than the rate it discharges today. Also, since the yards and street drains will be directed through the detention basin, there won't be water running directly into Watson's Ditch, prior to it being detained, as it currently happens. We know that there is a typical condition of a large amount of standing water along the southeast corner of the developer's parcel, and during storm events, the Watson Ditch often flows over the bank and into that area of the developer's parcel. We know this. It is very important that the new Cross Creek design accommodate this existing condition so that future overflow from Watson Ditch is not all directed to the east and therefore the existing neighborhood along Behm.

Secondly, the road connection between Greenlawn/Center Ridge and Aurensen/Rte. 83: there has been a lot of conversation about the connector road. The residents on Behm, Noll and Aurensen have all made it abundantly clear that they are against a connector road because of the traffic impact from Cross Creek into Aurensen. It is my opinion that Aurensen today is a roadway not originally constructed to handle high volumes of traffic. There are no curbs, nor sidewalks; there is minimal street lighting; and the pavement is not in great shape. I strongly believe that while Center Ridge road is being widened, which will be a fairly lengthy process, the

cut through traffic between Center Ridge and 83 will be a noticeable problem. I'm against a connector that accommodates cut through purposes. This would be an "unintended consequence" that would not benefit either Cross Creek or the Aurensen neighborhood residents. Having said that, I am also equally convinced that the much feared traffic impact that the 54 units in Cross Creek development will generate will not in fact be a substantial problem after Center Ridge is completed. Therefore, what I suggest for continued consideration is that the connector road be constructed, and at the same time, it includes a swing gate that allows for emergency access only at the connection. This gate would be normally latched closed, but in the event City safety services need access, they can open the gate and proceed to their destination, thereby saving valuable minutes in responding to an emergency. Also, in the event that there is a road blockage, either at Aurensen or Greenlawn, the connector would serve a very valuable purpose by allowing a secondary egress point. Then, after the Center Ridge improvements are completed and we have established a normal traffic routine within the City, we re-evaluate the pros and cons of the connector gate being normally open versus normally closed. There is time to make that decision after we experience the real benefits of an improved Center Ridge Road.

Third, I was going to talk about the sidewalk connection and the possibility the City Administration has been talking about and the Safety-Service Director has spoken to that even prior to these comments.

In closing, thank you, for your patience and your participation. Please come to the podium when the President opens the lobby. Each person should make their own statement disputing or adding to these comments. If you just happen to agree with these comments, God Bless you. Please simply state your name and address and your own comment. We have a lot of people that deserve to be heard. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Thank you. First up we have Merilyn Bright.

Merilyn Bright, 36415 Behm Drive: stated she is a twenty-six year resident. After two weeks of moving in she was flooded. Ms. Bright stated she came to Council before to get the sewers fixed as they are clay tiles. New storm sewers were installed west of Noll. She further expressed her concerns regarding the new development and her concern of flooding from more concrete. Ms. Bright requested a gate and new sewer systems.

President Corcoran: Tanya Sutherland.

<u>Tanya Sutherland, 36075 Aurensen Road</u>: stated her concern is for the safety of young children and agreed with Ms. Bright regarding the concern of flooding. She asked why the subdivision couldn't be opened up to Maddock.

President Corcoran: Theresa Scott.

<u>Theresa Scott, 36435 Behm Drive</u>: Ms. Scott thanked Mr. Keenan and added her concern is in regard to flooding.

President Corcoran: Pat Wysocki.

<u>Pat Wysocki, 7480 Noll Drive:</u> stated she is concerned by the traffic issues and potential flooding. She stated their sewer lines went down this past year.

President Corcoran: Scott, I am assuming that the developer is aware of the flooding problems that have been in that area and have they taken that into consideration while developing the plan?

Engineer Wangler: Yes, the flood zone is on the drawing and they are going to leave the flood zone undeveloped.

President Corcoran: Shane Hoover.

<u>Shane Hoover, 36515 Aurensen Road:</u> read some real estate descriptions of homes for sale within his area. Mr. Hoover expressed how much he enjoyed his neighborhood and the fact it was quiet.

President Corcoran: Kenneth Padley.

<u>Kenneth Padley, 36450 Aurensen Road:</u> stated he agrees with everyone. He asked if a fire station was planned for Stoney Ridge. He stated the City promised Aurensen would stay a deadend street. Mr. Padley wants it in writing that the water won't dump into his sewers with the new development.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, before we go on, I think that is an important point. I know there are several people that have questions about that sanitary sewer connection. I believe there is a pretty clear documented response by the developer that is a disconnection note to disconnect that sewer, but I wanted to turn it over to the Engineer so you can respond Scott.

Engineer Wangler: That is correct. The sum of the development at the end of the street near Center Ridge currently does run through that neighborhood, but this proposed development is going to round up everything, send it to Center Ridge Road and ultimately west to the westerly. The little bit of flow that comes from the existing development there will also be intercepted and no longer go through that neighborhood. It will be a net reduction of sanitary.

Councilman Boose: In essence then, it will be a reduction of stuff going into the sewer.

Engineer Wangler: Yes.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Mr. President, Cross Creek is to make that clear; Cross Creek will not – none of that sewage will be going into the Aurensen/Behm area. The sanitary sewer is going to be run up; actually, it is into the west of Bogner's Funeral Home and going up there into the westerlies. All of that will be what the two buildings or the one building that is actually going in there. The second building is the new office building will be collected up on

the ridge and be sent the other way. There will be no...whatever is existing now will change and all new will go back up to Center Ridge and go out to the westerlies.

President Corcoran: Mr. Padley, I just wanted to mention that fire station that you brought up on Stoney Ridge – at best guess, we are looking at least a decade away if not more, before something like that would go in. It will be a while before that happens. JoAnn Demchak.

<u>JoAnn Demchak, 7495 Noll Drive:</u> stated the City will ruin a quiet neighborhood by connecting Aurensen and Greenlawn. She was concerned for the safety of the children and the increase in traffic.

President Corcoran: Shayla Camargo.

<u>Shayla Camargo, 36495 Aurensen Road:</u> stated she just moved here five years ago and expressed her concern over the safety of the children in the neighborhood. Ms. Camargo expressed her dislike for the idea of a gate being installed.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else that would like to address Council?

Robert Clancy, 36323 Behm Drive: thanked Councilman Keenan for taking the time to visit his neighborhood last year regarding the flooding issues. He also thanked Mr. Armbruster for clarifying information. Mr. Clancy stated people have built in the right-of-way and it is not being addressed. Mr. Clancy stated no one checks the ditches as Mr. Armbruster stated happens. Councilman Keenan has been the only person out to his neighborhood.

President Corcoran: Thank you.

Elaine Schroeder, 7416 Avon Belden Road: showed pictures of her house with flooding. Ms. Schroeder stated there was a water main break a few weeks back which caused a break in her storm run-off pipe which is still not repaired. Mr. Horak of the Service Department told her he had never seen pipe like that before. Mayor Gillock came out that evening and stated it would be fixed like new. Ms. Schroeder stated it is still not repaired. She stated the water is so bad that her driveway asphalt is sinking.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, can I ask Mr. Armbruster – can you follow up with this resident to see what the issue is.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: We will and I've got written down with the storm water run-off pipe and where the water break was in the Schroeder property was – is that correct? I would like to – not being there and not hearing the comments and the process, but recognize this that our intent is to, even when we have snow plow damage, is that three weeks ago and where we are now, we can't really get in there to do it the way we would like to do it because the mud and the other issues we are dealing with; we certainly are going to come back and take care of your yard. It is not as immediate as maybe you would like, but unfortunately, I wasn't in that

conversation, but I apologize for what was said and recognize that you can't plant grass seed in three weeks ago, you just can't do it. I had not seen it. I have not seen it. I will certainly have Al go over and take a look at it tomorrow.

With regards to the comment to the sidewalks, the developer has not asked and he has not put forward in the comments that we have discussed of any participation from any resident on Aurensen Road. He is planning on putting the sidewalks in as part of this process all the way up to 83. A plan for the City is to take the additional 243 feet and bring it from Aurensen down to where it crosses at the stop light where there is a crosswalk there. We will have safe crossing finally in that neighborhood. That is something that has been discussed with the developer and is put together. The developer... if you go and look at it there is actually a sign that says you walk/no walk. There is no crosswalk there but there is actually an illuminated sign. It is sitting right over here at the corner. There will be a crosswalk at that point, but the developer is not asking the property owners to pay for any of that sidewalk. Taking him for his word, nothing is in writing at this point. Discussions are open and fluid. The Mayor is actively involved in all these discussion as well as the City Council. We've had participation recently; the Ohio Turnpike has put forth millions of dollars with the mitigation of flooding. They realize over the years that they have been in business that they have not addressed any of the issues when it comes to roads and their road and what they have done with flooding from the run-off of those roads. The City of North Ridgeville has applied, as other communities have, to work with the turnpike for mitigation money in order to address the issues that we are speaking about now that have happened probably for the last forty years since the turnpike has been in. They are trying to participate with communities as best as they can where in the past they did not. They did not address any flooding issues. We had no other choice and they were much bigger than what they are now. The turnpike as well as ODOT recognizes as many miles of asphalt and concrete they have just in North Ridgeville alone, let alone the whole state, that they have to be responsible when it comes to flooding and when it comes to run-off from the highways. They are addressing this. We are working with them actively. The Mayor is constantly in talk with ODOT and the turnpike officials as well as the engineers. City Council is certainly aware of this as we move forward on that.

As I stated earlier, on Maddock Road, one of our two track hoes and starting from Maddock and working its way back to the field. We want to do that because we want to address those issues as we relieve it. I certainly welcome the compliment of us taking and cleaning out the ditch and realize now that it has had an impact, a very positive impact in the yards of Aurensen and Behm in what we have cleaned out so far with regards to the field and what goes along next to Aurensen/Behm to get to its right hand turn to go out to Maddock. So we continue to address flooding. We are working with the turnpike. The addressing of the sidewalk that is going in is not going to cost any of the homeowner's money. It is going to cost the developer that money and we look forward to working with the developer to make it a very serene part of North Ridgeville as thing young lady said in front of me that she moved here and I moved here too for the same reason a long time ago in Mills Creek when I could have moved any place that I wanted to. I stayed in North Ridgeville in a Bob Schmitt home and did not leave. I think that this is a wonderful community that we live in. This City Council, this Mayor, this Administration and

this Engineer are certainly going to do our best to make it safe, make it happy and try to meld the new with the old. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Mrs. Demchak, somebody else is speaking.

<u>Larry Swenk, 36222 Aurensen Road:</u> expressed his concern for the increase in traffic. He further stated there will be an increase in traffic as well once the school is built. Mr. Swenk stated the only remedy to the issue is to not connect but rather connect west to Maddock Road.

<u>Charlotte Brown, 36121 Aurensen Road:</u> stated she also experiences flooding. She urged Council to consider the safety issue at hand. Ms. Brown stated a singular sidewalk won't address the problem of safety.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else?

Ms. Baker, 36110 Aurensen Road: stated she likes to walk her dogs in the field and is concerned about the traffic increase and people cutting through.

President Corcoran: Ms. Demchak has to wait until everyone gets to speak first. She doesn't get a second chance until everyone gets a first chance.

<u>Dave Noss</u>, 36203 Behm <u>Drive</u>: stated he doesn't believe building won't happen in the flood area because the whole area floods and so things will need rose up. He also stated the pond won't be big enough to take on the water.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, can we have the Engineer comment on just a couple things that the residents said in regards to there is a difference between building in a place that you see flood water and the actual flood plain and then second, talk about ...the Engineer and I have had this discussion in my ward; how big a detention pond should be and how they work so perhaps you can shed some light on that.

Engineer Wangler: Sure. When I said they are staying out of the flood plain that is the FEMA recognized flood plain. It may be different boundaries than what you are used to seeing, but that is what I am referring to – the FEMA flood plain. With regards to the sizing of the basin, North Ridgeville Ordinances require that they be sized for a 100 year storm. There are standard calculations to get the acreage it services to be sized appropriately. At this preliminary stage, I don't have those calculations which are typical. I wouldn't typically see them at the preliminary states. There is quite a bit of data that will come through later to substantiate the size of the basin and may in fact have to be enlarged when they get down to the nitty gritty of the design.

President Corcoran: Scott, doesn't the EPA have to review basins as well?

Engineer Wangler: The EPA does not review basins.

Councilman Boose: Isn't there also Scott that we require larger basins than the state does?

Engineer Wangler: With regards, we had some exposure to that with the Center Ridge Road widening. ODOT has standards of detention that are less than ours. So yes, our standards of detention exceed ODOT standards. In the case of Center Ridge Road, we boosted the basins up to our standard.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else that would like to speak tonight for the first time? Okay, Mrs. Demchak, you have been waiting patiently to speak for a second time.

<u>JoAnn Demchak, 7495 Noll Drive:</u> asked who would benefit from the sidewalk provided by the developer as the residents have lived without a sidewalk this entire time.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: No mam, that is not true. He offered to put the sidewalk in. I heard comments from your other neighbors here this evening that talked about safety to get across. This was prior to any prior conversations that took place tonight. He didn't ask for any residents to pay for anything. He offered to put in a sidewalk. He said that not only kids from his neighborhood, the kids from Aurensen; we heard about all these kids tonight and the grandkids that are over there having a hard time getting across 83. Now they will have an opportunity to not only go to the end of Aurensen, go down 83 on a sidewalk from across Bainbridge where there is a crosswalk. This is addressing the needs and the safety of the City of North Ridgeville.

Mrs. Demchak stated the only thing the sidewalk benefits is the builder.

President Corcoran: Ms. Wysocki.

<u>Pat Wysocki, 7480 Noll Drive:</u> stated that Behm and Aurensen Drive, once opened up, will become a parking lot during July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Corn Fest. She suggested better policing of the area if it is opened up.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President, Mr. Armbruster I know has worked in our ward with similar situations. We don't live next to the Bainbridge where there are fireworks and the Corn Festival but I am not in favor of, I'll paraphrase Mr. Armbruster as having too many signs. Because too many signs out there, sign pollution he calls it, because when you get too many signs, people don't see them. Is there a way we could have no parking this side of the street signs down there on a permanent basis and/or be during Corn Festival/fireworks have the temporary signs I see in other communities that say no parking. They must cost .50 cents a piece that you stick in the yards. Can something like that happen?

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Certainly, I have not been down Behm or Aurensen; I know that at the end of 83 with the Corn Festival and fireworks, if you remember we tried to move the fireworks several years ago and it was moved back based on residential – what they wanted. So we did move it back. It does present a problem when you have Aurensen/Behm and

any of the streets around City Hall or around Bainbridge when the fireworks go off and where the Corn Festival is. I know that the Police Department, I can't address the specific issues, with regards to; I can't imagine that one of our policemen would not ticket that car that was sitting in front of a fire hydrant. I certainly will have that conversation Pat and if you could tell me please who it was, if you know, or what car number it was – we can address that. Unfortunately, our Police Department does as best as they can. We as a community throw great time when it comes to the Corn Festival – one of the best in northeast Ohio. Our fireworks are known as the best in northeast Ohio and there are two times a year when you have people that are over there and most certainly, the Police are here this evening. I know that the Chief and I will have a conversation tomorrow to talk about that and if they are parking on both sides of the street, then we probably should ticket those cars whether they are neighbors, friends or anything else that are parking there. They probably should get tickets. If that is what the neighborhood would like to see, we will certainly, unfortunately, not be good, but yet, it would be good for the safety of the neighborhood.

<u>Tanya Sutherland, 36075 Aurensen Road:</u> stated everyone is totally opposed to Aurensen Road being opened up to the new development. She asked when the next vote will be.

President Corcoran: No, as you heard, there are continued discussions about this issue. Planning Commission and Council have already voted on it.

Ms. Sutherland stated no one in the neighborhood knew about it until a few weeks ago. She asked why they didn't know about it.

President Corcoran: At this point, the only time they have to come back to the City is through the Engineering Department.

Ms. Sutherland asked if they have meetings for the Engineering Department and asked if she should call the Engineer.

President Corcoran: The Mayor and Jeff have remained in contact with the developer. They continue to have conversations about the road and about this whole project. Right now, that is where it is. There is nothing else that will come before Planning Commission or City Council for this project. The fact that they are continuing to have discussions means that it is not over yet.

Ms. Sutherland asked who she should contact to get it stopped.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: We hear you loud and clear. The Administration is working with the developer to try to work through this process. There are difficulties when you build. Your streets over there were not cul-de-sacs. They were stubbed and not even T. What does that say in reality? It doesn't say anything other than a dead-end street. Most streets that are like that have cul-de-sacs on them. They actually have a round end or a T where they are never supposed to go through. It is very difficult to run a cul-de-sac street 2,000 feet where there

is no other entrance but the front. The developer has not said no. He hasn't said yes. We are in discussion. The Mayor has heard you loud and clear. He has been involved and emails with some of you with regards to different discussions that have taken place. Mayor Gillock is probably, if he had any way of tapping into the TV tonight, he certainly would be there because he is that concerned about what is going on. They have some rights – Mr. Valore and the property owners and you have rights over here too. We are hearing you and we just have to work through the process. President of Council is correct in the fact that it was approved and it is the preliminary approval there. There is still final approval that has to come through. I understand that. It is hard to take away preliminary what was given to someone because then you get into some other issues that come forward. So, we are trying to amicably work this through with the developer that makes sense and there is no other way that I can say it.

President Corcoran: Just one second because she has been dying to ask this question. Could you come up to the podium please?

<u>Elaine Schroeder</u>, 7416 Avon Belden Road: stated for the last ten to eleven years she calls the Service Department to put the orange cones and tape around her property. She stated she was told last year it wasn't the City's responsibility to tape around her yard to prevent people from walking through. Ms. Schroeder expressed her concern regarding the traffic in that area during the Corn Festival.

President Corcoran: I'm sorry. One second. Okay.

<u>Larry Swenk, 36222 Aurensen Road:</u> asked Safety-Service Director Armbruster to clarify if the developer could arbitrarily connect to an existing City street.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: That is a legal question I really can't answer it Larry. I honestly can't. I'm not a lawyer and I sometimes pretend to be one and I get in trouble.

President Corcoran: Yes you do. We can continue this, but it won't be on tape. The battery is running out on the camera. I'll say goodbye to the people on the camera.

Councilman Keenan: One thing about communications: it is difficult to communicate into the neighborhood until, let's just leave it at that. It is easier to communicate into the neighborhood if there is a network in place. If you like other neighborhoods do, actually create their own Facebook Association; they create a group or what not. Then things get communicated much easier or you could create even an email group. If you do email or you can regularly check the City website. Frankly, I am a big fan of the City website. It posts the agendas for upcoming meetings and then you can click on the agenda and then a month later or two months later when the minutes have been approved and are posted the minutes of those meetings are already on there as well. It isn't easy to communicate to a neighborhood that doesn't have a network, but there are requirements for communication. Absolute requirements that the City has followed in this case and I haven't known them not to following them. For Planning Commission meetings, adjacent property owners are contacted and I know that was the case here. Whether those people

chose to somehow figure out how to communicate with everybody – I know that didn't happen. If it was a zoning issue, more than just the immediate adjacency gets contacted several hundred feet or there is a specific distance. I am happy to work with you to try to figure out what is a good technique for better communication. I offer that. I have gotten that going in Meadow Lakes and I have got that going in Avalon Estates. In fact, I am one of the old guys who never wanted to be on Facebook, but I did it just for this job. So I now communicate to people through a Facebook page. I didn't want to be a Facebooker, but I am. If you want to talk more, I am very interested in how to help do that with you.

<u>Merilyn Bright, 36415 Behm Drive:</u> stated the residents don't want cut through, no sidewalks and they need new sewers.

President Corcoran: Anybody else want to get a last comment in?

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

President Corcoran: Seeing no other business to bring before the City this evening, the meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Approval of minutes:

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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