

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 15, 2020**

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

President DeVries called the Monday, June 15, 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 (via Zoom), President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, President Martin DeVries, James R. Maleski and Michelle Hung.

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 June 1, 2020. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 9, 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 on how to get questions answered at [www.nridgeville.org](http://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 she received an email from Ryan Kelley of 9046 Franklin Drive in which he asked if the large pot holes on the railroad tracks at Maddock and Race will be fixed.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet stated she had forwarded the email off to the Service Superintendent and he had responded to Mr. Kelley. Also, she stated that she had communicated that the railroad was doing work at those crossings at the time he asked the questions.

Assistant Clerk of Council Peet stated there were no additional comments or questions at this time.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**Mayor:** Mayor Corcoran stated T 75-2020 is an ordinance amending ordinance number 5743-2020 accepting the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council Energized Community Grant. NOPEC has requested that the City sign a new contract this year. The amendment allows the Mayor to enter into a new contract and to accept the grant in the amount of \$110,808. Mayor Corcoran requested it be adopted with the emergency this evening to meet the application deadline of June 30, 2020. This year's grant dollars will be used for the design work at intersection improvement projects located at Avalon Drive, Stoney Ridge Road and Mills Road.

Mayor Corcoran stated that City Hall and municipal buildings opened today for normal operations with the exception of the Senior Center which will remain closed until further notice per the State's orders. For the safety of the employees and visitors, the City requests that masks are worn when entering City facilities and practice social distancing by staying six feet apart and most importantly, if you are sick, please stay home.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Service Department is working diligently on paving this year's list of streets that have been identified for 2020. The list is on the City's website. They finished up Adele and Main last week and today they began paving Gloria and Madison. Starting this Wednesday, they'll begin milling Mills Creek Lane from Shady Moss to Mills Road with paving to follow.

Ohio Edison announced a helicopter from Helo Air will be inspecting Ohio Edison transmission lines from June 16 to June 18, weather permitting. The helicopter will be flying at a speed of about 35-40 mph above or alongside the lines and may circle around for a closer inspection. The helicopter is white with blue and grey striping, tail number 828HA.

Mayor Corcoran stated his next virtual monthly coffee and conversation via Zoom will be on Friday, June 19 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. For more information on how to join the Zoom coffee, please visit the City's website at [www.nridgeville.org](http://www.nridgeville.org).

After reviewing the state's guidelines for large gatherings, it's with regret to announce the annual Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks has been postponed. The event was to be held at South Central Park on July 3. Unfortunately, the City is unable to maintain social distancing at that location as per the State orders. The City looked at other venues to at least hold the fireworks and practice social distancing; however, those locations did not pan out. The City's goal is to reschedule the fireworks for a later date – possibly in September.

Mayor Corcoran reminded residents that City Hall offices will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

**B. Safety-Service Director:** Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated he had no report.

**C. Engineer:** Engineer Rodriguez stated the Broad, Main and Pleasant Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project are currently underway. The new liner is being pulled through the existing pipe. Crews are hoping to pull liner through two segments each day. The completion date is estimated at the end of July.

Concrete pavement repairs were awarded to DL Smith Concrete, LLC of Norwalk, Ohio. DL Smith was the lowest and best bidder. Work is expected to begin within thirty days for McArthur Drive and Northwood Court.

U.S. 20/Center Ridge Road widening continues to move right along. All main line paving of base course and intermediate courses have been completed. Curb and gutter continues on the south side of the roadway from east to west. Crews will continue to work at State Route 83 in quadrants. The project has shifted lanes from Jaycox to the west. The contractor has made significant progress in the last six months and estimates that they should be mostly complete by November.

Ranger Way is underway. The storm sewer installation is complete and the subbase roadway is being completed. They are up against a timeline of August 7 and the City is holding the contractor to it.

Lorain Road Resurfacing Pavement Planning took place today on Lorain Road from the eastside of the railroad bridge to the turnpike in both directions. The Engineering Department will inspect the milled surface tomorrow. He anticipated paving by the end of this week. Estimated completion should be within two weeks.

State Route 83 Resurfacing was awarded to Shelly Company of Twinsburg. Asphalt repairs will begin on June 22. Asphalt placement will begin on July 13. The project has a completion date of July 31. The schedule is subject to weather. These dates are from a draft schedule and give the City a general idea when work will begin and be completed. He noted he will receive more detail at a preconstruction meeting tomorrow.

He stated that all the railroad crossings were closed for a few days last week. Race and Maddock opened late on Wednesday afternoon. Chestnut and Root opened up on Friday afternoon. The pavement repairs are complete.

**D. Auditor:** Auditor Wilkerson stated the Auditor's office has selected a candidate for the accounts payable position – Michelle Owens from the Clerk of Council office. She stated she is excited to have Michelle and knows that she will do great things for her office.

**E. Other Reports:** President DeVries noted Council received the May 2020 Fire Department Report.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

Planning Commission action(s) taken at the Tuesday, June 9, 2020 meeting:

**APPLICANT:** Thomas “Jeff” Kadusky; MCI-Metro; 12300 Ridge Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133  
**OWNER:** City of North Ridgeville – right-of-way; 7307 Avon Belden Rd, North Ridgeville, OH 44039  
**REQUEST:** Installation of fiber optic conduit in the right-of-ways of Elyria Street and Main Avenue  
**LOCATION:** Elyria Street right-of-way, extending from Lear Nagle Road to Main Avenue; then continuing south in the Main Avenue right-of-way to Center Ridge Road  
**PC ACTION:** **Approved by a vote of 5-0.**

Moved by Abens and seconded by Winkel to approve the Planning Commission action.

Councilwoman Hung stated she would be abstaining as she is related to the applicant.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 0                      Abstain – 1 (Hung)

**RECESS:**

Moved by Hung and seconded by Boose 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 75-2020** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5743-2020 ACCEPTING THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2020 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S), AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW 2020 GRANT AGREEMENT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 75-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 75-2020.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 75-2020 in order to meet the June 30, 2020 filing 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 75-2020 becomes **Ordinance No. 5752-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 76-2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH HACH COMPANY FOR THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BILLING METERS RENEWAL PROJECT, NOT TO EXCEED \$178,500.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 76-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 76-2020.

Moved by and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to T 76-2020 in order ensure proper and accurate billing to other communities.

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 76-2020 becomes **Ordinance No. 5753-2020**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 77-2020**      AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2725-93, AND  
SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE  
THE WAGE INCREASE PARITY PROVISIONS FOR ALL NON-UNION  
MEMBERS.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

President DeVries referred T 77-2020 to the Committee of the Whole.

Clerk of Council Linden:

**T 78-2020**      A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE'S  
SHARE OF FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF  
DISTRIBUTION FUND AND AFFIRMING THAT UPON RECEIPT  
THEREOF SUCH FUNDS SHALL BE USED ONLY TO COVER COSTS  
INCURRED BY THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE CONSISTENT WITH  
THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW AND REGULATIONS.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)*

President DeVries asked the Mayor if this was a time sensitive matter.

Mayor Corcoran stated they applied for the grant and received notice that the City was approved. The City does not know how much money or when it may come, but the resolution needed to be in place before it comes.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 78-2020.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 78-2020.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 78-2020 in order to make certain the resolution is in place in order to receive the funds.

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 78-2020 becomes **Resolution No. 1495-2020**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

**SECOND READINGS:** None.

**THIRD READINGS:** None.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Approval of minutes on July 6, 2020:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL