

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, March 6, 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, 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 February 21, 2023. No discussion was offered. The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following report:

Records Commission Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 2022
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes dated February 14, 2023
Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes dated February 15, 2023

LOBBY:

President Jacobs opened the lobby session. 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.

Robert Baumgardner, at 6327 Stoney Ridge Road, expressed his concerns regarding the health effects of noise. He advised the City Council to change the noise ordinance to increase restricted time for construction noise or increase fines for violators. He provided impacts on mental health and physical effects of continued exposure to construction noise.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- An emergency passage for the following.:
 - T 25-2023 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an addendum to the previously passed cooperative agreement with the City of Avon. He would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause in order to proceed with appropriations related to the roundabout project at Stoney Ridge, Mills, and Avalon.
 - T 26-2023 a resolution authorizing a donation of 184 batting helmets to Play It Again Sports. He would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause in order to get the helmets to them so they could donate to city leagues that are in need of the equipment.
 - T 20-2023, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Snider Recreation for the installation of a new playground at South Central Park. He would like to move to dispense the third reading and add the emergency clause in order to move forward with ordering the equipment for installation by June 2023.
 - T 9-2023, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the installation of bike route signs. He would like to add the emergency clause in order to meet the April 1, 2023 deadline set forth by ODOT.
- Added that the city is creating a new master plan. He invited everyone to attend an upcoming Master Plan Ready to Listen Workshops to share ideas about the future of North Ridgeville. The virtual workshops are scheduled for March 8, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and March 10, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more details, residents could visit the North Ridgeville Ready website at RidgevilleReady.com.
- Invited everyone to his monthly Coffee & Conversation on Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. The Coffee & Conversation is not in Council Chambers because it is undergoing renovations.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Swenk to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss the hiring of public personnel.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:42 p.m

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Safety-Service Director:

No report.

3. Engineer:

Engineer Eavenson had no report.

4. Auditor:

Director of Finance Wilkerson remarked that she would like Council to consider adopting the following legislation with the emergency clause to provide the Department of Finance the resources necessary to meet their obligations.

- T 27-2023 - Then and Now Resolution - Payment to Three Creek Bioenergy LLC (Quasar) for sludge hauling.
- T 28-2023 - Appropriation Amendment Ordinance – mainly for the custodial contract and appropriate OneOhio Opioid funds.

President Jacobs noted the following report:

January 2023 Financial Report

5. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

January 2023 Police Department Report
February 2023 Building Department Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT dated February 21, 2023 – The committee reviewed and considered T 4-2023. The committee tabled T 4-2023 for further discussion.
(Council action required)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by DeVries to accept the Safety Committee Report dated February 21, 2023.

A voice call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

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 25-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM TO THE PREVIOUSLY PASSED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE AND THE CITY OF AVON.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 25-2023.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the legislation is to clear up some legal issues.

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 name the lead agency to start the “peanut-shaped” traffic roundabout project.

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 25-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 25-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6046-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 26-2023 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF 184 BATTING HELMETS TO PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS LOCATED IN NORTH OLMSTED.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Public Hearing on 3-06-2023)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 26-2023.

Councilman Boose explained that Play It Again Sports has a program where they make donations to inner-city sports programs. The helmets would be part of the project. The concern was that the helmets have to be refurbished prior to being in the program. The emergency is needed to make sure the helmets are done before the start of the baseball and softball season.

Councilwoman Swenk remarked that Play It Again Sports is a for-profit business. She wanted to know how the City is going to make sure the company is actually donating the helmets.

Mayor Corcoran explained that Play It Again Sports is donating the helmets through an established program.

Councilman Boose explained that Play It Again Sports would refurbish the helmets and donate them to inner-city sports. The company planned on giving the helmets away.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Swenk to add the emergency clause to donate the 184 batting helmets to Play It Again Sports for refurbishment and donation to local sports organizations.

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 26-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 26-2023 becomes
Resolution number 1586-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 27-2023 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES BY THE CITY FISCAL OFFICER AND THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE FOR VARIOUS PURCHASE ORDERS.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Public Hearing on 3-06-2023)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to dispense with the second and third readings for T 27-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to provide the Department of Finance with the necessary financial resources.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Abens to adopt T 27-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 27-2023 becomes
Resolution number 1587-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 28-2023 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 by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T
28-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to provide the Department
of Finance with the necessary financial resources.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Awig to adopt T 28-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 28-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6047-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 29-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6041-2023, WHICH AMENDED 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 Awig to dispense with the second and third readings
for T 29-2023.

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 cover any
police lateral hires after January 1, 2023.

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 29-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 29-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6048-2023.

Yes – 7 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 20-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
SNIDER RECREATION INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW PLAYGROUND
LOCATED AT SOUTH CENTRAL PARK, NOT TO EXCEED \$275,000.00.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 2-21-2023)

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to dispense with the third reading for T 20-2023.

Councilwoman Swenk wanted to know if the contractor plans to remove the old playground. The old
playground is not in great shape.

Mayor Corcoran remarked that the contractor plans to remove the old playground.

Councilman Boose remarked that the new playground equipment would replace the old playground
equipment by June 2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Moved by Boose and seconded by Abens to add the emergency clause to purchase the materials
for the installation of the new playground.

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 20-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 20-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6049-2023.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Readings.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Readings.

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)

This ordinance moved forward to Third Readings.

THIRD READINGS:

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; First Reading on 2-06-2023; Second Reading on 2-21-2023)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to meet the Ohio Department of Transportation's deadline of April 1, 2023.

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 9-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 9-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6050-2023.

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; First Reading on 2-06-2023; Planning Commission Meeting on 2-14-2023; Second Reading on 2-21-2023; Public Hearing on 3-06-2023)

Moved by Abens and seconded by Swenk to adopt T 11-2023.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 11-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6051-2023.**

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; First Reading on 2-06-2023; Second Reading on 2-21-2023)

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt T 13-2023.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, and the motion carried. T 13-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6052-2023.**

Yes – 7 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

- The next Regular Council meeting would be on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Training Room (Entrance of the Police Department).

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes on March 20, 2023:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL