

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

President DeVries called the Monday, May 4, 2020 Council meeting to order.

INVOCATION:

Led by President DeVries.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President DeVries.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, President Martin DeVries, Michelle Hung (via Zoom) and James R. Maleski.

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

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President DeVries asked for any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of April 20, 2020. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes of April 23, 2020 and the Tax Abatement Review Board meeting minutes of May 1, 2020.

LOBBY:

President DeVries opened the lobby session. He stated they are utilizing YouTube for people to type their questions. There are instructions on the City's website through the City Council tab with instructions on how to get questions answered at www.nridgeville.org. He paused for comments due to the delay in the broadcast.

He asked Assistant Clerk of Council Peet to read any questions or comments from the YouTube Channel feed.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet stated there was one question.

J.D. Gontovsky, 34823 Cambridge Drive: asked if there was an asphalt street resurfacing list.

Engineer Rodriguez stated he would defer to the Mayor and stated there isn't one yet as they were waiting on the street levy results.

Mayor Corcoran stated there is no list at this time.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet stated no further comments or questions have been presented.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Mayor Corcoran thanked the residents for supporting the renewal levies for the police, fire and streets which allows the City to continue for the next five years.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Police Department announced they have partnered with Ring. This will allow the Police Department to share information to reduce crime and gives the community the opportunity to share their videos directly with the City. Citizens do not need to have a Ring device to participate, as anyone can upload content from their camera system to the Neighbors App. For more information, visit the City's website at www.nridgeville.org.

Mayor Corcoran asked that Council consider adopting T 63-2020 with the emergency this evening in order to meet ODOT's May 11th deadline.

Mayor Corcoran touched on the finances of the City. Given the Corona Virus, the City has been financially impacted. The City is negatively impacted from R.I.T.A. income tax collections, hotel tax and gas tax among other things. North Ridgeville is made up of employees rather than a general industry or retail. R.I.T.A. reports the City is down \$1.1 million. He asked departments to reduce budgets by twenty percent. Some were able to do it and they all made great efforts. It is not a perfect solution, but he will wait for the next round of financial information to make more decisions. He stated that several communities have made some personnel cuts such as North Olmsted due to the lack of income from retail. Mayor Corcoran stated he will stay on top of it and will share when he has more information.

President DeVries stated many Council members have had concern and he hopes they will sit down when more information is given to take a look.

B. Safety-Service Director: Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated the railroad quiet zones are not quiet and many complaints have come in. It probably won't be completely done until the middle of June if everything goes smooth. He noted the horns are three shorts and a long. There is no way for the City to hurry the railroad along and he thought they were doing the best they could with their crews. It seems as though they will go from the Elyria boarder to Chestnut Ridge.

C. Engineer: Engineer Rodriguez stated the side roads that were closed are scheduled to be paved this week. They were putting up curb and gutters sections today. They are also working on the last tie in for water service on Center Ridge and it should have been done today or tomorrow. That line will be active so the water usage can be realigned.

Engineer Rodriguez noted that the work began on Ranger Way and a fiber optic cable was cut by the contractor causing the fire station to be without internet service for three days. That service has now been restored. In addition, he noted they discovered some soil issues. They do have to

cross utilities and are making design changes to avoid utilities and they continue to work through the issues.

D. Auditor: Auditor Wilkerson stated the annual audit is typically due by May 30. The deadline has been extended thirty days. She added the audit firm is working from home and further noted Council should have received the April 2020 Financial Report and she would answer any questions or concerns.

E. Other Reports: President DeVries noted Council received the February 2020 Police Department Report, the March 2020 Building Department Report, the March 2020 Police Department Report and the 2019 Annual Tax Abatement Review Board Report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S): None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the recess portion of the meeting.

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 62-2020 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLMENT TO THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 63-2020 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 President DeVries and seconded by Hung to dispense with the second and third readings for T 63-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Maleski and seconded Hung by to adopt T 63-2020.

Moved by Maleski and seconded by Hung to add the emergency clause to T 63-2020 in order to meet the May 11 ODOT deadline.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 63-2020 becomes **Ordinance No. 5738-2020**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 49-2020 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 1446.06 WRITTEN NOTICE OF REVOCATION; HEARINGS; APPEALS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran & Councilwoman Hung; First reading 03/16/2020; Referred to B&L on 03/16/2020; B&L on 04/06/2020; Report accepted on 04/20/2020)

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 57-2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DETTORE FARMS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) PARCELS OF VACANT LAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,900.00, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS SUCH AS CUSTOMARY CLOSING COSTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 04/06/2020; Second reading 04/20/2020)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Hung to adopt T 57-2020.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 57-2020 becomes **Ordinance number 5739-2020**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 58-2020 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALL PURPOSE CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PARCEL OF VACANT LAND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,300.00, PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS SUCH AS CUSTOMARY CLOSING COSTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First reading 04/06/2020; Second reading 04/20/2020)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Hung to adopt T 58-2020.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. T 58-2020 becomes **Ordinance number 5740-2020.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Approval of minutes on May 18, 2020:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL