

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 20, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Jacobs called the Monday, March 20, 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 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, Public Hearing Minutes, and Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes dated March 6, 2023. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following report:

Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 6, 2023  
Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated February 23, 2023  
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2023

**LOBBY:**

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. He reminded everyone that the lobby session is not meant to be an interactive question and answer session, but it is an opportunity for the public to address the City Council of the City administration. He asked anyone who would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address. He further added that each person is allowed three minutes to speak.

No lobby session.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:**

**1. Mayor:**

Law Director Brian Moriarty remarked the following.:

- An emergency passage for the following.:
  - Requested an emergency passage on T 30-2023, a resolution appointing Nancy Hedberg to Lorain County Public Health Board of Health to serve as the city's representative. This is to fill the vacancy previously held by Bill Gardner.
  - Requested an emergency passage on T 31-2023, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept the NOPEC 2023 Energized Community Grant. The award amount for 2023 is \$90,688 and would be designated as funds to be used toward the construction of the peanut-shaped roundabout.
  - Requested an emergency passage on T 23-2023, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to participate in the proposed New National Opioid Settlements.

Law Director Moriarty concluded the Mayor's report.

**2. Safety-Service Director:**

No report.

**3. Engineer:**

Engineer Eavenson provided the following updates.:

- DL Smith planned to start work on the Barres Road Realignment next week. They anticipated closing Barres Road at Stoney Ridge Road around April 10, 2023, and it would be closed for approximately 4 weeks. Two-way traffic would be maintained on Stoney Ridge Road throughout the project.
- TC Energy would be starting their transmission gas main work in preparation for the Stoney Ridge Road Peanut Roundabout in the upcoming weeks. The intersection would be closed just north of Mills Road with two-way traffic being maintained between Stoney Ridge Road and Mills Road. Avalon Dr. would not be affected by this work. It is anticipated to be closed for two weeks.
- The Ohio Turnpike Commission planned to replace their bridge deck over Race Road along with doing some other incidental work. Race Road would be closed at the bridge for approximately 120 days. The anticipation for the closure is starting in May 2023 and may be closed through September 2023.
- The Lorain County Engineer's office is overseeing the replacement of one of the county bridges on Chestnut Ridge Road just east of Root Road over the Dixon Ditch. This would necessitate the

full closure of Chestnut Ridge Road at the bridge for approximately 120 days from July 2023 to November 2023.

- Norfolk Southern would begin the process of replacing the railroad bridge over the Ridgeway Ditch which runs alongside Maddock Road in the Summer 2023. They would need to close Maddock Road for approximately 3 weeks, but won't happen until fall 2023.

Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

**4. Director of Finance:**

Director of Finance Wilkerson remarked that the Finance Department issued its February 2023 Financial Report to City Council and it is available for viewing on the City's website.

Director of Finance Wilkerson concluded her report.

**5. Other Reports:**

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

February 2023 Fire Department Report  
February 2023 Water Distribution and EPA Report

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):**

There were none.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) letter inviting the City Council to the STIP Consultation meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, to review the development of the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**RECESS:**

Moved by Boose and seconded by DeVries 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 30-2023      A RESOLUTION APPOINTING NANCY HEDBERG TO THE LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO SERVE AS THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE'S REPRESENTATIVE.  
**(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)**

Moved by Awig and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 30-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7                  No - 0

Moved by Awig and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to fill the City of North Ridgeville's vacancy.

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

Yes - 7                  No - 0

Moved by Awig and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 30-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 30-2023 becomes  
**Resolution number 1588-2023.**

Yes - 7                  No - 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 31-2023      AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S).  
**(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)**

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Swenk to dispense with the second and third readings for T 31-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes - 7                  No - 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to proceed with the acceptance of said grant and the application process

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

Yes - 7                  No - 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 31-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 31-2023 becomes  
**Ordinance number 6053-2023.**

Yes - 7                  No - 0

**SECOND READINGS:**

There were none.

**THIRD READINGS:**

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Boose to suspend the bylaws to read T 21-2023 – zoning legislation - by tile only.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 21-2023            AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE SUCH THAT A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBER 07-00-014-106-007 LOCATED AT 34275 LORAIN ROAD BE REZONED FROM B-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 2-21-2023; Public Hearing on 3-06-2023; Second Reading on 3-06-2023)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to adopt T 21-2023.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 21-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6054-2023.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

Moved by President Jacobs and seconded by Boose to suspend the bylaws to allow the Clerk to read T 22-2023 – zoning legislation - by tile only.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 22-2023            AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 1284 OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS, CHAPTER 1290 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACCESS DRIVES AND SECTION 1294.08 LIGHTING LAWS, AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 1285 PARKING, LOADING, AND LIGHTING OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 2-21-2023; Public Hearing on 3-06-2023; Second Reading on 3-06-2023)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Boose to adopt T 22-2023.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 22-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6055-2023.**

Yes – 7                      No – 0

**Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:**

T 23-2023      A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FIVE (5) PROPOSED NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS AND/OR THE STATE OF OHIO'S INTERSTATE ALLOCATION AGREEMENTS.  
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 2-21-2023; Second Reading on 3-06-2023)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to meet the April 18, 2023 deadline to submit to the state our intent to opt into all settlements under the New National Opioid Settlements

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

Yes - 7                      No - 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to adopt T 23-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 23-2023 becomes **Resolution number 1589-2023.**

Yes - 7                      No - 0

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Jacobs noted the following:

1. The next Regular Council meeting will be on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Approval of minutes on April 3, 2023:



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Jason Jacobs  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



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Nicholas Ciofani  
CLERK OF COUNCIL