

NORTH ROYALTON CITY COUNCIL

The Council of the City of North Royalton caucused in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives John Nickell, Linda Barath, Joanne Krejci, Mary Gorjanc, Heidi Webber, Michael Wos; **Administration:** Mayor Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas A. Kelly, Finance Director Jenny Esarey, Acting Clerk of Council Holly Quellos.

Agenda reviewed.

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **January 2, 2024 in regular session.** The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by President of Council Paul Marnecheck and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives John Nickell, Linda Barath, Joanne Krejci, Mary Gorjanc, Heidi Webber, Michael Wos; **Administration:** Mayor Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas A. Kelly, Finance Director Jenny Esarey, Acting Clerk of Council Holly Quellos.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2023
- b. Legislation:

RESOLUTION 24-01

Introduced by: Council. **A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF JEREMY DIETRICH.**

ORDINANCE 24-02

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON FOR NPDES STORM WATER PERMIT MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES 4 AND 5, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

- No one on Council wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.
- No one in the audience wished to have a legislative item removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Wos **to excuse Ms. Gorjanc from voting on the December 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath **to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented and read.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Antoskiewicz discussed Ordinance 24-12, which would entail confirming his appointment for Steven Ritz as the Assistant Law Director. He introduced Mr. Ritz, who would be starting in a few weeks. The Mayor shared that he was very pleased to have Mr. Ritz on board.

Ms. Krejci asked about the days of the week in which the Assistant Law Director would be in the office. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated that Mr. Ritz should be in on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as Ms. Vozar would be in on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: No report.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT: Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath **to open nominations for the position of President of Council Pro Tem.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

- Mr. Wos nominated Linda Barath

There were no additional nominations.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Wos to **close nominations for the position of President of Council Pro Tem**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None**. **Motion carried**.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Krejci to **elect Linda Barath to the position of President of Council Pro Tem**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos). Nays: **None**. **Motion carried**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Boards and Commissions announced the dates and times of their next regularly scheduled meetings. All meetings are held at City Hall, 14600 State Road, unless otherwise noted. A complete meeting schedule is available from the Council Office. *Any changes to the regular schedule of Council or committee meetings are noted below.*

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCE 24-03

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JENNY ESAREY TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee**. Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None**. **Motion carried**. Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-03. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: None. **Motion carried**.

ORDINANCE 24-04

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES M. MARNIELLA TO SERVE AS MAYOR'S COURT MAGISTRATE FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee**. Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None**. **Motion carried**. Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-04. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: None. **Motion carried**.

ORDINANCE 24-05

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES J. MCDONNELL TO SERVE AS SECOND ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee**. Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None**. **Motion carried**. Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-05. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: None. **Motion carried**.

ORDINANCE 24-06

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF COREY FLOWERS TO SERVE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee**. Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None**. **Motion carried**. Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-06. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: None. **Motion carried**.

ORDINANCE 24-07

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MARK SMITH TO SERVE AS WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-07. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 24-08

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DONNA M. VOZAR TO SERVE AS ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR / FIRST ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **amend Ordinance 24-08 to correct Section 3, the year 2023 changed to 2024.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adopt Ordinance 24-08 as amended.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber). Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 24-09

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DAVID A. SMEREC TO SERVE AS BUILDING COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-09. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Nickell added that Mr. Smerek stepped up to this role. Mr. Nickell stated he was very pleased with things that he is seeing and also, being completed when he turns things in. Mr. Wos agreed that he is very proactive and was a good hire. Ms. Krejci agreed, as well as Ms. Barath, stating that he is a gem.

ORDINANCE 24-10

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS J. JORDAN TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-10. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 24-11

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JUDY MCLAUGHLIN TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE ON AGING FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Wos) Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **amend Ordinance 24-11 to include the first, hyphenated last name to read as Judy Stavole-McLaughlin, as well as changing it in**

Section 1 to read Stavole-McLaughlin. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath **to adopt Ordinance 24-11 as amended.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 24-12

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN W. RITZ AS ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-12. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 24-13

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS A. KELLY AS LAW DIRECTOR / PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-13. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Mr. Marnecheck commented that he felt Mr. Kelly was one of the best Law Directors in the area, and he could not imagine having gone through his first term as President of Council without Law Director Kelly. He was very happy that Mr. Kelly was willing to sign up for another term. Mr. Marnecheck expressed his appreciation, stating that the public does not know how hard Mr. Kelly works.

ORDINANCE 24-14

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF NICK CINQUEPALMI TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND PROPERTIES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

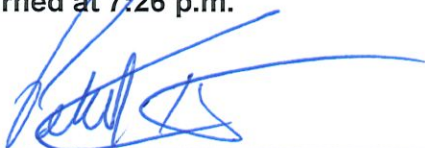
Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: Seven (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-14. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Ms. Barath wanted to highlight Mr. Cinquepalmi, stating that he is a gem. She expressed her appreciation that any time she has a street issue, Mr. Cinquepalmi is on it. We are very lucky to have him. Ms. Krejci agreed. Mr. Vos strongly agreed, as did Mr. Marnecheck.

MOTION TO ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Ms. Barath to **adjourn tonight's City Council Meeting.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED: 
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

DATE APPROVED: 2/6/24

ATTEST: 
ACTING CLERK OF COUNCIL