

## 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 **February 6, 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, Assistant Law Director Steven Ritz, Finance Director Jenny Esarey, Acting Clerk of Council Holly Quellos.

Agenda reviewed.

Ms. Gorjanc shared that she was not in support of Ordinance 24-25 for later discussion.

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **February 6, 2024 in regular session**. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President of Council Paul Marnecheck and opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Also, Mr. Nickell opened in *prayer* by the request of Mr. Marnecheck, and offered a few words for the new term, during this second meeting of the new year.

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### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 2, 2024 and January 16, 2024
- b. Legislation: Introduce, suspend rules requiring 3 readings and referral to committee, and adopt those legislative items indicated with an asterisk (\*).
- c. Receipt and acknowledgement without objection to Ohio Dept. of Liquor Control request for a D5 and D6 transfer permit for Gridiron 3 LLC, DBA Cleats, 5267-69 Wallings Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133.

### RESOLUTION 24-21

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF JOHN FIELDING.** Title read.

- 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 **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee for those legislative items on the Consent Agenda**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber, Gorjanc, 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, Webber, Gorjanc, Wos). Nays: **None**. **Motion carried**.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Antoskiewicz gladly introduced his appointment for the Cemetery, Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Michael Marx. He was anticipating Mr. Marx starting, and was looking forward to working with him.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** No report.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT:** Mr. Marnecheck wanted to acknowledge Ordinance 24-33, which would be to appoint Helen Dunlap as the Clerk of Council. He expressed his appreciation to Ms. Krejci and Mr. Wos for their assistance in going through the applications with him and being able to have good discussions. He was looking forward to the new appointment. Mr. Marnecheck pointed that we will no longer have an Acting Clerk of Council. He expressed his appreciation to Ms. Quellos.

### 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 24-22

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF EMILY BOYKO TO SERVE AS MAYOR'S COURT DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT 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 24-22. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

### ORDINANCE 24-23

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN D'ABATO TO SERVE AS MAYOR'S COURT DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT 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 24-23. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

### ORDINANCE 24-24

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CAROLINE F. ZARZOUR TO SERVE AS MAYOR'S COURT CLERK OF COURT 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 24-24. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

### ORDINANCE 24-25

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MARX TO THE POSITION OF PARKS, CEMETERY, AND RECREATION 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: Six (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber, Vos) Nays: **Gorjanc. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to adopt Ordinance 24-25. Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber, Vos) Nays: **Gorjanc. Motion carried.**

Ms. Gorjanc expressed her reservations that Mr. Marx did not have enough experience in the field. She felt it was a department that has a lot of detailed knowledge involved, whereas hands-on experience would be helpful. She stated there are a lot of rules and regulations in regards to burials. She felt that he would be dependent on the staff for the knowledge needed and she questioned, why not hire someone that actually has the knowledge; in other words, less dependent on staff for that knowledge.

Mayor Antoskiewicz commented that seven different candidates were interviewed, in which no one had cemetery experience. He pointed out that cities do not normally run their own cemeteries. He felt there was not one person that could have had that type of knowledge, and that person did not exist. He had searched for someone that he felt was well rounded and able to handle the department demands, as well as being able to manage a budget, which is very important. Based on the candidates, Mayor Antoskiewicz was very confident that Mr. Marx could handle the requirements in the department in a good way.

**ORDINANCE 24-26**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 24-12 CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN W. RITZ AS ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR/FIRST ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT INADVERTANTLY OMITTED IN ORDINANCE 24-12, 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 24-26. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 24-27**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 03-139 ESTABLISHING THE SALARY RANGES OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, 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 24-27. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Ms. Gorjanc raised question about the engineer's salary. She asked about hiring in house engineering again and whether that was the only change in the list of salaries; pertaining to an upcoming ordinance. Mayor Antoskiewicz clarified his preference was to bring an engineer back in house and have a full-time engineer, which Mr. Marnecheck wanted to clarify. The Mayor agreed. Ms. Krejci was curious as to the last time we had a full-time engineer. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that was in 2008; roughly sixteen years. As discussion ensued, the Mayor indicated that he would like someone to be here every day during the week, and have more help for various departments in this regard. He believed this was the way to go. Ms. Gorjanc asked about the job being posted. The Mayor indicated that it was already posted. Mr. Marnecheck inquired when CT's contract was up. The Mayor indicated it would be at the end of March.

**ORDINANCE 24-28**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-162, ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON NON-UNION EMPLOYEES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2024, 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 24-28. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 24-29**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD F600 CAB AND CHASSIS FOR THE NORTH ROYALTON SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,436.00, VENDOR VALLEY FORD TRUCK INC., 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 **amend Ordinance 24-29 to include the new bid increase by \$130.00, totaling an amount not to exceed \$75,566.00.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adopt Ordinance 24-29 as amended.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Webber). Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 24-30**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD F600 DUMP BODY AND SNOW PLOW EQUIPMENT FOR THE NORTH ROYALTON SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,012.92, FROM CONCORD ROAD EQUIPMENT, MFG, 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 24-30. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 24-31**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2024 CHEVROLET EQUINOX FOR THE NORTH ROYALTON MAYOR’S OFFICE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,185.65, FROM TIM LALLY CHEVROLET, 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 24-31. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 24-32**

**Introduced by:** Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S), 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 24-32. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 24-33**

**Introduced by:** Council and Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING HELEN DUNLAP AS CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 20, 2024, 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 24-33. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Gorjanc, Webber, Vos) Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, at 7:29 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 7:29 p.m.**

APPROVED:  DATE APPROVED: Feb. 20, 2024  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:   
ACTING CLERK OF COUNCIL