



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of January 7, 2020 at 6:42 pm at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Police Chief Greg Jones, City Engineer Ed Ferris, Engineer Mike Barker, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, 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 Sloan Spalding	P
CM Colleen Briscoe	P
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	A
CM Chip Fellows	A
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P

Clerk’s note: Clerk Mason explained the absences to council in during the Organizational Meeting. Mayor Spalding moved to excuse Council Member Durik and Council Member Fellows from the meeting. Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with five yes votes to excuse Council Members Durik and Fellows from the regular meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the proposed December 17, 2019 minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Clerk Mason reported that Council Member Shull discovered a typo on page 10, second paragraph. The word “Director” was stricken. Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the December 17, 2019 minutes as amended. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve the December 17, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Torri Hubner, Central Regional Liaison, Ohio Auditor of State’s office.

Mayor Spalding welcomed Ms. Hubner, who was recently recognized for her service at the State Auditor’s Office. Ms. Hubner presented, on behalf of State Auditor Keith Faber, an Award of Distinction to New Albany. Out of the nearly 6,000 entities that the State Auditor audited, only 3-5% were eligible for the award. The award represented the hard work of every employee who strove to achieve accounting excellence. Ms. Hubner also recognized council, Mayor Spalding, Finance



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Director Bethany Staats, and the Finance team for their outstanding leadership, professionalism, and commitment to fiscal integrity.

Finance Director Bethany Staats introduced Finance Services Coordinator Melissa Amos and Payroll Specialist/Finance Data Analyst Mike Khoury. Director Staats was particularly proud of this award after implementing new financial software. She thanked the other departments for their support. Council congratulated Finance Director Bethany Staats and staff.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

NONE.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

NONE.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

NONE.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-01-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY'S PERSONNEL POLICIES TO DEFINE EARNABLE AND NON-EARNABLE SALARY AS REQUESTED BY THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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Mayor Spalding stated that this resolution was required by OPERS and was passed by council every year. City Manager Stefanov confirmed it was a usual and needed measure.

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

Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-01-2020.

RESOLUTION R-02-2020

Mayor Spalding A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE, BID, AWARD, AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS RELATED TO THE HARRISON ROAD STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Engineer Mike Barker described the location of the project. Harrison Road was an existing unimproved roadway, formerly a township road. The storm sewer along the roadway was conveyed in shallow, road-side ditches. It was insufficient for new development. This resolution authorized the city manager to bid a storm sewer and grading improvement plan on Harrison Road from Innovation Campus Way to Jug Street. Staff's anticipated bidding the nearby water main plan together with the storm sewer plan for the financial benefits.

Engineer Mike Barker described the land which drained to Harrison Road and would benefit from the storm sewer improvement. It was the city's intent was to cost-share on the improvements with adjacent developments. The city was fronting the initial cost of construction so that the storm sewer was available for connection, however, the cost would be reimbursed, on a per-acre basis, over time as development occurred within the boundary.

Council Member Briscoe asked and Engineer Mike Barker answered that, with the exception of a few parcels, the area was annexed all the way to Mink Road.

The engineer's estimate for the project was about \$600,000. Staff hoped that coupling this project with the water main project would reduce that cost. It was possible that the funds in the existing budget for the water booster station and water main project could cover this project also.

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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: No meeting.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: No report.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Brisk reported that the school held their organizational meeting. They swore in John McClelland, who would continue as president, and Philip Derrow, who would continue as Vice President.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: No report.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: No Report
- B. Clerk of Council: No report.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Joseph Stefanov told council that a written city manager report went out to council.
- E. City Attorney: No report.



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POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

NONE.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Shull seconded to adjourn the January 7, 2020 regular council meeting at 6:55 pm.

ATTEST:



Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council



Sloan Spalding, Mayor



Date