

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

President DeVries called the Monday, September 20, 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 and James R. Maleski.

Councilman Jason Jacobs was excused.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety-Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Auditor April Wilkerson, City Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, Deputy Clerk of Council Tina Wieber and Director of Public Utilities Tara Peet.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of September 7, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the August 2021 Building Department Report, the August 2021 Mayor's Court Reports and the August 2021 Water Distribution Reports.

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.

Gary Crumley, 37773 Avalon Dr. invited council members to sit with him in his drive to watch traffic. He stated the Republicans at the Corn Festival stated this was a done deal. He noted that there was a traffic flow issue in Avalon at non-peak times and further asked what was going to be done to address Avalon's issues.

Deborah Evanish, 37748 Avalon Dr. stated she was against the roundabout and added that Council should take her opinion and consideration. She felt Council was wasting her time and further felt the decision was already made and it was a done deal.

President DeVries stated Council has not voted and Council never said it was a done deal.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran stated there were several pieces of legislation on tonight's agenda under first readings that he will be requesting emergency passage. The first ordinance is T 113-2021 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with a consulting engineering firm for plans and specifications for the Chestnut Ridge Road and State Route 83 roundabout. The reason for the emergency is to meet the ODOT deadline.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to enter into executive session to discuss public employment.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Adjourned into executive session at 7:11 p.m.

The Council meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran stated there are four pieces of legislation - T 115-2021, T 116-2021, T 117-2021 and T 118-2021 he is asking for passage and the emergency this evening. T 115 is an ordinance creating a part-time cook position for our Senior Center and T 116 establishes the pay rate scale for this position. T 117-2021 is an ordinance creating a part-time van driver for the Senior Center and T 118-2021 establishes the pay rate scale for this position. The emergency is in order for the Office for Older Adults to move forward with hiring these two positions and to restore services to our senior population.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Service Department finished up paving on Emerald Street today and will now move over to the last three streets on this year's list – Broad Blvd., McKinley and Rose. These streets are anticipated to be prepped and milled beginning this Wednesday with paving to follow – all weather dependent.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Senior Center spaghetti dinner is Friday, September 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thank you to the North Ridgeville Lions Club for sponsoring this event. Enjoy the famous meal of spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and salad. Adults \$7.00, seniors \$6.00 and children 10 and under \$4.00; dessert \$1.00, pop \$.50 extra and carry out is also available. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center.

Mayor Corcoran stated the Fire Department will be hosting the annual Fire Safety & Health Fair on Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 7000 Ranger Way. This is a free event for the entire family to enjoy food, face painting, and other fun activities for the kids. There will also be information tables with fire safety and health tips for adults and children. There will be fire trucks and ambulances, police cars, Service Dept. trucks; and an emergency helicopter landing (weather permitting).

B. Safety-Service Director:

Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated two of the portable LED signs moved to Gatestone; as requested. This has created an impact in this area. He also noted that the Hampton Place HOA

has been working with City and law department to purchase permanent signs for their street. Safety-Service Director Armbruster stated one has been installed in last two months and they came back and paid for everything. The City is not maintaining the sign.

C. Engineer:

Engineer Rodriguez stated paint striping was to start this evening but pulled back due to the weather. They will begin Saturday, weather dependent, and the work will mostly be completed at night.

D. Auditor:

Auditor Wilkerson stated T 119-2021 is an appropriation amendment and T 122-2021 is the authorization of fund advances. Auditor Wilkerson requested the emergency clause for the necessary resources for expenditure.

E. Other Reports:

President DeVries noted that Council received the August 2021 Fire Department Report, the July 2021 Police Department Report, the July 2021 Police Support Car Report and the July 2021 Water Distribution Reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Fijabi Julien-Gallam to the position of Assistant Clerk of Council

Moved by President DeVries and seconded by Boose to appoint Fijabi Julien-Gallam to the position of Assistant Clerk of Council.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

President DeVries and Council congratulated Mrs. Gallam on her appointment.

Planning Commission actions taken at the September 14, 2021 meeting:

Clerk of Council Linden:

APPLICANT ONE:

APPLICANT: Stacey Dasher, Everstream Solutions, LLC
 1228 Euclid Avenue #250, Cleveland, Ohio 44115
OWNER: City of North Ridgeville
 7307 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

REQUEST: Install and maintain a 2-inch fiber conduit in the right-of-way between 32991 and 33395 Lorain Road.
LOCATION: Between 32991 and 33395 Lorain Road, in the right-of-way Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-003-102-050
PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0 with the condition applicant enters into an indemnification agreement with the city.
(Council action required)

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

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

APPLICANT TWO:

APPLICANT: Gary Smitek, North Ridge Pointe, LLC, 36715 Avalon Court, Avon, Ohio 44011
OWNER: Same
REQUEST: Approval of 39 standard lots and 41 cluster lots. Phase 6 of North Ridge Pointe Subdivision.
LOCATION: North Ridge Pointe Subdivision West Shore Parkway/Amalfi Road in a R-1 District; Permanent Parcel Nos. 07-00-029-000-442, 07-00-032-000-720, 07-00-031-000 288, & 07-00-030-000-303
PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0.
(Council action required)

Councilman Abens stated there are additional phases planned but it will depend on the market.

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

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 1 (Swenk)

Clerk of Council Linden:

APPLICANT THREE:

APPLICANT: Joe Molnar, Bob Schmitt Homes, Inc., 9095 Gatestone Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039
OWNER: Same
REQUEST: Final approval of Ridgefield Subdivision #17
LOCATION: 9112 Gatestone Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039 in an R-1 District Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-001-000-441
PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0.
(Council action required)

Councilman Abens stated there are additional phases planned but it will depend on the market.

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

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 1 (Swenk)

Clerk of Council Linden:

APPLICANT FOUR:

APPLICANT: Rich Fredrickson, Rafter A. LTD, 42653 Oberlin-Elyria Road, Oberlin, Ohio 44074
OWNER: Ohio Mills Storage, LLC, 75 N Haddonfield, NJ 08033
REQUEST: Site plan approval for self-storage
LOCATION: 34515 Mills Rd, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039
 Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-018-101-329
PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0.
 (Council action required)

Councilman Abens stated this was a request to construct self-storage units. This request is different than what was requested a few years back. This plan doesn't permit for water and has added in a retention pond designed for a 100 year storm which will assist with the flooding in this area.

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

Councilman Boose stated this was not the same project recommended a couple years ago that had restrooms. In addition, the applicant has added a pond for stormwater management which is impressive. This is north of Highland Drive which has historically had flooding. The applicant has included mounding and trees to be accommodating.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

APPLICANT FIVE:

APPLICANT: Robert Yost, Osibas, Ltd., 6381 Avon Belden Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039
OWNER: Same
REQUEST: Referral from Council for a recommendation to rezone a parcel of land from an R-1 Residential District to a B-3 Highway Commercial District.
LOCATION: 8540 Root Road, North Ridgeville, OH 44039 in an R-1 District
 Permanent Parcel No. 07-00-014-103-327
 (Temporary ordinance number assigned by Council as T 104-2021 and referred to Planning Commission during the Council meeting held 9/7/2021)
PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0.
 (Council action required)

Councilman Abens stated the applicant is using this as event center and incubator for small business. He noted this was the old Fields School.

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

Councilman Winkel asked how this will impact T 104-2021.

President DeVries stated Council is just approving the Planning Commission action.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

RECESS:

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

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

FIRST READINGS:

Ordinance and Resolution submittal(s)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 112-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, FOR THE CENTER RIDGE ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED WORK AND INSPECTION SERVICES, NOT TO EXCEED \$3,080,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 113-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD AND AVON BELDEN ROAD (SR 83) ROUNDABOUT, NOT TO EXCEED \$269,437.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 113-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause in order to meet the ODOT deadline.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Councilwoman Swenk asked if the City applied for a grant for this project and if the engineering portion was covered by the grant.

Engineer Rodriguez stated the City applied for a grant for design; right-of-way and construction costs.

Councilwoman Swenk stated it would not be covered.

Engineer Rodriguez stated it would be covered and the break down was listed in the body of the ordinance.

Councilman Boose stated this project was discussed during appropriations as was the roundabout at Chestnut and Alternate 10. The information provided shows that traffic will move better in this area as it is currently bottlenecked.

Councilman Abens asked if this is a proposed single lane roundabout.

Engineer Rodriguez stated yes.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 113-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5861-2021**.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 114-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PURCHASE FIVE 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 \$270,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 115-2021 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE NON-UNION, PART-TIME JOB POSITION OF “COOK” FOR THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to adopt T 115-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause in order to fill the position as soon as possible to help the senior community.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 115-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5862-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 116-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4571-2008, PROVIDING FOR PART-TIME, NON-UNION JOB POSITIONS, WAGE RATES AND BENEFITS, AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, BY INCLUDING THE NON-UNION, PART-TIME JOB POSITION OF “COOK” AND ESTABLISHING A PAY RATE SCALE FOR THIS POSITION.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to adopt T 116-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause in order to fill the position as soon as possible to help the senior community.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Councilwoman Swenk noted that T 115 and T 116 are both tied together to create the position and wage scale.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 116-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5863-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 117-2021 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE NON-UNION, PART-TIME JOB POSITION OF “VAN DRIVER” FOR THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to adopt T 117-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause in order to fill the position as soon as possible to help the senior community.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 117-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5864-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 118-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4571-2008, PROVIDING FOR PART-TIME, NON-UNION JOB POSTIONS, WAGE RATES AND BENEFITS, AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, BY INCLUDING THE NON-UNION, PART-TIME JOB POSITION OF “VAN DRIVER” AND ESTABLISHING A PAY RATE SCALE FOR THIS POSITION.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to adopt T 118-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause in order to fill the position as soon as possible to help the senior community.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Councilwoman Swenk noted that T 117 and T 118 are both tied together to create the position and wage scale.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 118-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5865-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 119-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5784-2020 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 119-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause in order to allow the Auditor's the necessary resources for expenditure.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 119-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5866-2021**.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 120-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SUGAR RIDGE ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, NOT TO EXCEED \$92,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 121-2021 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE 2021 COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 121-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by President DeVries to add the emergency clause in order to expend the funds as soon as possible.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 121-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1532-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 122-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND ADVANCES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 122-2021.

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause in order to allow the Auditor's the necessary resources for expenditure.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 122-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1533-2021.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

None.

THIRD READINGS:

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 103-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO LEASE/PURCHASE A NEW 2022 SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH ACCESSORIES FROM THE STATE BID LIST, OR STATE CO-OP, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A 5-YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW, NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00.

(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading 8/16/2021; Second reading 09/07/2021)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 103-2021.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 103-2021 becomes
Ordinance number 5867-2021.

Yes – 6 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular Council meeting will be on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

There will be a public hearing on T 104-2021 on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes on October 4, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL