



NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of December 6, 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, Deputy City Manager Debra Mecozzi, Police Chief Greg Jones, Finance Director Chad Fuller, Law Director Mitch Banchevsky, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly, City Engineer Ed Ferris, 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 Spalding	P
CM Colleen Briscoe	P
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Glyde Marsh	P
CM Steve Pleasnick	P
CM Matt Shull	P

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the November 1, 2016 drafted minutes and if they had any proposed additions or corrections to the proposed meeting minutes. Council Member Shull moved to approve the November 1, 2016 minutes. Mayor Spalding seconded and council voted with five yes votes and two abstentions (Briscoe, Brisk) to approve the minutes.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

NONE.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mayor Spalding reported that Planning Commission met to consider several pool ordinance variances. One application was voted down, but PC expected the applicant to return with a different proposal. PC considered an application concerning a home on Highgrove that combined lots and a request to build a car barn. That application was approved.



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PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS: No meeting.

CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Council Member Briscoe reported that the EDC met about sharing the hotel bed revenue tax with the New Albany Chamber of Commerce (NACOC). The EDC was supportive of how the NACOC was utilizing the hotel tax funds. Council Member Briscoe asked and Clerk Mason replied that the NACOC was expected to make a condensed presentation to council in February of 2017. Council Member Briscoe stated that council would vote on the continuation of the sharing of the hotel bed tax funds at that time.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

City Manager Joseph Stefanov read aloud Council Member Pleasnick's resignation letter. Council Member Pleasnick announced he would be retiring his position as a council member effective December 31, 2016. Mayor Spalding thanked Council Member Pleasnick for his many years of service both with the City of New Albany and as the former Executive Director of the Franklin County MRDD Board. Council congratulated Council Member Pleasnick on his full retirement.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-38-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Finance Director Chad Fuller reminded council of his presentation at the first reading on October 18, 2016, followed by the council workshop on November 7, 2016. Director Fuller and City Manager Joseph Stefanov presented the proposed modifications to council's budget line items, including changes to personnel, contractual service, general operating, and capital (furnishing) budgets. City Manager Stefanov noted that council would be hearing a resolution at the December 13, 2016 meeting to consider changes to the McCoy Center Operating Agreement. City Manager Stefanov also raised the possibility of the city entering into a contract with a professional to do fundraising



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with community organizations to assist with funding of local events. Council Member Fellows asked about the potential cost of that contract. City Manager Stefanov stated he could roughly estimate but would get a better number for the next council meeting.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that staff requested this ordinance to be tabled so that council would have adequate time to review the changes and to make amendments to individual line items to reflect its preferences.

City Manager Stefanov and Direct Fuller went through the list of capital improvement projects as previously prioritized by council earlier in 2016. No new projects for 2017 were included at this time, however, it was expected that council would be meeting again in 2017 to give input on a new list of capital project priorities.

Direct Fuller explained that budget changes since the council workshop included alterations on the budget by listing a missing General Fund revenue item, and by increasing expenses in the General Fund in the Service Complex, Tree Maintenance and Replacement, and council furnishings accounts. The Economic Development budget was also increase to reflect the increased usage of that fund.

Mayor Spalding thanked Direct Fuller and the Finance Department for their time and preparation.

Mayor Spalding moved to table Ordinance O-38-2016 until the next council meeting. Council Member Pleasnick seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to table Ordinance O-38-2016 until the December 13, 2016 meeting.

ORDINANCE O-39-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND UPDATE EXISTING CHAPTER 1155 OF THE NEW ALBANY CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION" IN ORDER TO ENABLE NEW ALBANY RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE THROUGH THE NATIONAL FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP).

Law Director Mitch Banchefsky stated that the purpose of the ordinance was to allow the city to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) enabling residents to purchase flood insurance. The cost of mapping had been prohibitively expensive, but now the maps were available through Franklin County and the city's GIS system. Two pieces of legislation were needed. Resolution R-14-2015 was passed in 2015. This legislation repealed and replaced Chapter 1155 of the city's codified ordinances to bring the city into compliance with Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) requirements. A few changes had been made since the city's last meeting with ODNR so, once this ordinance passed, the city would have to meet with ODNR again for approval. This ordinance allowed for the city manager or law director to make minor, non-substantive changes.



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Multiple city offices and contractors were consulted so that the laws would be clear and enhance the city's flood regulations.

Council Member Fellows asked about existing flood plains. City Manager Joseph Stefanov and Development Services Manager Mike Barker confirmed that only three garages or accessory structures currently existed on area designated as flood plain. Law Director Banchefsky added that there was additional land in New Albany and land that could be annexed into New Albany which would meet the legal description of a flood plain.

Council Member Shull asked if there was a requirement to improving existing buildings on a flood plain. Manager Mike Barker answered that there were limitations to adding to or improving existing buildings. Flood Plain permits would need to be issued for improvements. Law Director Banchefsky agreed that immediate action was not necessary by owners of the existing structures.

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 ordinance. Mayor Spalding seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-39-2016.

ORDINANCE O-40-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 1.2 +/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov described the location of the property. He explained that most of the surrounding property had been annexed. MBJ Holdings, Inc. submitted the annexation as an Expedited Type I at the city's request. Council approved an Annexation Agreement on February 16, 2016. The Jersey Township trustees also approved the annexation agreement, and the Licking County Commissioners approved the annexation via their Resolution #86-259. The 60 day required waiting period had passed.

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 ordinance. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-40-2016.

ORDINANCE O-41-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH CAMPUS PERMANENT UNRESTRICTED USE OF ITS WESTERN DRIVEWAY ONTO CENTRAL COLLEGE ROAD AND USE OF THE EASTERN DRIVEWAY ON CENTRAL COLLEGE ROAD



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FOR MEANS OF EGRESS AS REQUESTED BY THE ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly reminded counsel that they discussed the history of the Abercrombie and Fitch (A&F) rezoning and the surrounding road network at the prior council meeting. Director Joly summarized that presentation and described the test openings of the A&F gates and subsequent traffic studies by the city engineers and A&F. E.P. Ferris & Associates, the city's engineers, made several recommendations including a short term lifting of restrictions on the westernmost A&F access on Central College. Since those restrictions were lifted, 25% of A&F traffic shifted to the Central College gate. The city had received no complaints about that traffic. E.P. Ferris & Associates recommended for the long term that the city continue to explore the possibility of a new east-west street off of Beech Rd which would connect with the A&F campus and Central College or Smith's Mill in the future to provide another access point and incentivize drivers to go east towards the Beech Road-State Route 161 interchange.

Deputy Director Joly stated that this ordinance kept the restriction to two access points for A&F on Central College. It lifted the restriction as to the specific uses for the western gate. The ordinance also gave the city manager the ability to open up the eastern gate for egress only with the traffic engineer's approval.

Council discussed the condition of Central College road. Council Member Marsh asked and Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler replied that fire department trucks were able to use the A&F gates as that was one of their main purposes they designed for.

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

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-41-2016.

ORDINANCE O-42-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE 6.7 +/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BEECH ROAD AND WORTHINGTON ROAD INTERSECTION, AND SEPARATE PARCELS ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF LUCILLE LYND ROAD FOR AN AREA TO BE KNOWN AS "BEECH INTERCHANGE DISTRICT SUBAREAS E, G, & H" FROM ITS CURRENT ZONING OF "AG" AGRICULTURAL TO "L-GE" LIMITED GENERAL EMPLOYMENT AND "L-OCD" LIMITED OFFICE CAMPUS DISTRICT AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS C/O AARON UNDERHILL ESQ.



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Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly explained that this rezoning was clean-up to make the subject parcels match the zoning of surrounding parcels. She described the location of the properties and the purposes of L-OCD and L-GE zoning. She noted that the standards, setbacks, and screenings would be the same as the surrounding areas.

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 ordinance. Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-42-2016.

ORDINANCE O-43-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A STREET IN THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY FROM "STEEPLECHASE LANE" TO "STEEPLECHASE WAY" AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly described the location of the Steeplechase Lane. The Plain Township Fire Department brought to the city's attention to another Steeplechase Lane in the Little Turtle area. In order to promote public safety and avoid confusion, the fire department requested that the road be renamed. Pulte Homes agreed with the change.

Council Member Shull asked and Deputy Director Joly confirmed that there were no occupied residences on Steeplechase Lane, only a model home.

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

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Pleasnick seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-43-2016.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-44-2016

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.

Finance Director Chad Fuller told council that the city's fiscal year ended on December 31, 2016 and the city was preparing to close out the year by going through the existing appropriates to make sure they were all in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). This ordinance was revised on December 5, 2016 and Director Fuller presented the newer version to council.



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Section 1 of the ordinance showed a transfer between line items where the city needed appropriations and had appropriated funds, but did not need them. Section 2 approved increases in appropriations because the city received more in revenue and had expenses that would exceed the original, appropriated amount. Section 2 increased appropriations in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, the Hotel Excise Tax Fund, the Healthy New Albany Fund, and the Bond Improvement Fund. Section 3 decreased appropriations in the "EOZ" Funds, the Economic Development Fund, the Law Enforcement Fund, the Village Center TIF Fund, the Capital Improvement Fund, and the Economic Development Capital Improvement Fund. These adjustments would bring the city into compliance with the ORC at end the fiscal year.

Council Member Pleasnick asked about the large size of Project Expense item. Direct Fuller explained that the Economic Development Capital Improvement Fund (EDCIF) was created to accept grant revenue in and pay it back more expeditiously. To start 2016, the city had appropriated for all of the projects in the Economic Development Fund (EDF) then did the same in the EDCIF, so the large amount in the EDCIF reflected moving of the projects out of one fund and into the other.

Council Member Pleasnick asked if the schools were aware they were getting fewer tax dollars. Direct Fuller answered that the schools were not getting fewer dollars, but that city appropriated very high to make sure the appropriation was in place to transfer the funds. Once fund had been transferred, the city then reduced the appropriation to bring the city back into compliance for the auditors. In fact, the schools receipts from income tax sharing were up about 2% in 2016.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-45-2016

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE 544 +/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF BEECH ROAD SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 161 AND NORTH OF MORSE ROAD FOR AN AREA TO BE KNOWN AS "BEECH ROAD SOUTH ZONING DISTRICT" FROM ITS CURRENT ZONING OF "AG" AGRICULTURAL TO "L-GE" LIMITED GENERAL EMPLOYMENT AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS C/O AARON UNDERHILL ESQ

Deputy Community Development Director Adrienne Joly described the location of the property. The Beech Road South Zoning District was proposed to be L-GE which was consistent with the zoning district to the north. Many of the uses and standards were the same as the surrounding areas. In some areas, additional setback standards and enhanced landscaping standards were recommended. Additionally, a traffic study was proposed to be performed prior to any development activity. The city anticipated, through its traffic modeling in the Strategic Plan, that roads would be needed to serve development at this location. A 32 +/- acre preservation site was set aside as a wetland mitigation bank and was given a conservation easement so the property would not be



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developed in the future. The zoning text also required a commitment that included a preservation zone along the perimeter boundaries to preserve trees. The zoning text further increased building and pavement setbacks along residentially zoned property. Larger setbacks were called for on Morse Road to provide a buffer and planting requirements were proposed on Morse and Beech Roads. Finally, the traffic study was intended to evaluate development activity, access, and curb cuts. The development would have to meet the Ohio Manual Standards. Planning Commission approved the zoning text in November of 2016.

Mayor Spalding told council that a township resident came to the Planning Commission meeting to share her concerns about the development of that area. Deputy Director Joly stated that the city had taken what it had learned from prior developments and applied it here with the increased setback, tree preservation, and strong landscaping standards. Council Member Pleasnick added that, by zoning the land as commercial, it kept the land from being developed as residential which would significantly impact local schools.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-47-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO WITH ARCHITECTURE!OHIO, INC. TO PROVIDE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PLAN EXAMINATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES TO THE CITY.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council that the city contracted with two outside agencies to do its commercial plan reviewing, electrical inspections, electrical review, back-up chief building official services, and back-up inspection services. Architecture!Ohio was one of the two firms the city had utilized. The city contract set a 14-day instead of a 30-day review time, thereby moving at the speed of business. The review services are paid for by the applicant, so the fees were a pass-through for the city. Both plan review companies were requesting an increase in fees from \$75/hour to \$83/hour after several years without an increase. These fees were the same or below the rates in similarly growing communities. Staff was recommending continuation of the contract.

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 Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-47-2016.



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RESOLUTION R-48-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO WITH FEINKNOPF MACIOCE SCHAPPA ARCHITECTS TO PROVIDE BACK UP COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PLAN EXAMINATION TO THE CITY.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council this was the city's other contract plan reviewer. The city had two companies to handle the high volume of commercial work. The hourly rate would be the same as Architecture!Ohio and was a pass-through to applicant. Staff had been very happy with FMS's services.

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

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Pleasnick seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-48-2016.

RESOLUTION R-49-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO WITH PENTELLA UNLIMITED, TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING SERVICES TO THE CITY.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler noted that the city had been working with Pentella since 2006 which had helped the city attract businesses. Director Chrysler pointed council to the z-card, gift box featuring local products, "New Albany Works for Me" campaign with a video, brochures, e-newsletter focused on business interests, print ad campaigns, and the economic development micro-site adjacent and connected to the city's website. The micro-site made access to the city's maps, zoning, utilities, and other information prized by business site selectors and developers quick and easy from anywhere. This was a cutting edge service the city provided.

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 Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-49-2016.

RESOLUTION R-50-2016

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



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WITH THE ENGINEERING FIRM OF E. P. FERRIS & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler pointed council to E.P. Ferris & Associates' annual report to see all of the services the company provided to the city. There were no changes to this year's contract. Staff looked forward to working with E.P. Ferris & Associates in 2017.

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

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Pleasnick seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-50-2016.

RESOLUTION R-51-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO WITH THE FIRM OF MKSK, LLC TO PROVIDE PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES TO THE CITY.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council that the city had a long-standing and valuable relationship with MKSK. Director Chrysler appreciated how MKSK had kept the city on track with all of its projects, making them better through landscape reviews, site design, and also guiding special projects, notably Rose Run in 2016.

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 seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-51-2016.

RESOLUTION R-52-2016

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 MILE HI VALET SERVICE INC TOWNE PARK AN AFFILIATE TO PROVIDE SHUTTLE SERVICES AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler stated that Towne Parke, which changed its name in 2016, had worked with the city since the beginning of the pilot shuttle program. Director Chrysler appreciated that the company was easy to work with and had well organized invoices. 2017 would mark the end of the pilot shuttle program. The city had started conversations with the Business Park Association on how to share shuttle costs. The city had also considered in-house shuttle services versus contracted shuttle service. Towne Park was providing two unique services



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that the city valued, one being the metrics on the riders that Towne Park was keeping, and the other being near seamless coordination with COTA.

Council Member Pleasnick asked and Director Chrysler answered that the program had given around 22,000 rides and this year was on track to give 24,000 rides in 2016. Peak time was during the holiday busy season with drop-offs and pick-ups at the Beauty Park. Second shift was not currently accommodated. Some of the retail companies had requested expanded transportation services from COTA.

Council discussed shelters at shuttle stops, who would build shelters, and who would use shelters if the shuttle program continued beyond the pilot phase. Council and staff discussed possible alternate uses of the city's shuttles during the day. The future of the shuttle program would depend on how the benefitting businesses would become involved. Council Member Shull proposed bidding out the service after the pilot program was over as a way to get the businesses participating in the process.

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 Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-52-2016.

RESOLUTION R-53-2016

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A 2017 HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO AND THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH.

Deputy City Manager Debra Mecozzi told council this was an annual contract with Franklin County to provide public health services for the city, including plumbing inspections. The county's rates were based on a per capita amount resulting in an expected cost of \$71,806.89 to the city in 2017. The rates had increased by 5% since 2016.

Mayor Spalding asked and Deputy City Manager Mecozzi replied that the rates were determined by a 21 person board comprised of Franklin County officials and representatives from some municipalities. The city did not have representation on that board.

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



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Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-53-2016.

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: No meeting.
- B. Council Representative to Plain Local Schools: No report.
- C. Council Representative to Plain Township: No report.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding reported that he and City Manager Joseph Stefanov had been working with the city's government affairs team regarding a telecommunications bill in front of the state legislature. Senate Bill 331 was written regarding the sale of pets, but unrelated measures had been added reducing municipalities' ability to limit small cell towers in public right-of-way. The city and its representatives were working hard with members of both chambers of the state legislature to obtain information and preserve the city's rights.

Mayor Spalding also reported on his and other's attendance at the Economic Development 411 conference. He summarized topics including American-based manufacturing, female-owned businesses, data-driven commerce, and self-driving smart cars which were being studied as part of Columbus' Smart Cities grant. He expressed interest in ways New Albany could be involved in these trends along with the rest of Central Ohio.



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B. Clerk of Council: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason reported that, per Clerk of Mayor's Court Penny Winters, the Mayor's Court payout to the city in October was \$5,794.50.

Clerk Mason also reported receiving a letter from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control (ODLC) notifying the city that liquor licenses would be renewed in February 1, 2017 and that if the city had any objections, it would need to notify the ODLC and request a hearing. Council requested that Clerk Mason obtain a list of liquor license holders, distribute it to council, and check with Police Chief Greg Jones to see if any local establishments were problematic.

C. Finance Director: No report.

D. City Manager: City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated he would email the written City Manager's Report out to council by the end of the week. He was working on scheduling a community meeting with Harlem Road residents regarding leisure trail connections and vehicle speeds. Lastly, the Market Street extension to State Route 605 was expected to open in about a week.

E. City Attorney: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Briscoe reported that the Solid Waste Authority Commission had extended their time to allow the city time to vote on the SWACO tipping fee change. A yes vote approved a reduction in SWACO's tipping fees by \$3 per ton. The Waste-to-Energy Plant debt had finally been paid off. A \$7 per ton fee had been levied to pay that debt. SWACO was now proposing to keep \$4 of that \$7 per ton in fees for recycling programs, a food waste recycling program, and to close the model land fill and Phoenix golf course. Council Member Briscoe recommended a yes vote while following up regarding how the additional \$4 million in operating monies was being spent.

Council Member Briscoe moved to approve the recommendation of the SWACO Board to reduce the tipping fee from \$7 per ton to \$4 per ton. Council Member Pleasnick seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve the motion.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that Craig Mohre with the New Albany Community Foundation had sent out an email regarding forming a mental health advisory committee. Mr. Mohre told City Manager Stefanov that two council members could be appointed as both Council Member Brisk and Council Member Shull had both expressed interest. City Manager Stefanov would send out an email regarding the kick-off meeting. Mayor Spalding asked the council members being appointed for periodic updates at council meetings.



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POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

NONE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Spalding moved to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) For discussion regarding appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to go into executive session at 8:34 p.m.

Council Member Fellows moved to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to come out of executive session at 9:43 p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Council Member Briscoe moved and Council Member Shull seconded to adjourn the December 6, 2016 Regular Council meeting at 9:43 p.m.

ATTEST:



Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council



Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

12/13/16
Date