

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President DeVries called the Monday, December 6, 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 Jacobs, and James R. Maleski.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Law Director Brian Moriarty, City Engineer Dan Rodriguez, Auditor April Wilkerson, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Julien-Gallam.

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

President DeVries asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes of November 15, 2021. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following:

- Planning Commission meeting minutes dated November 9, 2021
- Board of Zoning and Building Appeals meeting minutes dated November 18, 2021
- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated October 27, 2021
- Civil Service Commission meeting minutes dated November 22, 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 that each person is allowed 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.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:**

Mayor Corcoran remarked that there are three pieces of legislation on the agenda that he would be requesting emergency passage.

- Under first readings, is Ordinance T 145-2021 amending ordinance 5797-2021 for the construction administration and inspection services for the Mills Road Bridge over the French Creek Replacement Project. The request is to increase the not to exceed the amount from \$100,000 to \$130,000, because of the increased length of time that the consultant would be onsite. The project has been delayed because of material availability and delay time for materials to be received due to the current market conditions, He would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause because the work is ongoing and the consultant needs to be paid in a timely manner.
- Under first readings is T 146-2021 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an electric vehicle charging station program through Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA). He would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause in order to meet the NOACA deadline to receive the free charging stations and to move the project forward.
- Under third readings is T 131-2021 a resolution to enter into a cooperative agreement with Lorain County for the replacement of a Case Road bridge and the adjacent retaining wall. He would like to move to add the emergency clause in order to move the project forward with the county.

Mayor Corcoran expressed that he likes declaring a Rate Holiday. Due to the excess balance of funds in the solid waste account, the City would like to return any excess cash balance to the customers in the form of a rate holiday. In accordance with Ordinance #5479-2017, there would be a rate holiday granted for December, where no user charges are to be billed by the City to its residential customers for the monthly trash collection fee. Normal monthly trash charges would resume on the December 31, 2021 utility bill, which is for the January 2022 trash collection period.

Mayor Corcoran invited everyone to join him on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., in Council Chambers for his monthly Coffee and Conversation.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Winkel to dispense the bylaws to place T 155-2021 and T 156-2021 on the agenda dated December 6, 2021, as first reading.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran seconded by Boose to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss purchase or sale of land.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

**B. Safety-Service Director:**

There was none.

**C. Engineer:**

Engineer Rodriguez announced that bids are open for the Center Ridge Road Sanitary Sewer extension. The lowest bidder was Fabrizi Trucking & Paving in Middleburg Heights. The bidder was below bid at \$1,863,324.

Engineer Rodriguez added that the Wetlands permit for the Cypress Avenue Roadway Extension project is finished and the final land clearing is ready to be completed. The design for the extension is budgeted for 2022.

Engineer Rodriguez remarked that the 2021 Full-depth Concrete Rehabilitation Program is complete. Nicoll Drive was scheduled to open up on Thanksgiving Day. The contractor planned to come back to Nicoll Drive in spring 2022 to touch upon landscaping and mulching.

Engineer Rodriguez reiterated the reasons for T 145-2021. The contract for T 145-2021 was extended three months because of material acquisition and some utility delays at the beginning of the project. The project is close to completion.

President DeVries wanted to know the reasoning for the sign that states, “No Salt.” The sign is to keep salt off freshly poured concrete for the first year. Salt eats away fresh concrete than if it was cured. Nicoll Drive usually does not receive salt because the City does not salt secondary roads. The location where salt is added is at the corner of Nicoll Drive.

Engineer Rodriguez concluded his report.

**D. Auditor:**

Auditor Wilkerson provided a background for the following legislation and requested that each of the following is passed with the emergency clause - to allow the Auditor’s office the necessary financial resources for expenditures and to allow the office to promptly close the fiscal year in the general ledger.:

- T 147-2021 to T 151-2021 is to authorize and approve fund transfers;
- T 152-2021 is to authorize and approve fund advances;

- T 153-2021 is to authorize the Then and Now Certificate;
- T 154-2021 is to adopt the appropriation amendment.

Auditor Wilkerson concluded her report.

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

- September 2021 Financial Report
- October 2021 Financial Report

**E. Other Reports:**

President DeVries noted that Council received the following reports:

- October 2021 Water Distribution Report
- October 2021 Police Department Report
- November 2021 Parks and Recreation Director's Report
- November 2021 Building Department Report

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

There were none.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RECESS:**

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

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 145-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 5797-2021 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE MILLS ROAD BRIDGE OVER FRENCH CREEK (LOR-MILLS ROAD) REPLACEMENT PROJECT, BY INCREASING THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT TO \$130,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 145-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause for the project to be completed and avoid any potential delays.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 145-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 145-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5882-2021**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 146-2021 PID NO. 112897 PROJECT NAME: DISTRICT 12/DISTRICT 3 NOACA EV CHARGING STATIONS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION PROGRAM PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA).

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 146-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to add the emergency clause to meet the deadline of NOACA.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to adopt T 146-2021 with the emergency clause.

Councilwoman Swenk asked the Mayor if the charging station would be available to the public for use.

Mayor Corcoran confirmed that the charging station is available to the public.

Councilman Boose recalled that the charging station has to be open for 12 hours a day for the public. There is a 5-year lifespan due to the length of the contract and after the contract, the City is responsible for the maintenance.

Mayor Corcoran confirmed with Mr. Boose's statement.

Councilman Abens expressed that he would be voting for this ordinance, but he does not agree with competing with private individuals that want to put up a private station. He noted that the City is not allowed to make a profit on the charges by the public. He added that this is considered a private enterprise type of situation and if it was a good idea the private market would have started installing the charging stations.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 146-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5883-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 147-2021    A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 147-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 147-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 147-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1541-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 148-2021    A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 148-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 148-2021 with the emergency clause.

Councilman Boose noted that it is a good thing the City came in with \$33,000 extra. This amount would pay off the debt service. Mr. Boose expressed that the City is not buying more money this time.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 148-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1542-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 149-2021    A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING FUND TRANSFERS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 149-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 149-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 149-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1543-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 150-2021    A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 150-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 150-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 150-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1544-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0



**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 151-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 151-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources and close out the journal entries for the fiscal year.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 151-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 151-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1545-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 152-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE REPAYMENT OF FUND ADVANCES.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 152-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 152-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 152-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1546-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 153-2021     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 Maleski to dispense with the second and third readings for T 153-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources to pay for the services that have been provided.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 153-2021 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 153-2021 becomes **Resolution number 1547-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 154-2021     AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 5784-2020 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, 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 for T 154-2021.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to add the emergency clause to allow the Auditor's office the necessary resources.

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

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Maleski to adopt T 154-2021 with the emergency clause.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know the meaning of the Board of Building Standards. Auditor Wilkerson explained that it is a State office that the City pays for plan review. There is a 1% and 3% fee that is collected by the voting department.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 154-2021 becomes **Ordinance number 5884-2021**.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 155-2021    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 on the floor.)*

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the Fire Department and Police Department have been testing radio systems. The Fire Department is interested in going with the radio system from Cleveland Communications, INC. The radio system was recently approved by the County Commissioners to go up on the tower over the County's 911 center. The Fire Department is happy with the results and they are looking to move forward with the system. Mayor Corcoran noted that the Council wanted to know if the radio system would work before moving forward with the project. He added that the Police Department is still interested in another radio system. He noted that Cleveland Communications Inc. is still honoring the previous agreement. Mayor Corcoran suggested moving T 155-2021 to the next meeting.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know if the City would still get the share of \$250,000 grant money for the radios. The radios are coming from the company.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the 20 radios are still coming to the City.

Councilman Maleski wanted to confirm that the Police Department is not looking to go on the same system as the Fire Department. He wanted to know if there are any guarantees that fire and police are going to be able to communicate clearly in situations.

Mayor Corcoran responded that was correct. He added that the radios are called Triband radios and they could receive transmissions from multiple sources. There are communities around the City of North Ridgeville that still use VHF and UHF radios. The radios would be able to be

programmed to receive signals by changing the dial on the radio to communicate. Mayor Corcoran added that there are some plans to have the radios work simultaneously.

Councilman Abens expressed that his concerns were the same as Councilman Maleski. He is glad that the departments would still be able to communicate with each other.

President Devries reminded everyone that he voted no when the request for the new radio system came before the Council in the past. He added that since they know it would work for the department, he would support it.

Councilman Winkel wanted to know if the requested radio system is tested compared to other systems.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the Fire Department took the requested radio system to areas that the other radio systems had problems working. The difference before was that the requested radio system is on the County's tower and the other systems were not. However, the County recently approved for the other radio systems to be added to the tower. Testing on the new device would continue as radios are added to the tower.

Councilman Maleski wanted to know if the request for the new radio system was voted down for the second time would North Ridgeville's departments be able to communicate with the other four cities.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the City would miss out on the 20 radios. The current radios would be able to communicate with the other cities.

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 156-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE NEW POLICE STATION PROJECT, NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran on the floor.)

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the plan is to have the legislation go into effect in January 2022.

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

**SECOND READINGS:**

Clerk of Council Linden:

T 128-2021 AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC ACCESS TO PROPERTY KNOWN AS ROOSEVELT AVENUE FROM 5169 LEAR NAGLE ROAD TO 33593 ADELE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 10/18/2021; Planning Commission on 11/09/2021; Report approved by Council on 11/15/2021; Amended on 11/15/2021)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Reading.

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 135-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 634 NOISE CONTROL TO SOUND CONTROL.

(Introduced by Councilman Maleski; Referred to Safety Committee on 10/19/2021; Safety Committee Report approved on 11/01/2021; First Reading on 11/15/2021)

This ordinance was moved back to the Safety Committee for further consideration.

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 136-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 476, SNOWMOBILES, OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES AND ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES.

(Introduced by Councilman Maleski; Referred to Safety Committee on 10/19/2021; Safety Committee Report approved on 11/01/2021; First Reading on 11/15/2021)

This ordinance was moved back to the Safety Committee for further consideration.

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 137-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11/15/2021)

This ordinance was moved forward to Third Reading.

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 138-2021 AN ORDINANCE GIVING THE MAYOR THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ISOMER GROUP, INC., TO PAY THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE COSTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TURNING/DECELERATION LANE AT THE INTERSECTION OF BAGLEY ROAD AND LORAIN ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61,092.00.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11/15/2021)

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the entity is waiting on the final numbers. He requested the City Council to send the ordinance to the Finance Committee until the numbers are available.

This ordinance was moved back to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

**THIRD READINGS:**

**Clerk of Council Linden:**

T 131-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LORAIN COUNTY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CASE ROAD BRIDGE #0083 AND THE ADJACENT RETAINING WALL.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 11/01/2021; Second Reading on 11/15/2021)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 131-2021.

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause due to the time constraints.

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

Yes – 7

No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 131-2021 with the emergency clause.

No other questions or comments were offered.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 131-2021 become **Resolution number 1548-2021.**

Yes – 7

No – 0

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President DeVries noted that the next regular City Council meeting will be on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

President DeVries added that there would be a public hearing on T 128-2021 on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approval of minutes on December 6, 2021:



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



CLERK OF COUNCIL