

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 20, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

President Corcoran: Calling to order the Monday, July 20, 2015 regular Council meeting.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Corcoran.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Corcoran.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present was Mayor G. David Gillock, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Andrew Crites, 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 the public hearing minutes of July 6, 2015 regarding the 2016 tax budget. 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 July 6, 2015. Are there any corrections or objections to approving those minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

President Corcoran: Please note the Building and Lands Committee meeting minutes of July 6, 2015 and the Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 14, 2015.

Moved by President Corcoran and seconded by Arndt to bifurcate the lobby session to have two separate lobby sessions – the first is designed to allow people to speak on issues that are before Council that we are going to vote on this evening and the second session is to allow people to bring up any issues that they would like us to address.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions? 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 regular lobby session for these items that are going to be voted on this evening. Is there anybody who would like to address Council on those matters?

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

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor: Thank you Mr. President. First, I want to state that it is an honor and privilege to be invited to attend the Building One America National Summit for Inclusive Suburbs and Sustainable Regions in Washington D.C. at the end of this week. I have been asked to present to Congressman Bob Gibbs a Unified America Award for his bipartisanship. I will be traveling and making that presentation.

Service Department will be prepping, milling and paving North Lear Nagle from Adele to Center Ridge Road this week. Two-way traffic will be maintained. Center Ridge Road has been completed. We are moving forward with the street repaving.

The Lorain County General Health District will be sprayed for mosquitos throughout North Ridgeville this week from 8:30 P.M. to approximately 11:00 P.M., depending on weather conditions. The county will be using pickup trucks with sprayers attached. They are silver Chevy 1500's and a white Ford F250 that are clearly marked Lorain County General Health District. The spray is not harmful to humans or pets, but if you have any questions, please call the health department at 440.322.6367. That number again is 440.322.6367.

Beginning July 29th, next week, weather permitting; Lear Nagle Road will be closed northbound between Lorain Road and Chestnut Ridge Road. The sign says up to twenty-one days. The contractor hopes he can get it done in less than two weeks, but with weather, you never know. We figured it would be better to tell you twenty-one days and get it done early then to tell you two weeks and be late. It will actually be closed just north of the road that goes into Kiddy College, is that the right name? Or KinderCare...the daycare right there. You will be able to go down Lear Nagle North and get into Sheetz and the daycare, but you won't be able to go any further. That is so the gas company can make some of their work that they need to do and relocating the gas line right near the intersection. Traffic will be detoured at Lorain Road westbound to Root Road, then northbound to Chestnut and eastbound back to Lear Nagle. I would advise you those that live here and drive here and know the area, if you are going to the east-part of the community I would suggest that you go east to Barton. If you are going further west, you might consider going further west and taking 83 rather than going up Root. There are some alternatives, but with all the traffic during rush hour that will be detoured over to Root Road; if you can find an alternative, I would say a word to the wise.

North Ridgeville Heart and Sole Challenge – Healthy Strides meets July 29th at Sandy Ridge Reservation. The speaker will be Bill Greene who is the Assistant Superintendent of North Ridgeville City Schools. Bill will be there.

A couple of things I want to announce: the latest CAFR report, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2014, will be released officially tomorrow. Great job to our auditing department for putting this together as they usually do. It has a lot of good useful information in there about the City besides the financial data. We will have it

available online tomorrow. We won't have printed copies for a few days other than we have a couple samples, I guess you call it. But we do have it online to be available tomorrow.

You have at your desk two Ordinances that I would like to suspend the By-laws to add them to the agenda this evening under first readings. The first one is T 117-2015 which I will let the Clerk read it if he would please.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 117-2015 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$8,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW CENTRAL FIRE STATION AND ACQUIRING, PREPARING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR ITS SITE.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to add T 117-2015 to the agenda under first readings.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 117 been added.

Mayor Gillock: Okay, we will have more on this later, but obviously this is to put the issue on the ballot to consider building a new fire house. The Fire Chief will have more to speak on that later when it comes up. I would like to thank the 1/3rd of our Fire Department that is here in support. Let's just hope we don't have a fire somewhere. These guys are great and I really appreciate them being here.

The other Ordinance you find on your desk is an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract for the sale of real property. Would the Clerk please give it a T number?

Clerk of Council Smith: T 116.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to add T 116-2015 to the agenda under first readings.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: T 116 been added.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to have an executive session during the recess portion of the meeting to discuss acquisition or selling of property.

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

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passed unanimously.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Mayor Gillock: Thank you and that concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mayor. Mr. Safety-Service Director.

B. Safety-Service Director: I certainly want to reinforce the comments with regard to traffic in the City of North Ridgeville. If you do and you should visit our website – if you do that, you are going to see that there is a lot of information as to where our traffic problems are; not instantaneously but where you should go, where the detours are. If you sign up, you can get smartphone information that will actually come on your smartphone which is updated this weekend and it will come down and be downloaded to it. As you are moving around, we recognize Lorain Road at 4:00 P.M. is backed up as far as it can go on some days as the construction is there. We are going to change and hopefully get the light changed at Root Road which will be a longer stint on green, not the arrow, but on green going through Lorain so we can get the traffic through that intersection at Root and Lorain. The stop sign, four-way stop, down as you come down Chestnut Ridge you are going to be able to clear that. At one time we had - you are still going to be able to make a right or left, but stop signs are very difficult, but easier sometimes than traffic lights because traffic continues to move as it stops. This is a way of life when progress comes. There is a lot of construction in the City of North Ridgeville. The school is going up – fifty or sixty million dollars; roads being improved substantially. This is good for the City and it is really good to move this traffic. Let's all try to recognize that it is not going to be as easy over the next two or three years to move around the City but progress does have a little bit of problems and let's try to give yourself some extra time to get to work. Try to find that alternative and as things settle in and construction happens consistently, not inconsistently on let's say Lear Nagle and I mean that from the standpoint as they move up and down as that road now becomes totally under construction; things will settle in and you will be able to move a lot easier in the community than maybe you can at this point. I know the frustration level is there, but let's try to remember to be a good neighbor and citizen and take your time.

Paving is going well other than that. The crews are doing a great job and let's hope this evening that everybody comes home safe on the situation that is happening on Island Road. I hope not only the police officers and the people that are down there and the individual that is in the home is okay when it is all said and done. Thank you much.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

C. Engineer: Thank you Mr. President. More road work information – we have awarded a contract for the Phase 1 of Jaycox. It is a specialized construction and they are going to be doing it in the same procedure that they did Chestnut on Phase 3. I am not sure how many people were familiar with that. That road is not traveled as heavily. The first phase is essentially a very slow moving vehicle that drives down the bad road, chews it up and spits out an intermediate course so that traffic impact is no more than a slow moving vehicle while that process is being done. They expect to start the project in the middle of August. It will wrap up completely at the end of September. Another thing I ran into – last year, there is a seven day cure on the intermediate course. So when they do the course, they pack up all of their toys and go home and everybody thinks we left this subpar road when it is in fact a seven day cure. They will come back and put three inches of new asphalt on top. That concludes my report.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Wangler.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, may I have a follow-up question? Mr. Engineer, so one thought would just be to place a sign that informs people that we will be back on such and such a date, but the real question I have for you – you said this was a specialized construction? Did they have something to do with the Chestnut Ridge construction that was completed east of Bainbridge?

Engineer Wangler: No, they did Phase 3.

Councilman Keenan: I didn't know Phase 1 from 2 to 3.

Engineer Wangler: They did from Bainbridge under the bridge, under the turnpike.

Councilman Keenan: Thank you.

President Corcoran: Mr. Auditor.

D. Auditor: Thank you. Under the Auditor's report, Council should have electronically received its June financial report. As the Mayor mentioned, he referred to the CAFR, tomorrow the Auditor of State is officially releasing the results of our 2014 audit. They are excellent results. It is a clean report. I think that is attributable to all the department heads, employees and management of the City. That concludes my report and my comments.

President Corcoran: Thank you Mr. Costin.

E. Other Reports:

President Corcoran: We have the June 2015 Fire Department report, the June 2015 Support Car report and the June 2015 Water Distribution reports.

President Corcoran: There is a Council Committee report, Mr. Clerk.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

Clerk of Council Smith:

BUILDING AND LANDS COMMITTEE report dated July 6, 2015 which recommends City Council adopt T 99 as submitted.

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Arndt to accept the Building and Lands Committee report dated July 6, 2015.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: That report has been accepted. There is a piece of correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Smith:

A letter dated July 10, 2015 from Mr. Michael Rosich regarding various questions concerning the fire station ballot issue.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

President Corcoran: Straight to new business. We have the Planning Commission report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

Planning Commission action(s) taken at the July 14, 2015 meeting:

APPLICANT: William Greene, North Ridgeville City Schools, 5490 Mills Creek Lane

OWNER: North Ridgeville City Schools, 5490 Mills Creek Lane

REQUEST: Approval to construct additional parking at existing Lear North School.

LOCATION: 5580 Lear Nagle Road in an R-1 District; parcel no. 07-00-007-101-074

PC ACTION: **Approved by a vote of five to zero.**

(Council action required)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to accept the Planning Commission action.

Councilman Keenan: Yes, thank you Mr. President. I attended that meeting. I would just like to make a comment – as everyone knows; the City is spending an awful lot of money and effort working on storm water controls and storm water management. This issue here is for the schools to expand some parking in the rear of their building. It is not an awful lot of parking whatsoever. It is about a third of an acre. Some of it is already stoned. It is a very minor element, however, my comments are really to encourage the school district to continue the good work they have started at the middle school project and at the high school where at that project, they actually went above and beyond the requirements for the middle school. They went ahead and they built

detention greater than was required by code to pick up some of the detention for the existing high school property that had no or very little detention. My comment here is that I hope that the school will continue that good work, study these schools that are existing and that were developed prior to the requirements for storm water management and just add storm water management whenever possible. I think that would be very helpful to the City. Thank you.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: That action has been accepted.

Clerk of Council Smith:

APPLICANT: Antonio Iannelli, Iannelli Autocars, 32626 Lorain Road
OWNER: Antonio and Maria Iannelli, 6760 Queensway Drive, North Royalton, OH
REQUEST: Approval to construct addition to existing building.
LOCATION: 32626 Lorain Road in a B-4 District; parcel no. 07-00-003-101-010
PC ACTION: **Approved by a vote of five to zero.**
(Council action required)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Butkowski to accept the Planning Commission action.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions?

Councilman Olesen: Mr. President, he has been a good citizen of this community for many years now and I think we always like to see family business and they are doing their job so more power to them.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: That action has been accepted.

Clerk of Council Smith:

REFERRAL:
T 99-2015 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S SUPPORT OF THE PRESERVATION OF COMMERCIAL USE AND VIABILITY OF PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY EFFECTED BY THE U.S. ROUTE 20 (CENTER RIDGE ROAD) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE GOVERNMENTAL ACQUISITION OR APPROPRIATION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS RENDER ANY PARCEL NONCONFORMING UNDER THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE CODIFIED ORDINANCES ZONING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS.

PC ACTION: Recommended City Council adopt by a vote of five to zero.
(Council action required)

Moved by Olesen and seconded by Arndt to accept the Planning Commission action.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: That action has been accepted. Moving on to T 114.

Ordinance and Resolution submittals

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 114-2015 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR 2016-2025.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 115.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 115-2015 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$600,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM BY CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND REHABILITATING SANITARY SEWERS, SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS, MANHOLES AND CLEAN OUTS, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Mayor Gillock: I don't want to move this forward this evening, but I did want to give you a little bit of background. This is for the sanitary sewer to go into Center Ridge Road before we widen it and we had Engineering Associates from Mansfield review this and they came up with an engineering estimate of about \$933,000.00. We appropriated a million dollars to do the project. We went out for bid and we got one bid and it was a substantially higher – about a million and a half. We discussed it with ODOT. ODOT has seen the same type of problems. ODOT released about two billion dollars in work this year. Contractors are busy this time of year. When you do get a bid, it is high. We are going to have to increase the appropriation, but we still wanted to do some investigation as far as timing. We wanted to get this on the agenda. We need to check with ODOT, depending on their timing needs, if we could delay it to fall, we may be able to get better bids. The contractors will be ending summer work and they like to do sewers in the winter. There are some language things that we have to look at with John Larson. This will be coming back. We have to do it. We have to get it done, but we will make sure that

we can get the best pricing as we can. We are not going to rush this along, but it will be on the agenda. Thank you.

President Corcoran: That is the end of new business.

RECESS:

President Corcoran: We are going to go into executive session. Allegedly it will be a short one.

Adjourned into executive session at 7:57 P.M.

Reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

President Corcoran: Moving on to first readings. First up we have T 110.

FIRST READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 110-2015 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 1210.04, *PUBLIC HEARINGS; NOTICE.*
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 113.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 113-2015 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO APPROVE, ADOPT, ENACT AND PUBLISH NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

President Corcoran: T 117.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 117-2015 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$8,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW CENTRAL FIRE STATION AND ACQUIRING, PREPARING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS THEREIN FOR ITS SITE.
(Introduced by Mayor Gillock)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to dispense with the second and third readings for T 117.

Mayor Gillock: Mr. President, there has been some discussion and some questions in regards to this potential Ordinance and I ask the Fire Chief, John Reese, if he would prepare some

information that he could help in making a decision here. With your permission, I would like to Chief Reese to make his presentation at this time.

Fire Chief Reese presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the need for a new fire house.

President Corcoran: Are there any questions for Chief Reese?

Councilwoman Johnson: Can you tell me where the majority of the transports go? Do they go to EMH or St. John Westshore and did that play a factor in the relocation – where it is going to be?

Chief Reese: That does not play a role in it whatsoever. It used to be equal. For some reason, a lot more people are moving from Cuyahoga County into North Ridgeville. It didn't play into it because basically we never know what we are going to get, you know what I mean? It is from the station to their house and from their house to the hospital – this doesn't play in as a factor.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Anybody else?

Councilman Keenan: I do have some comments and you knew I would. First of all, thank you for a great presentation. I want to say that even though we may not be on the same exact point here, nobody does a better job representing your department than you do. You are always the most squared away guy when you come in with your statistics with your presentation materials. You are easy to follow. I absolutely appreciate that. I am also a big supporter...I want what is best for the fire department too, but I also want what is best for the residents and for the City in general and I think we all do in this room. Here is where I am stuck: we agonized the last year, but we went through Committee of the Whole meetings. We had a heck of a good process – at the end of that the result was a recommended income tax because it will solve many of our problems, not just the fire station, but the fire station was certainly going to be a part of that. It had other things: major capital infrastructure improvements citywide. The voters demolished that issue. Here we are now, what I am going to say – at the very last minute, with no more time available for public discussion about what ok, so that didn't work. Our citywide expansion idea didn't work. I am not convinced that this fire station is our absolute number one priority. I know it is a big priority. I know it is a very important priority, but without more discussion about the other priorities, the other things that are very important to us. If we go to the voters right now and say this is what we are convinced is your best number one priority and that is why you should spend \$8.2 million, I don't think we are going to get another crack at that apple for some time. My sense of things when I hear from people in Ward 1 is that they are up to here with taxes right now. Where I am at is I am in favor of getting a new fire station. I am actually in favor of supporting a fire station one and a fire station three; however, I don't know how to fund that added six people at nearly a million dollars and operational costs. I don't have the answer right now. I am uncomfortable without more discussion about what is now our number one priority in the City. Nobody presents their case better than you do, but I want to look beyond that presentation and just simply make sure that when we go to the voters, what we are really saying is: this is the number one place in this community for your \$8.2 million. I am just not there right now. I may get there, I really may get there in six months, but I am not going to

get there before I have to make a decision about putting this on the ballot. If I were to vote in favor of this issue on the ballot, I am really telling the citizens this is what I think is our number one priority. I am not there. I know it is high, but I don't know if it is our number one priority right now. What my ask is – just think about is this our number one priority. We went through a lot of angst and a lot of thought and we categorized and prioritize things. We thought we needed to do it. We put forth an income tax and it got demolished. My thing is please consider a few more months – six more months – whatever those months maybe to do the process of bringing in the public, reestablishing our priorities and then let's go out and ask for the money. Let's tell them right now this is what we want. I wouldn't ever again agree to an income tax increase. I think it will be a property tax increase. I would love it if a levy could be passed to support just the operations – those added staff. Then you would have my vote for one and three with the added staff - if we could get the levy. Without the levy passing and without the figuring out now, how do we actually bring in number three online, I just think three is a pipe dream. I think it is a pipe dream because that is a huge knot operationally if we can't somehow get a levy to support it. Those are my comments. Thank you for your presentation. I mean it absolutely. You are the best and you have a great department, but that is where I am.

President Corcoran: Is there anybody else?

Councilwoman Johnson: I just wanted to comment – this has been going on for a very long time and as Chairwoman of the Finance, I know they have been coming to appropriations for several years looking for a new roof, looking for windows – we have kind of been holding off and holding off – this is a necessity.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, just to make sure we are all clear. We did buy them a new roof. We did buy them new overhead doors. We did buy them a new door. We did buy them new windows. Not that has a hell of a lot to do with the purpose of this, but I wouldn't want anybody to think that we didn't respond to those weather tight and safety issues because we did. It is not going to do anything to improve their living/sleeping conditions, to improve the location – I get that, but they asked us for money and we stepped up and said yes, we know you need it.

Auditor Costin: Just a couple things I would like to say that may add some history: historically, the City has always supported our fire and paramedic levies, ambulance, for good reason. To the average citizen, that is probably the number one needed service, maybe second to water. Number two – somebody once said that if you don't shoot the puck, you will never score. If we don't give our residents an opportunity to pass this levy to get us the new fire station, if we don't give them the chance, we cannot do it by ourselves economically. He makes some very good points and I will be the first to tell you – looking down the road we have some financial issues, but the feedback that we got from that study that we did several months ago, perhaps it wasn't statistically exact, but the limited feedback that we got is why don't you put the fire station by itself, separate some of those things. It was a great idea to try and put them together. I really pushed that idea because we do need operating monies – we did, we do and we will. It didn't work. Again, the feedback that we did get was why don't you put these on the ballot and let us decide. We are addressing the number one issue to many citizens – that is flooding. That is the

number one issue to all of our citizens, but again, if you have property that floods, then it is a number one issue to you. The City is spending a lot of money and continuing in the efforts to solve those issues. I am not going to say yes or no, because I cannot vote. Historically, our citizens have always supported our safety issues particularly fire and ambulatory. I think you need to consider that and give them the opportunity yes or no.

Mayor Gillock: Thank you Chief. Great job. I think after our widening projects, this is our number one priority and as Chris said, our feedback which was from the income tax levy – why don't you put this on by itself. This is what we are trying to do. We need to get it passed this evening with the emergency if we are going to get it to the Board of Elections on time. My only question would be, for those of you that might not be voting for it, which is certainly your prerogative; if we do get it passed tonight with the emergency, are you going to support it between it now and November?

Councilman Boose: Chief, outstanding presentation. I echo a lot of the comments my colleague, Mr. Keenan, just made about all of your presentations which are always top notch and first place. I disagree a bit about that this isn't one of the, or the top priority of the City – I don't know if that is the question before us, so much as can we be successful with it and can we be successful with this type of an approach. At the last meeting, I asked for some details on the actual project of the planning and you gave me some great information in addition to some of the other details I've been able to gather since our last meeting. The other thing I asked for was can we get some sort of defined plan that we understand as a group here that is going to help us make a levy campaign successful. I give you some examples: early spring 2014 – most of us sat here in this room – all of the administration, all of the Council people, to my knowledge, were in favor of the levy to put on the ballot for the widening of Center Ridge Road. There wasn't anybody in this room that discounted that was a priority that we had to do that. Many of us had a passion for it. We put it up there but the plan to get it passed by the residents or the assistance of the residents to help us move that forward was not there. We lost. Very slightly, low voter turnout, you can spin it any way you want – it didn't pass. A year ago right now, the same people sat in this room. We were all very much in favor of once again putting that Center Ridge Road issue back on the ballot because again, we knew how important that was to complete the project that we have been talking about for twenty to thirty years. Again, there wasn't a plan, at least a successful plan, to put that to the voters to get them to say yes. At the same time, we agreed and I dissented because I thought at that time the Center Ridge Road issue was so important that another new tax request before the voters would make some of them think – do I vote for one, do I vote for the other, do I choose. It passed Council. We went through. I was a financial supporter of that. There was a committee put together. It did some things – I will have to admit, I wasn't aware of a lot of the committee meetings, if they had many. I wasn't aware of their strategy if there was one. I did financially support it because even though I didn't believe that it was the best way to put two of them on the ballot at the same time, once it is on the ballot, I supported it. That is I think what we have to do now. If you look at what the schools did – when the schools put their building levy on the ballot, they got the residents up front first. They came up with some ideas that though the school I am sure started the committee, helped put it together so it was established, it was the parents, the teachers and the residents of the community that actually helped move that

forward. They were the voice that said, you know what, we want a new school building and they went to their neighbors; they went to their friends and they went to the community and made sure that happened. My opinion is that is something we need to do with this. It is one thing for all of us in this room to agree, yes, we need this. I think all of us do. As history has shown us, it takes more than that. It takes being able to have everybody in this town to want the same thing and have the same passion. How do you get there? I am not a fundraising person. I am not a campaign person. I am not quite sure how you do that. I would certainly like to be part of that, but I think that is where we need to be. Maybe it is just me, but I understand we have been talking about this for many years. I just heard about this about four weeks ago that we wanted to take this and put it on the ballot now. Maybe I am the only one, but it is the first time I have heard of it. If that is the kind of planning that we are going to do to try and to make it pass successfully in the fall, I think we are running ourselves short. I think we need something better than that. At the end of the day, I believe in that plan. I now know where the \$8.2 million is coming from. I know where you got it and I know the need is there. I think all of us understand that need and understand the importance. What I am concerned about is that I still haven't seen the plan of how we are going to get the community behind it. Not get the community to agree with this – get the community behind this to have them be the force to push this over the top. That is our challenge right now. That is the challenge I have to the administration and everybody in this room. I will be voting in favor of the measure because I think as the Auditor stated, I think to allow the residents that opportunity to say yes or no is critical in our democracy, but at the same time, I think we need to make that happen. Thank you.

President Corcoran: We are going to take a couple minutes to break to change the battery in the camera. We will continue after he changes the battery.

President Corcoran: The battery has been changed and we are back on. Mr. Boose concluded his comments. Is there anybody else that would like to speak for the first time?

Councilman Olesen: A very short comment – I think the problem here is that we don't know what our priorities are. We have a fire department that is doing a great job in a crappy facility. If they were doing a poor job out of this facility, everybody would be at our door step demanding new firemen. There is the problem right there. How long can they do the job that they are doing in the quarters they are living and working in? This is called planning. We need this desperately so we can give these guys the space and facilities they need to do the job they are doing.

Councilwoman Johnson: I just wanted to say in fairness, this wasn't something that was just brought up about four weeks ago because it was part of the income tax. This has been a priority for a long time. I just wanted to say that. Keep in mind; they are sleeping in a trailer. Thanks, that is it.

Fire Chief Reese: Can I say one more thing? Just for the record I guess – we did promote this really hard last time, probably the hardest I have ever done any campaign I have ever done. We did a bunch of public meetings. The Mayor, Safety-Service Director and President of Council and the firefighter's union helped out with a lot of it. Assistant Chief Bement was at a lot of

functions. We had a lot of functions. We brought back our open house that we hadn't done in years. I didn't want people to think we were bringing it back for the election. We will do that every year now. We had four hundred people on a rainy day vote for the fire station. The bottom line is – nobody, no building, City owned building gets toured in this City as much as Fire Station One does. There are people constantly in that building and we do get the feedback from them and got it last time that we felt the structure...the issue...when it was presented. It wasn't just the fire station, it was we didn't know we needed a grid; we didn't know we needed a water tower – that sort of thing. I think that the backing was there even though it didn't pass. I also think we have full support of the firefighter's union and they will work for it. We will get out to the community and try and get the community behind it this time. Any further than that, I like you, don't know what the answer is. I would welcome anybody that wants to help us.

Councilman Boose: Mr. President? That is my point. The things that we have tried the last two years...the last three times we have tried to put a new tax on the shoulders of the residents, we fail. Sometimes we fail by a little bit, sometimes, like the income tax, we get squashed. We have to look at something differently. If we do the same thing we do every time, and we fail, then we are always going to fail. We have to try and find a different way to do it – different twist, something, and maybe there is something that the schools did that we could learn from that we don't know. Maybe there is some other community that has had similar difficulty or challenges in getting something like this passed. Maybe we can learn from them, but that is my point. I don't want to leave from here tonight and have the same plan that we had last time. Because, I will be honest, if we do, it is going to be very difficult. I think this is something everybody should embrace. We just need to try and find the way to make sure that they help us do it. We shouldn't be the ones. They should be the ones encouraging us. Thank you.

Councilwoman Butkowski: Mr. Chairman? I think this is something new. This is specifically for the badly needed fire station. It is something that has been talked about for a long time; not only that, when the fire station was with the income tax. People in this community don't like us to increase income tax. They have turned it down more than once and we made it a lot of things with the income tax and tried to sell it but it is still called income tax and they don't like income tax. I don't think the fire department has ever had a levy or anything on the ballot that has been turned down. Maybe at one time there was some discussion about the ...when we were first getting an ambulance there was a little problem there, but that is the only thing I can remember. This is the fire station only and a tax levy. It really isn't very high for what we are getting out of it. With a lot of promotion and that family thing you had at the station; I went and I thought it was really neat and if the weather holds out and you have it there, there are a lot of people there and the kids really enjoyed doing that. I think that if we do a lot of different things at the Corn Festival and every place else that you can show up, I think we can pass this thing. Everybody loves the fire department so I think we have a pretty good chance of getting it done.

Auditor Costin: I have a couple of comments, but I am going to limit it to one because it is getting late. First thing that I would say is we refer to this as a fire station and for most of us; most of us may not be concerned because we don't have a lot of fires. The reality is don't you run four to five times as many rescue calls? Really, what we have to sell it as is a fire/rescue.

We have many, many more ambulatory services. Those come from heart attacks and accidents. That strikes home on our residents. I remember years ago when we first passed our paramedic levy. It was actually the population and particular families that came forward and they did indeed sell the community and Council is kind of passé at this point. If it doesn't, fine. The voters have always supported the fire department. I think they deserve that opportunity. They have a chance to see if they can enhance our services.

Safety-Service Director Armbruster: Quite honestly, I didn't expect all the firefighters to be here tonight. I really applaud you guys for coming on your time off as well as the ones that are here and answering calls. I mean, that is a sign of strength from the standpoint of the conversation that has taken place from their commitment from the Chief to this administration to Mayor Gillock, myself and I know that as we mount the campaign, if this passes this evening and put together that is what a campaign is. It is to gain the support of the process that we are trying to pass and that is to have this fire station built for the City of North Ridgeville, not only for the use of the individuals that are here, but for our residents and for the safety of everyone. When it comes to the utensils or the stuff that we use to keep them clean and keep things moving. Their strength, being here, I appreciate it as a Safety-Service Director.

President Corcoran: Thank you. Is there anybody else? I think we have had an opportunity to address this issue over the years. For a long time, we kind of kicked the can down the road. We didn't want to put any money into Fire Station One because we knew at some point in time we were going to have to replace it. We finally decided to put some money into it this year almost because we had to. I think it is beyond time to give the people a chance to vote on this and tell us whether they want this or not. We did hear the feedback in the income tax levy that people thought it should be its own issue and that they were more likely to support it if it were its own issue. With the income tax levy, we were trying to accomplish many things for the City, but the fire station was the centerpiece of that campaign. The people spoke. We know that they don't want an income tax levy, but they historically have supported property tax levies and so this is their opportunity to tell us exactly what is on their mind. We know it is something that is necessary. I understand Mr. Keenan's comments and some of the issues might be a higher priority. As part of the income tax levy, one of the things we had talked about was money for bridges and there are some bridges – we get a report every year that tells us the condition the bridges are in and we don't have money for those and those might become a priority at some point in time and maybe the number one priority, but for now, I think that it is important to give the residents a chance to chime in on this and tell us what they are thinking and see whether they will support this. I think we have kicked the can down the road long enough. We tried our best last election to change that. This is it. This is the time. Dr. Arndt?

Councilman Arndt: Since I am the last one it seems who has not spoken and I am somebody who really likes to take action, I'd like to offer up what seems to be summation. Item number one – T 117 – is really a Resolution asking us to at least put this on the ballot. So, that strikes me as a simple question. Item number two – it seems that it would be based on the conversation comments that I have heard that it would be truly incumbent, helpful and valuable for our administration to declare the vision and help articulate the priorities that I think we have heard us

talk about that Mr. Keenan alluded to. Item number three, as I think Mr. Costin articulated with clarity-if you don't hit the puck, you don't have a chance to score the goal. With those three simple things, for me it feels like get it on the ballot, number two – declare a vision even more clearly and articulate our priorities and number three – let's give our residents an opportunity to make that choice. I would be voting in favor of this.

Councilman Keenan: I have a short comment and that is that I received a letter that was acknowledged by Council dated July 10th from Mr. Michael A. Rosich. I had promised Mr. Rosich that I would read his letter; however, after the presentation from the Chief which went point by point through the letter, I would like to say there is no reason to read the letter. Mr. Rosich's letter has been answered to the point, I believe, by the Chief and I thank you for that. I'll spare us the time of reading the letter. Mr. Rosich did us a service by writing that letter. Thank you. Not going to read the letter even though I told you I would, but all the points were addressed. Thank you.

President Corcoran: Are there any comments or questions on the dispensing with the second and third readings? On that motion, I will ask for a roll call.

Clerk of Council Smith: With one no and the rest were positive. The motion passed.

Yes – 6

No – 1 (Keenan)

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to adopt T 117.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Johnson to add the emergency clause to T 117 for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of this City and for the further reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective to enable the City to proceed timely with the filing of this Resolution and other materials with the Board of Elections in order to submit the bond issue to the electors on November 3, 2015.

President Corcoran: On the emergency clause, are there any comments or questions? Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk of Council Smith: With one no and the rest were positive. The motion passed.

Yes – 6

No – 1 (Keenan)

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 measure passed with one no vote and becomes **Resolution number 1360-2015.**

Yes – 6

No – 1 (Keenan)

President Corcoran: Moving on now to T 116.

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 116-2015 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS
AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY.

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Olesen to dispense with the second and third readings for T 116.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Olesen to adopt T 116.

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Boose to amend the third line of Section 2 where it says “with the parties submitting the highest bona fide bid” to read “with the parties submitting the highest and best bid”.

President Corcoran: On the amendment, are there any comments or questions?

Councilwoman Johnson: On the third whereas, shouldn’t it also state “highest and best” in that one also? No? Okay.

President Corcoran: On the intervening motion then, all those in favor say yes. Those opposed say no.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Gillock and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to T 116 for the safety interests of our residents.

President Corcoran: Do you want to clarify that Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Gillock: This is an integral part of being able to make a project work that our residents have asked for and being a win-win for both of us to make this project work.

Councilman Keenan: Mr. President, if I can add to that. I believe this is a disposition of a piece of remnant parcel that has no utility to the City and therefore, by going with an emergency, we accelerate the gain to the City from potential income.

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 measure passed unanimously and becomes **Ordinance number 5268-2015.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

President Corcoran: That is the end of first readings. Moving on to second readings. We have T 101.

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 101-2015 A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PRIORITIES.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 07/06/2015)

President Corcoran: Moving on to third readings. We have T 97.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Smith:

T 97-2015 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN STREETS/IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE HAMPTON PLACE SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, AND DEDICATING THEM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(Introduced by Mayor Gillock; First reading 06/15/2015; Second reading 07/06/2015)

Moved by Keenan and seconded by Butkowski to adopt T 97.

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

Clerk of Council Smith: The motion passed unanimously and becomes **Ordinance number 5269-2015.**

Yes – 7

No - 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Corcoran: The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

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

President Corcoran: This is your opportunity to address Council with something that is on your mind that is related to City business. You will be given three minutes to speak on the topic of your choice and when you approach the podium, state your name and address for the record. Is there anybody that would like to address Council this evening?

John Vrtachnik, 5553 Main Ave.: thanked the Council members for voting to pass the Resolution to place the fire house on the ballot. He added the fire house is truly needed and been discussed for years.

President Corcoran: Thank you John. We will welcome your support for the campaign issue. Anybody else?

ADJOURNMENT:

President Corcoran: Thank you. All right, this meeting is adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

Approval of minutes:

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

A cursive handwritten signature, appearing to read 'George E. Linnick'.

CLERK OF COUNCIL