



NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of June 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Police Chief Greg Jones, Finance Director Chad Fuller, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly, City Engineer Ed Ferris, Public Service Director Mark Nemecek, Public Information Officer Scott McAfee, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

Mayor Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Spalding	P
CM Colleen Briscoe	A
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Glyde Marsh	P
CM Michael Mott	P
CM Steve Pleasnick	P
CM Matt Shull	A

Council Member Pleasnick moved to excuse Council Member Briscoe and Council Member Shull. Mayor Spalding seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to excuse Council Member Briscoe and Council Member Shull from attending the meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mayor Spalding asked if Council had reviewed the May 17, 2016 minutes and if they had any proposed additions or corrections to the proposed meeting minutes. Council Member Marsh moved and Mayor Spalding seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Council voted with five yes votes to approve the May 17, 2016 minutes.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Spalding asked if Council or Staff had any additions or corrections to the agenda. No additions or corrections were requested.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Proclamation Recognizing Father Jerome P. Rodenfels, Mayor Spalding spoke of Father Jerry's dedication to his parishioners at the Church of the Resurrection as well as his contributions to the city. Mayor Spalding gave a brief history of the Church of the Resurrection which parish served more



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than 2,500 local families. Mayor Spalding stated his appreciation for Father Jerry's and the church's support of local events and talked about how Father Jerry had performed rites for his own family over the years. Mayor Spalding thanked Father Jerry for all that he had done and wished him well on his retirement. Mayor Spalding read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Father Jerry.

Father Jerry thanked council for the honor and thanked his friends who came for the presentation. He expressed his delight with New Albany and stated his intention to stay rooted in the city.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mayor Spalding stated that PC met to consider three issues. The first was a conditional use for a temporary leasing office using the existing construction trailers at the Granger Retirement Center for 8 months from the date of approval. PC approved this with minor changes. The second issue was the preliminary and final plat for the extension of Innovation Campus Way from Harrison Road to Mink Road. It was approved with comment regarding setbacks. The third issue was a proposed zoning text modification for five parcels on Ogden Woods Blvd seeking a reduction of the minimum setbacks for pools and walkways. Several area residents testified. After discussion, PC voted down the modification.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Council Member Shull was not present to report and would report at the next meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Council Member Mott stated that the BZA met on May 23rd for a variance case for a pool set back. The item was tabled. BZA would be meeting the following Monday.

BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS: No meeting.

CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that the city recently received approximately 7 letters from residents favoring the State Route 62/Greensward/Lambton Park roundabout. Mayor Spalding noted that Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason distributed all of the letters both for and in opposition to the roundabout to council and that council would consider them. Council Member Mott asked about a letter



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from a Westerville resident complaining about development in general and whether the city responded. City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that the city typically responded and that he was not sure what the person's particular issue was.

Mayor Spalding reported that he received an email from a citizen applauding the city's new website. Mayor Spalding encouraged everyone to visit the new site and thanked Public Information Officer Scott McAfee and staff for their work on it.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-13-2016

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 74.598+/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY

City Manager Joseph Stefanov explained that the subject property was located north of State Route 161, between Harrison and Mink roads. It was part of a larger area that council considered late last year. The annexation agreement was approved by the Licking County Commissioners, the 60 day waiting period had elapsed, and council could take action on it. The road maintenance agreement, annexation agreement, and other documentation were in order. Mayor Spalding asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that the parcel included the road extension that was previously discussed at Planning Commission.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Fellows moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Pleasnick seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve Ordinance O-13-2016.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-14-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017.

Finance Director Chad Fuller explained that this ordinance was annual "housekeeping" that the city performed every year to satisfy the requirement of the Franklin County Budget Commission (FCBC). The FCBC assigned inside millage to the City of New Albany and all of the other political subdivisions within the taxing district. The budget presented to the FCBC was different from the city's annual budget prepared at the end of the year and showed only revenues and expenses. The tax budget demonstrated the need for property tax revenue.



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Council Member Pleasnick asked if this was the first opportunity for submittal of a tax budget and if there were opportunities to adjust it. Director Fuller confirmed that this tax budget was conservative for income and anticipated most potential expenditures. Subsequently, the budget was pared down as time progressed to more accurately reflect the city's priorities for that year.

Mayor Spalding solicited comment on the ordinance. Hearing none, he set the ordinance for second reading and public hearing at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-15-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND ISSUE A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE.

Finance Director Chad Fuller described Section 1 of the ordinance as regular updating of the city's appropriations to match the city's priorities for the remainder of the year and also to make sure various accounts had sufficient balances. He noted that the city hired two additional police officers which would require more than was originally budgeted. With fifty percent of the year completed, this amendment tracked other expenses like salaries and made sure accounts still had the necessary funds. He noted that income tax revenues were up so more income tax fees would be incurred. Director Fuller stated that \$2,600 was appropriated for Health Fair which represented an initiative by the city to provide healthy snacks as options employees. Director Fuller opened Section 1 to questions by council.

Council Member Pleasnick asked and Director Fuller answered that the police dispatching LEADS expense showed a reduction because Police Chief Greg Jones and he did not anticipate needing all of the money in that account. Some of those funds were moved to a different account to help offset the cost of the new officers.

Director Fuller stated that Section 2 showed a transfer of funds based on prioritized projects and revenue adjustment done as part of the Annual Financial Report at the request of the city's auditors. Additionally, some money was appropriated into the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund as the city anticipated purchasing more vehicles, particularly police cruisers.

Director Fuller explained that Section 3 was a Then and Now Certificate for \$9,110 related to the operations of the Healthy New Albany. Director Fuller opened those sections to questions by council.



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Council Member Pleasnick asked and Director Fuller confirmed that approximately \$500,000 annually in the Park Improvement Fund was there to close loops identified by the Parks and Trails Board.

Mayor Spalding solicited comment on the ordinance. Hearing none, he set the ordinance for second reading and public hearing at the next council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-23-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION TO GRANT THE .74 MILL IN AVAILABLE INSIDE MILLAGE TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Finance Director Chad Fuller stated this resolution would be sent to the Franklin County Budget Commission (FCBC) after the second reading and passage of Ordinance O-14-2016. The resolution coincided with the tax budget by showing the need for property tax millage. Director Fuller explained that there was 10 mill of inside millage that was available to all political subdivisions within a taxing district. The city collected 1.2 mills which had been designated to the city for years. Due to uniformity, when a political subdivision straddled multiple taxing districts, they could only collect the same amount from each taxing district. That left additional inside millage available to other political subdivisions. The additional .74 mills were available to New Albany and the additional millage was regularly accessed by the city. Director Fuller explained that passing the resolution was necessary to have the additional .74 mills, representing \$432,920 in revenue, assigned to the city. It was not additional revenue, but regular revenue that had to be requested from the FCBC in order to receive it. Council Member Pleasnick noted that if the city didn't collect the additional millage, another political subdivision would, and that it was clear the city should make its usual request.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Mott seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-23-2016.

RESOLUTION R-24-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW ALBANY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING VISITORS AND TOURISM IN THE CITY.



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City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that the city had had an agreement with the New Albany Chamber of Commerce (NACOC) since The Courtyard hotel opened. As part of that agreement the city shared 25% of the total hotel bed tax with the NACOC to support tourism. City Manager Stefanov said that the city recently sat down with the NACOC and worked out simplified language and modified the agreement to apply to the new Hampton hotel as well as future hotels that could be built within the city.

Council Member Fellows asked what the monies the NACOC received were being spent on. Cherie Nelson, Executive Director of the New Albany Chamber of Commerce, answered that the NACOC reported to the New Albany's Economic Development Commission with their activities. As examples of expenditures, the NACOC published new a visitor's guide and produced a video with shopping, dining, and lodging information, they upgraded their marketing materials that were requested on-line by individuals and businesses who were relocating to New Albany, and they developed a new, more visitor-friendly website that was projected to go live in three weeks. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nelson answered that the NACOC and the City of New Albany provided links to each other's websites on their respective pages.

City Manager Stefanov noted that hotel occupancy rates had been well above original projections. Council Member Pleasnick asked and City Manager Stefanov and Director Nelson responded that the high occupancy rate could be attributed to visitors of resident, hospital traffic, sports tournaments, and local events. Director Nelson pointed out that future steps to attract more tourism might include working with New Albany Parks and Recreation to bid on more tournaments, attracting more bike tourists, and bringing in other community events like art and wine festivals or car shows.

Director Nelson stated the NACOC was also expending efforts toward workforce development for existing business in New Albany.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the resolution. Mayor Spalding seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-24-2016.

RESOLUTION R-25-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AND SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH DNA MMII LLC TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE CENTER COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly presented to council a new, 47,000 sq. ft. building development project to be located on the west side on Main Street between Hudson 29 and The Heit Center. The Community Reinvestment Area agreement for this building was proposed to be a



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75% property tax abatement for 10 years, the same as the agreement with Daimler for the Hudson 29/Mellow Mushroom building. The new building was a \$10.5 million dollar speculative, mixed use building for office and retail and, once fully occupied, was estimated to employ 50-100 people. Council Member Fellows asked how much of the building's street level would be dedicated to retail as he wanted to see the city strive for more pedestrian-friendly shopping and dining. Deputy Director Joly stated that this building was speculative and that tenants were not confirmed, but that staff expected this development to enhance pedestrian traffic and increase the number of retail businesses accessible to walkers and bikers. Bob White, Jr., representative for Daimler, stated that there were no currently committed tenants to the building but that active conversations with interested businesses were ongoing. Council Member Fellows asked and Mr. White answered that the street setback would be similar to the Hudson 29/Mellow Mushroom building.

Mayor Spalding noted that the design plans for this building came before the Architectural Review Board twice and Daimler cooperated in making significant changes to the back of the building to make it more attractive on both sides. Council Member Fellows asked and Mr. White answered that the construction schedule had not been set as it was pending the passage of this resolution, but that he expected the construction to take 12-14 months. Occupants could move in as soon as the building was completed, however, Mr. White stated that it could take a little longer to reach full occupancy due to the speculative nature of the development.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Mott seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-25-2016.

RESOLUTION R-26-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO WITH OF MILE HI VALET SERVICE INC TOWNE PARK AN AFFILIATE TO PROVIDE SHUTTLE SERVICES AND WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS.

Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly reminded council that the city operated a shuttle service to New Albany businesses in the Beauty Park and other campuses. She reported that the service was more successful than anyone anticipated when it was created in September of 2014 as a workforce development initiative. It served over 23,000 riders in 2015 and was over 10,000 year-to-date. A third route had been added. Council funded the program on a pilot basis. Not many companies were willing to start this program and the city waived the competitive bidding process. The city contracted with PSI Inc. and appreciated that PSI was adaptable and collected the data and metrics that the city needed to evaluate the program. PSI merged with Towne Park and the contract was updated to reflect that change. Also in the contract, the city moved to a fixed fee system instead of an



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hourly fee and clarified expectations related to cleaning the vehicles. Deputy Director Joly asked that council authorize the city to enter into the updated contract with Towne Park and once again waive the bidding process as this was an extension of the existing contract.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly answered that there were approximately 19 shuttle stops which dropped passengers close to the businesses. Council Member Fellows asked that staff consider shelters for passengers for inclement weather in the future. City Manager Stefanov stated that the city was about halfway into its pilot program and everyone was surprised at the volume of riders. Deputy Directory Joly explained that the goals of the pilot project were to solidify the routes and asses the needed infrastructure. She reminded council that another goal was to share the cost of the program with the business park.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Mott seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-26-2016.

RESOLUTION R-27-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING UNDER THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MORPC) ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION SYSTEM UPGRADES AND STATING THE ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

Public Service Director Mark Nemeč stated this resolution followed a resolution from July of 2014 when the city applied for a MORPC grant which stated that if the city was successful in receiving the grant, it would commit to complete the project to interconnect the city's traffic signals using fiber optic cable. The city was successful in its grant application and began work. A month ago, Director Nemeč received an email from MORPC asking for updated legislation which reinforced the city's commitment. Director Nemeč drafted the resolution currently before council.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemeč confirmed that the fiber optic cable made for better signal coordination. Director Nemeč stated that the city was taking advantage of the fiber optic cable already in the ground but would still need to install some additional cable to connect all of the city's traffic signals.

Council Member Pleasnick asked and Director Nemeč answered that the city received approximately \$934,000 in the MORPC grant. After the application of the grant monies, Director Nemeč estimated the city would contribute around \$200,000-\$250,000. Council Member Mott asked if there was a completion deadline. Director Nemeč said that the design portion would be completed this year, but construction wouldn't start until 2018 and was anticipated to be completed in 2019.



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Council Member Fellows asked if the City of Columbus, where it abuts New Albany, would be connected into the City of New Albany's signals. Director Nemecek said that the current project was stand-alone, but that the City of New Albany had committed to working with Columbus and other adjacent communities to coordinate traffic flow. City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that Columbus had been working on connecting their own signals for several years and, as they built out their system, ideally all city systems would be interconnected. Mayor Spalding noted that the City of Columbus was awarded the Smart Cities federal grant for these types of infrastructure and traffic projects which would hopefully lead to revitalization of the whole region.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Fellows seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-27-2016.

RESOLUTION R-28-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FEE IN LIEU OF LEISURE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION AT 5215 HARLEM ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MATT MORGAN.

Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly reminded council that several similar fee in lieu resolutions had come before council. Deputy Director Joly stated that the Morgans were building a house that was to the point where the city's code required a sidewalk or trail. Harlem Road was narrow because of existing constraints on both sides. As a result, historically, staff had recommended that owners pursue a fee in lieu of building the sidewalk or trail which option was also provided for in the code. Director Joly stated that the Parks and Trails Advisory Board had directed staff to come up with a solution in that area, but the city did not presently have the solution. The recommended fee that the staff arrived at came in below the owner's estimates, but the estimates were not for the same work. Therefore, staff was recommended a historical average of the fees in lieu that council had previously approved equaling \$3,203.95. Mr. Morgan was present to answer any of council's questions. Council Member Mott remarked that council had approved a similar fee in lieu for Mr. Morgan's neighbor last year.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Mott seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-28-2016.

RESOLUTION R-29-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF JOHNSTOWN, LAMBTON AND GREENSWARD ROADS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS AND ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY.



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City Manager Joseph Stefanov reminded council that it had asked him to provide an analysis of the two options – roundabout and traffic signal - for the Johnstown/Lambton Park/Greensward intersection, including a detailing of the cost. City Manager Stefanov and staff did that and the numbers were rough, but that they felt the information would be helpful to council in making its decision.

Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly noted that a major focus of the city's last Strategic Plan update, which was started in 2012 and completed in 2014, was transportation including a thoroughfare plan. The process of creating the Strategic Plan included input from the community, finding out what the communities priorities were, and then using that as an administrative guide moving forward. A big component of the Strategic Plan update was to address the amount of growth in the city and region. One priority identified by residents was preserving the rural aesthetic on some key roadways. The city had also prioritized locating future road connections, cycling and trail connections, and public transit, including the Smart Ride shuttle program.

Deputy Director Joly stated that the city studied roundabouts as a way to preserve the rural character of the city's corridors. The city worked with Joseph Ridgway with E.P. Ferris & Associates and Mark Johnson with MTJ Engineering. The city's Strategic Plan contained a chart of the pros and cons of roundabouts. The city found that roundabouts could handle 30% more traffic than traditional intersections, reduce speed, improve efficiency of traffic flow, create a two stage crossing for pedestrians, and require fewer entry lanes to comparable signalized intersections. In signalized intersections, the width of the roadway was determined by the number of turning lanes needed. Roundabouts allowed the same or more volume of traffic with less wide streets and intersections. Deputy Director Joly noted that there was a complex legal process necessary to reduce posted roadway speeds, and roundabouts reduced speed by default and reduced fatalities, high speed collisions, and T-style collisions. Deputy Director Joly told council that roundabouts weren't the best solution at every location, but the Strategic Plan authors concluded that the city should consider roundabouts first before other options at a busy intersection.

Deputy Director Joly enumerated the types of roundabouts - mini, single lane, and multiple lane. Single lane roundabouts, such as the Market and Main roundabout, handled up to 25,000 vehicles per day at speeds of about 20-25 mph. Deputy Director Joly mentioned the Morse Road roundabout as an example of a multi-lane roundabout that was over-designed and reduced to a single lane roundabout. She noted that the right roundabout in the right location was important. Council Member Fellows asked and Deputy Director Joly replied that staff was proposing a single lane roundabout at Johnstown and Greensward.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that he requested that Joseph Ridgway from E.P. Ferris & Associates analyze the intersection in terms of efficiency of each option. City Manager Stefanov also compared the elements of the roundabout to those of a traffic signal and found that the roundabout was the superior solution at a rate of about 2:1. City Manager Stefanov prepared a chart of costs and included not only construction costs, but also projected operation and maintenance costs. He and Mr. Ridgway considered the useful life of a roundabout versus a signal and determined that both lasted about 50 years, however a signalized intersection required more electronic upkeep and replacement, around three times during the 50 year life span. In the comparison, City Manager Stefanov included right-of-way costs and grant fund



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subsidization, but these did not apply to the traffic signal. Additional costs not considered included medical claims due to severity of injuries, vehicle repair or replacement costs from collisions, pollution, cost of fuel, and expansion costs if the intersection volume increased past capacity as these were too difficult to predict. In the final analysis, City Manager Stefanov arrived at an estimated cost of \$434,000 for the traffic signal versus \$1.479 million for the roundabout. After factoring out engineering, land acquisition, grants, and contributions, the roundabout came to \$992,000 versus \$340,000 for the signal. Annual operating and maintenance expense was estimated at \$1,500 annually for the roundabout versus \$6,800 for the traffic signal. Taking in to account annual operating expenses and averaging all costs over the 50 year life span, the annual cost of the roundabout came to \$21,340 and the traffic signal came to \$13,600.

Council Member Pleasnick thanked City Manager Stefanov for pulling the numbers together. He stated it was clearer to him that the approximately \$8,000 annual differential cost of the roundabout versus the traffic signal was not as much as he previously thought.

Council Member Fellows asked about plans for a pedestrian crossing at State Route 62. City Manager Stefanov stated that there were no plans for that as foot traffic would be directed to the existing tunnel under State Route 62. In order to reduce speeds on a particular piece of roadway, the community had to prove it met the requirements of the Uniform Manual – it was not legal to randomly reduce a speed limit. He stated that it was very difficult for Mr. Ridgeway to get the speed limit reduced to the 45 mph because of the 85th percentile speeds that were occurring in that area. City Manager Stefanov had observed that, since traffic and development had increased, the speeds were starting to come down on their own. He posited, if the city built a roundabout and incorporated narrower lanes and bike lanes that would further reduce speeds in the area. With a roundabout in place, he would project that speeds would continue to decrease over time and, at some point, there could be a legal justification for reducing the speed on State Route 62.

Council Member Fellows and Mr. Ridgeway discussed leisure trail connections for the Oxford community with Mayor Spalding noting that a connection was already made on the east side of State Route 62 and other leisure paths were available to take to the Country Club. City Manager Stefanov discussed pedestrian crossings on Lambton and Greensward and emphasized the plan was not to have pedestrians crossing over State Route 62. Deputy Director Joly suggested that the Oxford community cross at Thompson and talked about potential plans for a trail along Rocky Fork behind the temple and church.

Mayor Spalding thanked staff for what had been a multi-year endeavor. He reported that he had talked to many in the community about that Johnstown Rd/Greensward/Lambton Park intersection and the challenges of navigating it, and he was looking forward to making it safer. In talking about the options, he noted that the residents were professional and courteous, stood their ground with their opinions, and much feedback was received. The majority of the residents that he spoke with favored the roundabout as a solution that kept within the character of New Albany and its long term plans, and was safe and efficient.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.



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Council Member Pleasnick moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Fellows seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-29-2016.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: No report.
- B. Safety Committee: No report.
- C. Public Utilities: No report.
- D. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.
- E. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.
- F. Administration Committee: No report.
- G. Grants and Non-Profit Funding: No report.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: City Manager Joseph Stefanov had several updates. The annual Sustainability Conference would be held on October 21st and the theme was "Feeding Our Economy." There was a new technical assistance program being developed for MORPC member communities that would be rolled out soon. MORPC was awarded the Silver Level designation as a bicycle-friendly business by Bicycle Friendly America. MORPC had introduced their new bike map and was encouraging members to request as many copies as they would like. MORPC was requesting nominations for the Green Region Award and those nominations were due on June 30th.
- B. Council Representative to Plain Local Schools: Council Member Fellows reported that the Plain Local Schools would be meeting next Monday.
- C. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Marsh reported that nothing was discussed that had an impact on the city.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:



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- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding reported on another meeting of the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association held at the McConnell Arts Center. There were presentations of ongoing legislative activities and about unique programs in the Worthington community.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason thanked Candy Cook and the rest of Council for their participation in the Founders Day parade. Council members would be co-marshals for the July 4th parade, along with the New Albany Plain Local School Board, which was scheduled for Monday, July 4th. Clerk Mason took note of which council members would be attending. Clerk Mason promised to send out an email to council with details of when and where to show up. Clerk Mason reported that Clerk of Courts Penny Winters wanted council to know that the April payout from Mayor's Court was \$8,713.50 and in May it was \$5,443.40 due to a reduced case load.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Joseph Stefanov did not have a report, however, Public Service Director Mark Nemeč had a presentation regarding water tower paint colors. Director Nemeč showed pictures of the older Johnstown tank which was originally painted a darker hue of green which had greatly faded in 10-15 years. The new Beech Road tank was painted white. Director Nemeč recommended the same Sherman Williams "Pillar White" for the Johnstown Road tank.

Council Member Marsh asked and Director Nemeč answered that the tank would be power roller painted as the city did not want paint spray around the tank.

Council Member Fellows motioned to allow the city manager to enter into a contract to paint the Johnstown Road water tank "Pillar White." Mayor Spalding seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve the motion.

- E. City Attorney: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Architectural Review Board Appointment – Mayor Spalding noted that a vacancy had been created due to Bill Shubert's departure. Council Member Fellows moved to appoint Kim Comisar to the ARB as she had the required design background to take that position and had served on the ARB in the past. Mayor Spalding seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve the appointment Kim Comisar for the remainder of Mr. Shubert's term to December 31, 2016.

Licking County Tax Incentive Review Council Appointment – Mayor Spalding stated there was also an opening on the Licking County TIRC due to George Pryor's departure and that it was proper for the City Manager to make that appointment with council's review and approval. City Manager Stefanov stated that Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler had recommended Kyle Sellers. Council Member



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Pleasnick moved to appoint Kyle Sellers to the Licking County TIRC. Mayor Spalding seconded and Council voted with five yes votes to approve the appointment of Kyle Sellers.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Fellows discussed traffic calming efforts in The Links neighborhood. He asked about whether any studies had been conducted or there had been any further discussion of more traffic calming islands around the city. City Manager Joseph Stefanov said no studies had been conducted, but he was considering incorporating more bike lanes around the city which would reduce speeds by narrowing lines. However, traffic calming islands would be an impediment to bikers. Council Member Fellows expressed concerns about kids using bike lanes. Council Member Fellows and City Manager Stefanov discussed speeds on New Albany Road East and New Albany Links Drive. Police Chief Greg Jones stated that the city did several "stealth stats" studies before the islands were in place. He observed that speeds were significantly less after the islands were installed and the police department had received fewer complaints. Council Member Fellows wanted the city to consider more islands in residential areas where there was high speed traffic, if the islands were effective. City Manager Stefanov offered to use the stealth device to check current speeds and report back the data.

Council Member Fellows brought up the bridge connected to leisure trail and fencing which he found to be inadequate. He'd like to see the fencing extended to the north side where kids might cross the bridge and not make the appropriate turn. City Manager Stefanov stated that staff would take a look at the north and south sides of the bridge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Spalding noted that the executive session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Pleasnick seconded to adjourn the June 21, 2016 Regular Council meeting at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council


Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor


Date