NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Special Council Meeting of July 29, 2019 at 6:39 p.m. at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Engineer Mike Barker, Public Information Officer Scott McAfere, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

Public attending: Allan Dinsmore, Construction Coordinator for Messer Construction, Craig Srba, 6837 E. Walnut Street, and Sarah Sole, This Week News Reporter.

ROLL CALL:
The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Sloan Spalding  P
CM Colleen Briscoe  A
CM Marlene Brisk  P
CM Michael Durik  P
CM Chip Fellows  A
CM Kasey Kist  P
CM Matt Shull  A

Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason told council that Council Members Briscoe and Fellows were unable to attend due to travel and work. Council Member Kist reported the Council Member Shull had a last minute conflict and was unable to be there. Mayor Spalding moved to excuse Council Members Briscoe, Fellows, and Shull. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with four yes votes to excuse Council Members Briscoe, Fellows, and Shull from the meeting.

TOUR OF ROSE RUN CONSTRUCTION SITE:
Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly introduced Allan Dismore, Construction Coordinator for Messer Construction, who was also a New Albany resident. Mr. Dinsmore distributed hard hats to everyone present. Council discussed the current road closures. Mr. Dinsmore told council that the asphalt had all be laid down and the rolling and paving were all done. The intersection at Market and Fodor would be open the next day and would not close down again. Council and staff discussed the City of Columbus' construction and road closures further west on Dublin-Granville Road.

Everyone present viewed the newly installed bridge. The brick cap to the bridge had just started going in. A path would cross under the bridge on the north side of Rose Run Creek. Director Joly described where the Birch Walk, Bike Hub, promenade, library garden, fountain, and possible tables and chairs would be located to the south of the bridge. There would also be a lawn area which could be used to host events.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Joly answered that she understood the library was planning on putting in an entrance facing the park. She had heard that it was a longer term plan, not immediate.
Director Joly described the bridge width and amenities including iron railing, benches, and four light fixtures. A council member asked and Director Joly replied that the stream course would remain unchanged. The city would be putting in some stones for bank stabilization. Mr. Dinsmore told council that there had been two treatments to removed invasive species and a third treatment was planned in November. The treatments would have to be done regularly to keep out invasive species. Director Joly showed where the existing trees had been limbed up to 8 feet. Grape vine had been removed, but the city would have to wait for the higher vines to dry up and fall off. Four different seeding mixes would be used to populate new plants in the area. There would be areas that were natural, plantings, grasses, and lawn. City Manager Joseph Stefanov told council that 3-400 trees would be going in. Director Joly noted that some had already been planted.

Council and staff noted how opening the area showed how close together the school and library were and how this might changes how residents and students view and use the park and surrounding areas.

Council Member Durik asked and Engineer Mike Barker answered that the utilities on Dublin-Granville Road would be buried. Conduit banks had already been put in the ground. The utilities would need to run new lines through the conduit, disconnect their old lines, and remove the above-ground poles and infrastructure. Director Joly pointed out that this section of Dublin-Granville had been wired for electric access.

Director Joly showed where pavers would be placed on Dublin-Granville Road. Council Member Brisk asked and Mr. Dinsmore answered that the road was 22 feet wide, narrower than the original. Council Member Durik asked and Engineer Barker confirmed that there would just be a double-yellow stripe down the middle. Engineer Barker told council that the original road was an old Ohio Department of Transportation road, therefore it was wider and unimproved. The new road was narrower to slow down traffic. It would have curbs and rumble strips. Pavers would visually indicate that this area was used by pedestrians. There would be three pedestrian crossings which would be push-button signalized with flashing lights. Two would be at the Plaza and one further east.

Council Member Kist asked and Engineer Mike Barker answered that the velo loop start would be just south of the road and the leisure path would be south of the velo loop paving. Both would be 8 feet wide and would extend all the way to Main Street. Council Member Kist asked about the crossing markings for the velo loop and recommended printing on the pavement telling riders to look both ways as he had seen in London. Director Joly told him about anticipated signage indicating a “mixing zone.”

Council Member Brisk asked about the stones for the terrace. Director Joly indicated that a limestone terrace would be located on the north side of the Dublin-Granville Road and sandstone steps and seating would be located on the south side going down to the creek.
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Council members discussed pick-up and drop-off at the school. Director Joly understood the middle school/high school loop would be getting a gate and was slated to be used for special needs students and, potentially, as an express drop-off, however, access would be entirely decided by the school.

Council Member Durik asked and Director Joly and Mr. Dinsmore answered that the two existing bridges would remain. They were getting new boards and metal railings.

Council members discussed what it would take to reduce the speed from 35 to 25 miles per hour on Dublin-Granville Road. City Manager Stefanov and Engineer Mike Barker told them that the city would have to go through the required process including a speed study.

Director Joly pointed out that there would be horse fencing on the school side of Dublin-Granville Road, but no fencing on the south side as the designers did not want a barrier to the park. Council Member Kist, Mr. Dinsmore, and Engineer Mike Barker discussed the kinds of lighting that could be run on Dublin-Granville Road.

Council stopped at the Dublin-Granville – Market Street – Fodor Road intersection to view Rose Run Creek. Engineer Barker pointed out the significant amount of rock and shale that were revealed by the stream and how this was the landscape that Messer Construction was dealing with while digging.

All present visited the mock-ups of various materials and amenities that were in place next to the main Messer Construction trailer, including pavers, bridge materials, and wooden posts. Council discussed the low stone barriers which would be placed 12 or 15 feet apart, such that a moving car would not be able to drift into the pedestrian area. They would also help protect attendees at events. Craig Srba asked and Mr. Dinsmore confirmed that the wooden post lighting would be downcast. Council Member Kist asked and Director Joly confirmed that, after consideration, the posts would be black.

ADJOURNMENT:
With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Council Member Durik seconded to adjourn the July 29, 2019 Special Council meeting at 7:28 pm.

ATTEST:

Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council  Sloan Spalding, Mayor  Date 8/16/19