

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall caucus room, 13834 Ridge Road on **February 6, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: President of Council Robert Stefanik, Council Representatives Denise Bobulsky, Vincent Gentile, Don Willey, Kurt McKee, Larry Antoskiewicz, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; Legislative Services Director Laura Haller, Law Director Thomas O'Donnell, Finance Director Karen Fegan, Wastewater Supt. Charles Johnson, City Engineer Clark Merdes, Police Chief Paul Bican, Fire Chief Michael Fabish, Service Director Skip Mayer, Office on Aging Director Debbie Duffy, Community Development Director Michael Kosdrosky.

Agenda reviewed.

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 13834 Ridge Road on **February 6, 2007**, in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President of Council Robert A. Stefanik and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Robert Stefanik, Council Representatives Denise Bobulsky, Vincent Gentile, Don Willey, Kurt McKee, Larry Antoskiewicz, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch; Legislative Services Director Laura Haller.

Administration: Mayor Luks, Law Director Thomas O'Donnell, Finance Director Karen Fegan, Wastewater Supt. Charles Johnson, City Engineer Clark Merdes, Police Chief Paul Bican, Fire Chief Michael Fabish, Service Director Skip Mayer, Office on Aging Director Debbie Duffy Recreation, Director Ed Swim, Community Development Director Michael Kosdrosky.

ABSENT: Building Commissioner Rito Alvarez.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of minutes: January 16, 2007, January 25, 2007
- b. 90-day extension Columbia Gas of Ohio plans to install distribution main on Glen Drive S., Berkshire Way and Bentley Drive.
- c. Legislation:

RESOLUTION 07-4

Introduced by: Mayor Luks. **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD PLANTAN TO THE CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

RESOLUTION 07-5

Introduced by: Mayor Luks. **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BRYAN SHEFFIELD TO THE CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

RESOLUTION 07-6

Introduced by: Mayor Luks. **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MICHAEL PISCITELLO TO ACT AS AGENT FOR AND LEAGUE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH ROYALTON MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUES FOR THE 2007 SEASON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

ORDINANCE 07-7

Introduced by: Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey. **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FUEL FOR THE 2007 SEASON AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

ORDINANCE 07-8

Introduced by: Stefanik, McKee, Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH NEW MATTER; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** 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. Willey, seconded by Mr. McKee to **excuse Councilman Gentile from voting on the minutes of January 25, 2007.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Stefanik, Bobulsky, Willey, McKee, Antoskiewicz, Uffman-Kirsch). Nays: **None.** (Excused: Gentile). **Motion carried.**

Moved by Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Gentile to **suspend the rules requiring 3 readings and referral to committee for the legislative items on the Consent Agenda.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Stefanik, Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey, McKee, Antoskiewicz, Uffman-Kirsch). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Gentile to **approve the consent agenda as presented and read.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Stefanik, Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey, McKee, Antoskiewicz, Uffman-Kirsch). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Luks reported that the city has received the results for the 2007 DOPWIC (Issue 2) program. The project we submitted for the intersection improvement to Ridge, Royalwood and Julia ranked 10th on the contingency list. Contingency projects get funded if and when additional funds become available, so she felt that the odds of us receiving any funding were slim. She reported that she and Mr. Kosdrosky are meeting with representative from NOACA to explore possible funding for this project through one of their programs. Mayor Luks said that for 2007 she is serving as our region's representative to the governing board of NOACA.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Chief Michael Fabish reported on winter safety tips.

Community Development Director Michael Kosdrosky reported on matters involving his department including updates on the low interest home improvement loan program and the Transportation Pedestrian Linkages study. Mr. Kosdrosky said that his department is seeking property for sports field development and it has been determined that the Abbey Road property owned by the schools is not an option for us due to wetlands issues. The Administration is redirecting its focus to find acreage to increase the number of recreation fields for the community within the next several months. Mr. Kosdrosky said that the Administration has partnered with the schools on a "Safe Routes to School Program" which is another federal program for infrastructure dollars and is an outgrowth of the Transportation Pedestrian Linkages study. The Administration has submitted a letter of interest to ODOT District 12 for funding of \$320,000 to put crosswalks across Royalton Road to serve the Middle School students and the general public. Regarding the Town Center Development Project, Mr. Kosdrosky said that things are progressing and they are sitting down already with the schools and will be developing the tax increment financing plan for presentation to Council.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Mr. Stefanik announced that the Ward 2 residents meeting will be held on February 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to presentations from the Police and Fire Departments, Congresswoman Betty Sutton will be sending a representative from her office to explain services her office provides for North Royalton residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committees, Boards, and Commissions announced the dates and times of their next regularly scheduled meetings. All meetings are held at City Hall, 13834 Ridge 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.**

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Paula Kramer, 12690 North Star Drive, North Royalton Ohio, addressed Council. As a member of the North Royalton Greenways Committee, she urged Council to adopt Ordinance 07-10 which adopts the North Royalton Greenways Plan.

LEGISLATION

THIRD READING CONSIDERATION: No Action: 05-187, 06-151.

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCE 07-9

Introduced by: Mayor Luks. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-71 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE PERTAINING TO BILLING, COLLECTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT CHARGES FOR CERTAIN STRONGSVILLE USERS OF THE NORTH ROYALTON CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT BY ACCEPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Willey to **suspend the rules requiring 3 readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Stefanik, Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey, McKee, Antoskiewicz, Uffman-Kirsch). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Willey to **adopt Ordinance 07-9.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Stefanik, Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey, McKee, Antoskiewicz, Uffman-Kirsch). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 07-10

Introduced by: Bobulsky, Uffman-Kirsch. **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTH ROYALTON GREENWAYS PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC PARK AND TRAIL WAY SYSTEM THAT TRAVERSES THROUGH THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH ROYALTON MASTER PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Placed on **second reading** and referred to the **Building & Building codes Committee.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch commended the North Royalton Greenways Committee for their years of hard work and dedication to this project. This has a tremendous positive impact on the future of our community and she is proud and honored to cosponsor this legislation with Mrs. Bobulsky. She encouraged the committee members to stay involved as this goes through the legislative process.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **adjourn the February 6, 2007, City Council Meeting.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Stefanik, Bobulsky, Gentile, Willey, McKee, Antoskiewicz, Uffman-Kirsch). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ DATE APPROVED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES