

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President DeVries called the Monday, June 21, 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 R. Jacobs, and James R. Maleski.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, and Assistant Clerk of Council Shari Ma.

Excused - Auditor April Wilkerson

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

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of June 7, 2021.

With no comments or questions, the meeting minutes of June, 2021, stand approved.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following meeting minutes:

- Public hearing meeting minutes regarding T 31-2021 of June 7, 2021
- Public hearing meeting minutes regarding T 32-2021, of June 7, 2021
- Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 8, 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 each person will be given three minutes to speak. He requested anyone that wished to speak to fill out a lobby sheet located in the back of the room.

No discussion was offered.

President DeVries stated the next Council meeting will be live streamed on the City's YouTube channel.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:**

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to consider dispensing with the second and third readings and adding the emergency clause to T 83-2021, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 5824-2021 to increase the dollar amount on the renovation/addition to Fire Station No. 2 from \$1.5 million to \$1.8 million. Mayor Corcoran stated the reason for the increase is the result of an increase in the engineering and material costs.

Mayor Corcoran asked Council to consider dispensing with the third readings and to add the emergency clause to T 76-2021, a resolution to submit to the electors the question of issuing bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,500,000 to provide funds for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, equipping a new police station and an adjacent storage facility next to Fire Department Station No. 1 on Ranger Way, in order to meet the deadline of the Board of Elections. He explained, upon Council's approval, the City will authorize the Lorain County Board of Elections to prepare and place this issue on the November ballot for voter approval.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Service Department is continuing to work through the list of streets to be paved this year. They are currently milling and paving on Greenwich Avenue. For those who live in the area, please be patient and cautious as you travel around the area.

Mayor Corcoran advised North Ridgeville Branch Library will be hosting a Shred Day on Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 9-12 PM. He stated residents should bring sensitive documents such as tax forms and medical records to be shredded onsite in the library parking lot. Each household may bring up to five standard-size copier paper boxes or five grocery bags of documents. Staples and paper clips are fine, but no binder clips, binders, spiral-bound notebooks, other metal objects, batteries, or electronics. Shred day is a free event and is sponsored by the Lorain Public Library System and the Friends of the North Ridgeville Branch Library, Inc.

Mayor Corcoran stated the second concert in the summer concert series is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 6-8 PM at the gazebo in South Central Park. He advised the concert is subject to cancellation because of weather conditions. For updates during the season, you can visit the Parks & Recreation Department Rainout Line Tab on their webpage or call the Rainout Line at 440.210.6226.

Mayor Corcoran stated the City is co-sponsoring with Pepco Elyria this year's Independence Day celebration at Victory Park located at 7777 Victory Lane on Saturday, July 3. Gates open at 6 PM with scheduled activities, entertainment, food and beverages for purchase, and fireworks at approximately 10 PM. Tickets are sold per vehicle and purchased in advance only by visiting [www.victoryparkohio.com](http://www.victoryparkohio.com). Net proceeds to benefit North Ridgeville Community Care and Canine Superheroes Foundation. This is a great opportunity to bring the entire family out to celebrate Independence Day and participate in the planned activities in a safe and socially distanced environment.

Mayor Corcoran stated City Hall Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021, in honor of Independence Day. Republic Services will also be on a one-day delay for trash collection that

week, picking up on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, including bulk trash for all homes on Route 83 and to the east. Residents are welcome to pick-up garbage collection schedules, which are located in the Mayor's Office at City Hall.

**B. Safety-Service Director:**

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated Ohio Energy will be out this upcoming week to energize the lights on Center Ridge Road. By the end of the week all of the old lights should be removed.

**C. Engineer:**

Engineer Rodriguez stated the 2021 Paint Striping project is out to bid, which opens on July 1, 2021. The 2021 Full Depth Concrete replacement project will begin advertising on June 29, 2021, with a bid opening date of July 14, 2021. Projects currently in Design at various stages include: Lorain Road water main extension from Cook Road to Bliss Parkway; Mills Creek area water main rehabilitation; Center Ridge Road sanitary sewer extension from Barton Road to East Corp limits; Cypress Avenue roadway extension; Avalon Drive, Stoney Road and Mills Road roundabouts; Barres Road realignment at Stoney Ridge, which is an internal project; and Town Center Trail extension which will tie into Center Ridge Road.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the Chestnut Ridge and Alt 83 roundabout contractor had installed all exterior curbing for the roundabout. The contractor will move forward with the island and apron curbing this week. The asphalt pavement is scheduled for June 30, 2021, weather permitting. There will be a delay installing the light poles for the roundabout due to the current nationwide light pole shortage. In the interim, temporary lighting will be in place until the permanent poles arrive. The scheduled completion date for the Chestnut Ridge and Alt 83 roundabout is July 22, 2021.

The 2021 Catch Basin project is 25 percent complete in the Avalon-Meadow Lakes area. The contractor will continue working throughout the City. The contract completion date is July 30, 2021. The Crack-Seal contractor has completed 50 percent of the work. Work on the project will continue until the contractor has used all quantity in the bid specification. Engineer Rodriguez reiterated Safety-Service Director's comment regarding Ohio Edison by stating once the lights for Center Ridge Road are energized the street should be very bright. They will also remove the old pole lights. Work on the project is 98 percent complete.

**D. Auditor:**

None

**E. Other Reports:**

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

May 2021 Fire Department Report

May 2021 Mayor's Court Report

May 2021 Water Distribution Report

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clerk of Council Linden read:

Planning Commission report for the approval of the relocation of a historic barn and silo and construction of a pergola to create an outdoor educational space.

(Planning Commission approval on 6/8/2021; Council approval on 6/21/2021)

(Council action required)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to accept the report from the Planning Commission.

President DeVries asked if there were any questions or comments.

Councilman Maleski asked if the location of the barn had been identified and if the barn has historic value.

Councilman Abens stated the barn does not hold a lot of historic value and his understanding is the applicants are not sure how the barn will be transported; however, they are working with an engineer.

President DeVries asked if there were any questions or comments.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden read:

Planning Commission report for the approval of the final plat for Meadow Lakes 19 in a PCD.

(Planning Commission approval on 6/8/2021; Council approval on 6/21/2021; Public hearing on 8/2/2021)

(Council action required)

President DeVries asked if there were any questions or comments.

Councilman Abens stated according to K. Hovnanian, this is the last final phase of the Meadow Lakes PCD.

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to accept the report from the Planning Commission.

President DeVries asked if there were any questions or comments.

Engineer Rodriguez stated on behalf of the Engineers portion of the request, there are items that must be addressed before the City will grant final approval.

President DeVries asked if there were any questions or comments.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6                      No – 1 (Swenk)

**RECESS:**

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Maleski to dispense with recess.

President DeVries asked for questions and comments.

No questions or comments were offered.

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 82-2021      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 Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings  
for T 82-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 82-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 82-2021 in  
order to allow the Auditor's Office the necessary resources for the expenditures.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President DeVries asked for any additional comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T  
82-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1527-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 83-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5824-2021, WHICH APPROVED THE RENOVATION/ADDITION TO FIRE STATION NO. 2, BY INCREASING THE COST FROM \$1,500,000.00 TO NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 83-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 83-2021

Moved by Mayor and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 83-2021 in order to complete the project in a timely manner.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilman Winkel stated currently, material costs are steadily increasing and until costs start to decrease, this is something the City will have to deal with.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilman Boose asked if the additional funds would be taken from the General Fund.

Mayor Corcoran stated the contract had already been increased to 1.6; the source for the additional \$200,000.00 had not been discussed.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 83-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5837-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 84-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CLEVELAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR EQUIPMENT, SERVICES AND PARTICIPATION IN A 5-CITY RADIO SYSTEM.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

President DeVries referred T 84-2021 to the Committee of the Whole.

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 64-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1444.04 (A).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran & Councilman Clifford Winkel; First Reading 5/3/2021; Referred to Administrative Committee on 5/3/2021; Administrative Committee meeting on 5/18/2021; Administrative Committee report accepted by Council on 6/7/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 65-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1444.05 BY ADDING TWO SUBSECTIONS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran & Councilman Clifford Winkel; First Reading 5/3/2021; Referred to Administrative Committee on 5/3/2021; Administrative Committee meeting on 5/18/2021; Administrative Committee report accepted by Council on 6/7/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 66-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1444.12 BY ADDING TWO SUBSECTIONS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran & Councilman Clifford Winkel; First Reading 5/3/2021; Referred to Administrative Committee on 5/3/2021; Administrative Committee meeting on 5/18/2021; Administrative Committee report accepted by Council on 6/7/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 70-2021 AN ORDINANCE INCORPORATING THE CURRENT POSITIONS OF ENGINEER, TREASURER, AND PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR INTO THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT HEAD ORDINANCE NO. 5596-2018 AND INCREASING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE ENGINEER.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 5/17/2021; Referred to Finance Committee on 5/17/2021; Finance Committee meeting on 5/24/2021; Finance Committee report accepted by Council 6/7/2021)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 76-2021 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$12,500,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW POLICE STATION AND AN ADJACENT STORAGE FACILITY FOR EVIDENCE AND POLICE EQUIPMENT AND PREPARING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THEIR SITE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 6/7/2021)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Boose to dispense with the third readings for T 76-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Boose to adopt T 76-2021

Moved by Boose seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to T 76-2021 in order meet the Board of Election's deadline date.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 76-2021 becomes **Resolution No. 1528-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 77-2021      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SLUDGE PROCESSING AND STORAGE BUILDING FOR THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 6/7/2021)*

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the third reading for T 77-2021.

A voice vote was taken the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Mayor Corcoran stated a sludge storage facility would allow for more efficient operations with costs and labor when moving sludge. This project will have to go out for bid, which is why the emergency clause is necessary.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 77-2021.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to T 77-2021 in order to meet the project's timeline.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

Councilman Abens asked if Mayor Corcoran was concerned about an increase in project costs as a result of the needed materials.



Mayor Corcoran stated he will know if an increase is needed once bids have been received.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption with the emergency clause and the motion carried. T 77-2021 becomes **Ordinance No. 5838-2021**.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 81-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF A PROPOSED PROPERTY SPLIT FROM 5463 MILLS CREEK LANE.

*(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 6/7/2021)*

President DeVries asked if T 81-2021 was time sensitive.

Mayor Corcoran stated details are currently being addressed and the item is not time sensitive at this time.

President DeVries asked for further comments or questions.

No comments or questions were offered.

**THIRD READINGS:**

None

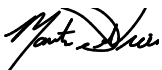
**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of minutes on July 6, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL