

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 06, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, February 06, 2023, Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by President Jacobs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Jacobs.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Council members President Jason Jacobs, Holly A. Swenk, Dennis Boose, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Martin DeVries, and Georgia Awig.

Also present were Mayor Kevin Corcoran, Safety Service Director Jeffry Armbruster, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Director of Finance April Wilkerson, City Engineer Christina Eavenson, Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani, and Assistant Clerk of Council Fijabi Gallam.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council meeting minutes dated January 17, 2023. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following report:

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated January 10, 2023
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated January 23, 2023

LOBBY:

President Jacobs 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.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

- Would be requesting emergency passage on a few pieces of legislation.

- Invited everyone to join him on Monday, February 13, 2023, for his monthly coffee & conversation at the Senior Center from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. to learn more about what's going on in the city.
- City Hall offices would be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023, in observance of the Presidents Day holiday. This would result in the next City Council meeting being pushed back to Tuesday, February 2, 2023, and held in the Police Station Training Room.
- Announced that the Council Chambers project is moving along, but could potentially be delayed until the end of March due to materials. He added that there were significant changes to the lobby area – new ceiling tiles, lights, and paint.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

Safety Service Director Armbruster has no report.

3. Engineer:

Engineer Eavenson remarked that the Engineering Department is advertising for the Assistant City Engineer position.

Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

4. Auditor:

Director of Finance Wilkerson discussed the following:

- T 16-2023 Amending Exhibit A of Ordinance Number 6026-2022 (title change Assistant Deputy Auditor to Payroll Administrator).
- T 17-2023 Appropriation Amendment Ordinance.
- T 18-2023 Fund Transfer Resolution.
- T 19-2023 Resolution Amending Fund Advances.

She requested the City Council to adopt the legislation with the emergency clause.

Director of Finance Wilkerson concluded her report.

President Jacobs noted the following report:

December 2022 Preliminary Financial Report

5. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

December 2022 Mayor's Court Report
January 2023 Building Department Report

January 2023 Fire Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT dated January 17, 2023 – The committee made a motion to recommend amending Ordinance T 7-2023 with the following under Section 1: Change “Shall be increased by four percent (4%) above the current rate” to read “shall be increased by four percent (4%) annually through 2027.” Also, to table T 175-2022 for discussion at the Utilities Committee Meeting on February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

(Council action required)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Winkel to accept the Utilities Committee Report dated January 17, 2023.

A voice call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

A letter from Director of Finance April Wilkerson to City Council, dated January 24, 2023, regarding the 2023 Water Rate Calculation per NRCO 1046.05 (d).

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Boose 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 Nicholas Ciofani:

T 9-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) AND THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE FOR SIGN INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE.

(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Mayor Corcoran explained that the City has until April to approve the agreement.

Councilwoman Swenk asked for a list of streets that would be part of the agreement.

Mayor Corcoran does not believe a list of streets are in the agreement. He would look into it.

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 10-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6015-2022, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO BID FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES, BY INCREASING THE “NOT TO EXCEED” AMOUNT FROM \$90,000.00 TO \$135,000.00.
(Introduced by Councilwoman Swenk and Resident Kim Nakoff)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 10-2023.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the change is due to price increases.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know if the contract would include the new Police Station or would need separate legislation.

Mayor Corcoran responded with a no. The Administration planned to revisit the agreement when the Police Station is built and it would be considered under another legislation.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to enter into a new contract for custodial services.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 10-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 10-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6038-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 11-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1268.02, 1270.02, AND 1272.02 OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE TO UPDATE USE REGULATIONS FOR CAR WASHES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Referred to Planning Commission for review and further discussion.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 12-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 246.09 OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 246
POLICE DEPARTMENT.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings
for T 12-2023.

Mayor Corcoran explained that T 12-2023 and T 15-2023 are to help with the attraction of new Police
Officers and seasoned Police Officers. This legislation would help with diversity in the
Police Department.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to take effect
immediately to hire personnel for the Police Department.

A voice vote was taken on the emergency clause and the motion carried.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to adopt T 12-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 12-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6039-2023.
Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 13-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC., A PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING FIRM, TO CONDUCT A “NO FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE (NFA)” STUDY OF
SECONDARY TREATMENT BYPASSES, NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

This ordinance moved forward to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 14-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
A SLUDGE HAULER FOR THE FRENCH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings
for T 14-2023.

Mayor Corcoran explained that there is a backup of sludge occurring. This legislation is needed to
purchase a Sludge Hauler from another vendor at a lower cost.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to purchase a Sludge Hauler from another vendor at a lower cost.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 14-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 14-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6040-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 15-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING N.R.C.O. SECTION 264.05 OF N.R.C.O. CHAPTER 264 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL VACATION TIME TO POLICE LATERAL HIRES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 15-2023.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the change is needed to attract Police Officers for lateral hire and to compete with other communities.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know how this legislation would impact the current Police Officers.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the legislation does not change the current Police Officers' vacation time and it would allow an officer that is hired through lateral to come in with the same amount of years of career as a current officer of the same years.

Councilman Abens wanted to know how the legislation would affect the union contracts.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the union contract illustrates the number of weeks of vacation a Police Officer would get each year. Years of service are the same for lateral transfers and current Police Officers. The current union contract ends at the end of the year 2023.

Councilman Abens wanted to make sure it wouldn't affect the union contract.

Councilman Boose wanted to know if a Police Officer that was hired under the lateral transfer in the past would receive this benefit.

Mayor Corcoran explained the process for retroactive legislation. The law department advised that retroactive legislation should have a start date in the same year the legislation was proposed.

Councilman Boose understood the need for the legislation.

Councilwoman Swenk did not agree with the legislation and believed it would cause a lot of animosities.

Councilman Corcoran and the Administration are concerned about having enough Police Officers and Lateral transfers due to retirements coming soon.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to add the emergency clause to take effect immediately to hire personnel for the Police Department.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to adopt T 15-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 15-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6041-2023.**

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1 (Swenk)

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 16-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 6026-2022, BY CHANGING THE TITLE OF ASSISTANT DEPUTY AUDITOR TO THE TITLE OF PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 16-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to remain consistent with the Department of Finance structure.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 16-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 16-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6042-2023.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 17-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 6031-2022 OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, OHIO, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 17-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to provide the Department of Finance with the resources necessary to meet its obligations.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 17-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 17-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6043-2023.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 18-2023 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 18-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause to provide the Department of Finance with the resources necessary to meet its obligations.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to adopt T 18-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 18-2023 becomes **Resolution number 1584-2023.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 19-2023 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 1510-2021 AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS
AND ADVANCES.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Swenk to amend T 19-2023 by changing the word, “Auditor” to “Director of Finance” under Section 1.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to dispense with the second and third readings for T 19-2023 Amended.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Boose to add the emergency clause being the immediate necessity to meet the Ohio Revised Code requirements.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 19-2023 Amended with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 19-2023 Amended becomes **Resolution number 1585-2023**.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

T 6-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE ULTRASONIC WATER METERS AND APPURTENANCES FROM BADGER METER, INC., NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 1-17-2023)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Readings.

THIRD READINGS:

There was none.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

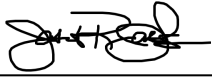
President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Safety Committee meeting would be on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room (Entrance of the Police Department) to discuss T 4-2023.
- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room (Entrance of the Police Department).

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Approval of minutes on February 21, 2023:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL