

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jacobs called the Monday, July 24, 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, President Pro-Tem Bruce Abens, Clifford Winkel, Martin DeVries, and Georgia Awig.

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

Excused was Councilman Dennis Boose.

MINUTES - Corrections (if any) and approval:

President Jacobs asked if there were any corrections to the City Council Meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2023, and Public Hearing Meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2023. No discussion was offered.

The meeting minutes stand approved as submitted.

President Jacobs noted the following minutes:

Building & Lands Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 19, 2023
Board of Zoning and Building Appeals Meeting Minutes dated June 22, 2023
Streets, Sidewalks & Bridges Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2023
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 28, 2023
Civil Service Commission Special Meeting Minutes dated July 11, 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 City Council and the City's 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:

Mayor Corcoran remarked the following.:

- Requested an emergency passage on T 75-2023, a resolution renaming the Soccer Complex on Root Road to Root Road Park. He would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause to meet the signage program project deadline.
- Also under first readings, is T 76-2023, an ordinance authorizing the disposal of vehicles and equipment no longer needed for municipal purposes. This ordinance was passed by emergency at the last meeting; however, Greater Cleveland Auto Auction is no longer in business and the City would be using Manheim Cleveland. He would like to move to dispense of the second and third readings and add the emergency clause in order to send the vehicles to the Manheim Cleveland.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to suspend the bylaws to introduce Ordinance T 77-2023 and T 78-2023 to be placed on first readings.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

- Added that the Service Department planned to begin milling and paving Lear Nagle Road between Center Ridge Road and Mills Road. The plan would be to close the section of the roadway for the safety of drivers and the crew during the hours they'll be milling and paving. Milling is scheduled to begin Tuesday, July 25, 2023, and Wednesday, July 26, 2023. The road would be closed from approximately 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. to thru traffic, local access only. A second closure would be necessary when the road crew returns to resurface the roadway. These dates are yet to be determined and would be posted on the City's website and Facebook page. These dates could change based on weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. The suggested detour route is Jaycox Road, detour signs would be posted.
- Asked everyone to join him for his next coffee & conversation on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. This is a great way to get questions answered or just hear what others are asking and get updates on city projects and more.
- The Summer Concert Series at South Central Park Gazebo has been met with inclement weather. The next scheduled concert is Sunday, August 6, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with sounds of Funkology, playing Motown to Country, Disco to Classic Rock. The concerts are free. Residents are welcome to pack a picnic lunch and bring chairs or blankets to enjoy the parks! The previous three scheduled concerts were all canceled because of weather conditions. All three have been rescheduled for August and September.

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to go into executive session to consider the purchase of property both real and personal intangible.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.
Reconvened into the Regular Council meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Corcoran concluded his report.

2. Engineer:

City Engineer Christina Eavenson provided the following project updates.:

- D2 Excavating has been awarded the catch basin and repair project for just under \$85,000. This work would include repairs to over 35 catch basins throughout the city.
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) recently granted our request for additional safety funds for the State Route 83 and Chestnut Ridge Road roundabout to help cover some additional costs we had for design and the right-of-way acquisition totaling more than \$200,000.

City Engineer Eavenson concluded her report.

3. Director of Finance:

Finance Director April Wilkerson noted the following.:

- June 2023 Financial Report was sent to City Council and it is on the City's website for public review.

Finance Director Wilkerson concluded her report.

4. Other Reports:

President Jacobs noted the following reports:

June 2023 Parks and Recreation Division Report
June 2023 Water Distribution and EPA Report
June 2023 Mayor's Court Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT(S):

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & BRIDGES COMMITTEE REPORT dated July 10, 2023 – The committee reviewed and considered T 67-2023. The Committee made a motion to send T 67-2023 back to City Council for consideration.

(Council action required)

Moved by Awig and seconded by Winkel to accept the Building & Lands Committee Report dated June 19, 2023.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The North Ridgeville Planning Commission took action on the following items at their Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023:

1. PPZ2023-0204: Eagle Meadow, Sugar Ridge Rd & Bender Rd, PPN 07-00-047-000-111

Proposal consists of final approval for the subdivision which includes 41 single-family units and 26 cluster units for a total of 67 units. Property zoned R-1 Residence District. Planning Commission granted preliminary approval on December 14, 2021.

PC ACTION: Approved by a vote of 4-0 with the following conditions:

- 1. The final plat shall include all details as required by the Chief Building Official.**
- 2. The landscape plan shall be updated to note how the common open spaces will be treated (topsoil, depth, lawn mix, etc.) to ensure that the final condition has a finished appearance.**
- 3. The proposed entrance sign shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the right-of-way as required by the zoning code.**
- 4. In lieu of constructing the Sugar Ridge Road sidewalk, the City will accept a fee in lieu of a payment in the amount equivalent to its construction, specifically providing for future connectivity along the property.**
- 5. Modify the T turnaround at the end of Chandler Way in accordance with the City Engineer's recommendation.**
- 6. Modify the landscape placement nearest the Bender/Sugar Ridge intersection to account for the future roundabout.**

Moved by Abens and seconded by DeVries to approve the Eagle Meadow proposal with the six recommendations.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 5 No – 1 (Swenk)

RECESS:

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Swenk 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 Nicholas Ciofani:

T 75-2023 A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE ROOT ROAD SOCCER COMPLEX TO THE ROOT ROAD PARK.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 75-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to secure the proper name for the current sign order.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt T 75-2023 with the emergency clause.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the name change was requested by the Parks and Recreation Department. There was feedback from the public on the name.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 75-2023 becomes **Resolution number 1601-2023.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 76-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6082-2023, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, BY CHANGING THE COMPANY THE CITY WAS DOING BUSINESS WITH FROM THE GREATER CLEVELAND AUTO AUCTION TO MANHEIM CLEVELAND.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Awig to dispense with the second and third readings for T 76-2023.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to dispose of vehicles to a different company.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Awig to adopt T 76-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 76-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6085-2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 77-2023 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR MULTI-FUNCTION PRINTERS FOR THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE MUNICIPAL OFFICES, TO USE A VENDOR FROM THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM BIDS, OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR ACCORDING TO LAW AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

This Ordinance was moved to Second Reading.

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 78-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6040-2023 REGARDING SLUDGE HAULING, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT FROM \$260,000.00 TO \$400,000.00 ANNUALLY.
(Introduced on the floor by Mayor Corcoran)

Moved by Mayor Corcoran and seconded by Winkel to dispense with the second and third readings for T 78-2023.

Councilman DeVries wanted to know the reason for the increase.

Mayor Corcoran explained that the City normally spends about \$400,000 every year for the past years. The \$260,000 is a reduction from what the City normally spends. There are some problems with Farmers accepting the sludge and moving the sludge quickly. Budgeting for taking the sludge to a dump would be a backup when farmers are not able to move the sludge to their fields. The increase is needed for moving the dump to an alternative location.

Councilwoman Swenk clarified that this is sludge that comes from the French Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Corcoran agreed with Mrs. Swenk.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to add the emergency clause to continue processing the sludge.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Moved by Winkel and seconded by Awig to adopt T 78-2023 with the emergency clause.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption, with the emergency, and the motion carried. T 78-2023 becomes
Ordinance number 6086-2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0

SECOND READINGS:

There was none.

THIRD READINGS:

Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Swenk to suspend the bylaws to only read T 60-2023 and T 69-2023 by title only.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 60-2023 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CHAPTER 1286 SIGNS OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; Planning Commission on 05-09-2023; First Reading on 05-15-2023; Public Hearing on 06-05-2023; Second Reading on 06-05-2023; Committee Meeting on 06-19-2023; Committee Report to Council on 07-10-2023)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adopt T 60-2023.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 60-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6087-2023.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

Clerk of Council Nicholas Ciofani:

T 69-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1292 NONCONFORMING USES OF THE NORTH RIDGEVILLE ZONING CODE.
(Introduced by Mayor Corcoran; First Reading on 6-19-2023; Public Hearing on 7-10-2023; Second Reading on 7-10-2023)

Moved by Swenk and seconded by Abens to adopt T 69-2023.

A roll call vote was taken on the adoption and the motion carried. T 69-2023 becomes **Ordinance number 6088-2023.**

Yes – 6 No – 0

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jacobs noted the following:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approval of minutes on August 7, 2023:



Jason Jacobs
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Nicholas Ciofani
CLERK OF COUNCIL