



## NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2017

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Council Member Marsh Glyde Marsh, serving as Acting Mayor, called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of September 5, 2017 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, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Police Chief Greg Jones, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, City Engineer Ed Ferris, Engineer Mike Barker, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

Council Member Marsh led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Sloan Spalding	A
CM Colleen Briscoe	A
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	P
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Glyde Marsh	P – Served as Acting Mayor
CM Matt Shull	P

Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason reported that Mayor Spalding could not attend for family reasons and Council Member Briscoe was travelling, and both had asked to be excused. Council Member Marsh moved to excuse Mayor Spalding and Council Member Briscoe from the council meeting. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with five yes votes to excuse Mayor Spalding and Council Member Briscoe.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Council Member Marsh asked if council had reviewed the August 8, 2017 Council Retreat and Capital Project Workshop minutes and asked if they had any proposed additions or corrections. Hearing none, Council Member Durik moved to adopt the August 8, 2017 Council Retreat and Capital Project Workshop minutes. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve the regular meeting minutes.

Council Member Marsh asked if council had reviewed the August 15, 2017 regular meeting minutes and asked if they had any proposed additions or corrections. Hearing none, Council Member Shull moved to adopt the August 15, 2017 minutes. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve the regular meeting minutes.

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

NONE.



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### **HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Ryan Kuehne, Senior Auditor, and Nicholas Chisek, CPA Senior Manager, Julian & Grube, Inc. – City Manager Joseph Stefanov asked the auditors to give the council the report on the state of the city's 2016 audit. Mr. Kuehne explained that he was the lead auditor and that Mr. Chisek was his supervisor. He drew council's attention to the written report which had been handed out. He explained the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards letter wherein the auditors state they did not find any significant deficiency or material weakness. The auditors also found no compliance issues of any kind. In the status of prior audit findings, Mr. Kuehne noted that, in 2015, the auditors found a material weakness, but that problem had been fully corrected in 2016. The Independent Audit Report showed that the city received an "unmodified" opinion, which was the best of the four types of opinions.

Council Member Shull asked and Mr. Kuehne replied that Julian & Grube had performed the city's audits for 10 years, and this year's performance was similar to the prior years. Council Member Fellows asked and Mr. Kuehne replied that there was no "grade" awarded by the audit, but the "unmodified" opinion was the best opinion the city could get. No citations of any kind was also good. Finance Director Bethany Staats added that the report contributed to the city's Moody's ratings, and the city filed annual disclosures related to the release of this audit.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Council Member Brisk reported that the owners of 7228 Greensward returned to the BZA. The residents had obtained some variances over a year prior which were challenged by a neighbor. The matter had gone to Franklin County Common Pleas court and been remanded to the BZA for clarification. The neighbor had subsequently withdrawn their objections. The BZA granted an extension of the prior BZA approvals to continue the work on the Greensward home.

BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

Council Member Brisk reported that council received an email from an undisclosed resident who had concerns about the proposed ordinance giving the city the ability to restrict public parking areas. All of the present council members confirmed that they had received and read the same email, except for council Member Marsh. Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason provided him a paper copy at that time.



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### **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:**

#### **ORDINANCE O-13-2017**

Council Member Brisk read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 351 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "PARKING GENERALLY" BY AMENDING SECTION 351.13, ENTITLED "PARKING ON POSTED PRIVATE PROPERTY" TO INCLUDE PARKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov explained that the ordinance would enable the city to be proactive about what it believed would be increased competition for parking, particularly in the Village Center. Competition for parking would could lead to disputes. Businesses were moving into Market & Main II, and one of those businesses had 90 employees. The adjoining lot had 451 spots. The city believed the combination of office users, retail users, and customers will be pushing the available space limits. All parking on city property could be regulated under this ordinance. Staff proposed changes to the city's code to enable them to create administrative programs which would respond to parking issues as they arose.

Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov answered that an administrative parking policy would address the enforcement mechanisms. Parking restrictions could include permitting, prohibition on a particular type of user, or time limitation, depending on the needs. City Manager Stefanov added that residents had been requesting more amenities in the Village Center for a long time. Now that the city had a sufficient amount of traffic in the Village Center to attract amenities and sustain retail businesses, keeping the businesses vital meant maintaining adequate parking for their customers and employees.

Council Member Durik noted that the city was in the parking lot business at this time, so having the ability to develop rules and guidelines was important. In the future, the city may not want to be in the parking lot business. This discussion and resident concerns highlighted the challenges and delicate position that the city was in.

Council Member Shull added that the city was growing and encouraging more retail businesses to locate here. In the future, the city will know more about the parking situation. This ordinance allowed for the next discussion of what parking regulations might look like. Council Member Shull asked and Law Director Mitch Banchefsky answered that, without this legislation, the city could regulate parking on its roadways, but not on its own property.

Council Member Marsh asked and Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council that, moving forward, it would be good to review and update plans for the Village Center, including considering a parking garage.

Council Member Marsh 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 Shull seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve Ordinance O-13-2017.



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### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

#### **ORDINANCE O-14-2017**

Council Member Fellows read by title AN ORDINANCE CREATING FOUR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING INCENTIVE DISTRICTS; DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARCELS WITHIN EACH INCENTIVE DISTRICT TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS; SPECIFYING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT BENEFIT OR SERVE PARCELS IN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICTS; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO THE NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE EASTLAND JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly explained that this ordinance was the third and final piece of legislation need to enact a TIF over the Nottingham Trace Development project. A TIF was an economic development tool that local governments could use to fund infrastructure and site improvements. The TIF locked in the value of property pre- and post-development and diverted the increment into a special fund that the city could use for authorized improvements. The proposed TIF would be a 30 year, 100% TIF. The TIF would not negatively impact the local school districts or the Plain Township Fire Department. The other two TIF-related pieces of legislation for Nottingham Trace were O-11-2017 and O-12-2017.

It was anticipated that this TIF would generate approximately \$12.4 million in revenue. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, the city sent notices to the property owner(s) and council held a public hearing for the property owner(s). Notices also went out to the New Albany Plain Local School District, the Eastland Vocational District, and the Franklin County Commissioners. Director Joly noted that the county responded to the notice and formally objected to the 30 year term. The county regularly objected because, if it objects to the TIF, it is permitted to default to the statutory requirement where it can collect 50% of the value of the TIF in years 11-30. The city expected this action and the city's projection for the TIF already assumed those numbers. As additional notice, city staff members had personally contacted to Mike Sawyers at the school district, Ben Collins at Plain Township, and Patrick Losinski at the public library.

Council Member Marsh set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

#### **ORDINANCE O-15-2017**

Council Member Shull read by title APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, TO CREATE FUNDS AND TO ISSUE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES.

Finance Director Bethany Staats directed council's attention to a spreadsheet which showed the history of the appropriations in the funds which council would be amending. Another spreadsheet showed the detail of the individual line items contained in Ordinance O-15-2017 and the reason for the change in the



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appropriation. In the General Fund, transfers were necessary to accommodate the general activity of the city. The Finance Department found where appropriations could be decreased to accommodate other areas where increases were needed within the General Fund. Most appropriation increases were necessitated by development projects. The city had also increased the appropriation for RITA income tax collection fees.

In the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) special revenue funds, the city had to adjust appropriations for Auditor and Treasurer fees. Section 5 of the ordinance addressed Debt Service Funds where appropriations were being reduced, but Director Staats wanted to more closely review that section. The last section was the Capital Project Funds. There was a small, remaining balance in the Bond Improvement Fund left over from the Heit Center. Staff wanted to transfer that to the Debt Service Fund. Additionally, there was a \$1.1 million increase in appropriations related to the New Albany Community Authority request.

Overall, there was a net decrease in appropriations. There were a few more budget items that Director Staats and City Manager Joseph Stefanov were discussing, particularly Economic Opportunity Zone funds which would be reviewed against actual activity. Also, Director Staats anticipated adding the McCoy Center Capital Improvement monies, which were previously approved by council, to the Appropriations Amendment.

Council Member Durik asked and Director Staats answered that the city had one payment left on most of its debt this year. It appeared to Director Staats that appropriations for debt service were high based on the amortization schedules she had reviewed. She was not certain why the number was so high and speculated that the prior Finance Director possibly anticipated making an extra debt payment. She would take time between now and the second reading of this ordinance to follow up further.

Council Member Marsh set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

### **READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS** **RESOLUTION R-39-2017**

Council Member Shull read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS GENERATED IN AND COLLECTED FROM THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO.

Public Service Director Mark Nemec explained that the city was a member of consortium comprised of 10 municipalities that came together to bid out for recycling and waste collection. The city was currently in a three year contract with Rumpke. Rumpke was the only central Ohio company to date which owned a recycling processing facility. The consortium bid out processing of recyclables first, then collection.

The city had the option to renew its current contract for one year, two times. It would not cost the city anything to extend its current contract with Rumpke for processing recyclables. When asked for a new bid under a new contract, Rumpke offered a revenue/cost sharing agreement where a resident could gain money through a 50% profit sharing with Rumpke if the market for recyclables rose, but would pay 100% if





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the market recyclables went down up. Both gains and costs were capped at \$20 per ton. This offer did not include collection of the recyclables. The members of the consortium agreed that continuing the current contract at no cost to the resident was preferred, and city staff was recommended that option to council.

Council Member Durik asked and Director Nemec responded that Rumpke billed New Albany residents directly, there was no way of knowing which individual residents contributed valuable recycling materials and which didn't, and auditing what the profit or loss was and whether it was being handled fairly would be a difficult task. Council Member Marsh asked if for-profit recycling collection bins were cutting into Rumpke's profits and whether that should be regulated. Director Nemec answered that the city did not have jurisdiction over collection at commercial establishments, and that collection was unlikely to have much effect on home recycling.

Council Member Marsh opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Durik moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-39-2017.

### **RESOLUTION R-40-2017**

Council Member Durik read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY FOR DISPOSAL OR PROCESSING OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO.

Public Service Director Mark Nemec told council that the city had 2,659 residential, trash collection accounts and 304 of those received senior discounts. 60% of those homes rented brown, solid waste carts. Trash collection was trending towards automation and the majority of residents already rented the brown containers which were suitable for the trucks with mechanical arms. Residents currently paid \$15.28 per month (plus .80 for billing).

If the current contract with Rumpke were renewed for 2018, the price would increase to \$16.22. The consortium advertised for new bids. Only Rumpke responded. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) was evaluating why Local Waste, Waste Management, and Republic did not bid. It may have been related to most municipalities not being willing to change their trash day. For a new contract, Rumpke offered seven options which included no change, varied container color and size, limited solid waste pick up, limited yard waste pick up, limited bulk pick up, and changed trash days. No change under a new contract raised the cost to \$17.20 in 2018. All of the other options were still more expensive than renewing the current contract. Council Member Brisk asked and Director Nemec replied that, while taking a higher prices now and hoping that locks in savings in future years was an option, he hoped to have even more and hopefully better options when rebidding in 2018. Additionally, taking a new, 3 year contract would only



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realize savings in the third year. At this time, staff was recommending extending the current contract for one year with the option of one more year of extension at a cost of \$16.96 in 2019.

Council Member Shull asked and Public Service Director Mark Nemec answered that, under a new contract where specific containers were provided by the company, the cost of the container was already built into the monthly amount. However, the resident would not have the option of using their own container. Council Member Durik asked and Director Nemec answered that two other consortiums received more than one bid. It was possible that they received multiple bids because they were much smaller than the consortium of which New Albany was a member.

Council Member Marsh 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 Durik seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-40-2017.

### **RESOLUTION R-41-2017**

Council Member Shull read by title A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A 10.505 ACRE AND 0.080 ACRE TRACT OF LAND FROM MBJ HOLDINGS LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

Engineer Mike Barker explained that this resolution accepted 10.5 acres of land on the west side of Beech Road. The purpose was to accommodate roadway improvements serving a section of the New Albany Business Park. The city's 2014 Strategic Plan identified Beech Road as an important north-south connector to the business campus. Engineering design for the area was nearing completion. The design included a 4-lane section with a center median, a 2-lane section with a center median, and a 2-lane roadway where Beech Road met Morse Road. All the way down was a 5 foot wide dedicated bike lane, 10 foot wide medians, and 8 foot wide shared leisure trails on both sides of the road. The design elements were recommended by the Bike New Albany Master Plan. The features moved vehicles and created safe and accessible alternative travel facilities for residents and employees.

Council Member Shull asked and Engineer Barker replied that property on either side of Beech Road extended to the center, but Beech Road was contained within a highway easement. With the acceptance of the resolution, the highway easement would become public right-of-way.

Council Member Marsh opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Brisk moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-41-2017.



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### **RESOLUTION R-42-2017**

Council Member Brisk read by title A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO ACQUIRE A PACKAGED SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION TO SERVICE IMMINENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 161 ALONG THE BEECH ROAD CORRIDOR.

Engineer Mike Barker told council that the Sidecat LLC project and future development on the south side of State Route 161 along the Beech Road corridor would obtain its initial sanitary service by way of a sanitary lift station. The lift station would connect to an existing gravity sanitary sewer system which ran along Smith's Mill Road. The lift station would provide temporary service until the Blacklick Trunk Line was installed. The city committed to providing Sidecat LLC access to sanitary sewer service by May of 2018. There were only four vendors in Central Ohio who specialized in lift station structures, and it took significant lead time to design and fabricate the components. This resolution authorized the city manager to enter into a contract with a company for the design and fabrication of the packaged lift station and also waived the formal competitive bidding requirements, however, staff would be soliciting bids from all four suppliers. The expedited process would allow the selected vendor more time to meet the aggressive construction schedule. City Manager Joseph Stefanov added that waiver of the bidding process was provided for in city's charter, Chapter 9.04, Section C, and required a super-majority vote by council for approval.

Council Member Marsh opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Brisk moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-42-2017.

### **RESOLUTION R-43-2017**

Council Member Shull read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE, BID, AWARD AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS NECESSARY TO SERVICE IMMINENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF STATE ROUTE 161 ALONG THE BEECH ROAD CORRIDOR.

Engineer Mike Barker stated that this legislation addressed sanitary sewer, waterline, and roadway improvements which were scheduled to be bundled and bid as one construction project. The sanitary sewer project would provide service to approximately 900 acres south of State Route 161. The waterline project would provide service to a large area south of State Route 161, including the 1,500+/- acres which were annexed and zoned within the city, and constitute a redundant water supply to the New Albany Water Pressure District. The road infrastructure included improvements to Beech Road from Morse Road to Smith's Mills Road and a portion of a new east-west connector road south of State Route 161.

Engineer Barker explained that the sanitary sewer infrastructure included the extension of around 7,500 feet of sanitary sewer beginning in the area of the former Winding Hollow Golf Course and travelling east along a stream to Beech Road, and from there extending south and ultimately connecting with Sidecat LLC. This project also





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covered construction of the associated force mains which would connect the sanitary sewer lift station to the existing gravity sanitary sewer system along Smith's Mill Road. The engineer's estimate for the base bid was \$4.3 million. The waterline improvements included around 22,000 feet of waterline which would provide a primary, larger water source to the existing business campus. This line would take over as the primary water source and would ensure that the existing water users continued to receive the volume and pressure that they needed as well as setting up the area south of State Route 161. The engineer's estimate for the waterline improvements was \$14.8 million. The roadway improvements, including Beech Road from Smith's Mill down to Morse Road and 1,900 feet of the east-west connector road, would be partly funded by a combined \$2.5 million in grants. The engineers estimate for the base bid was \$11.8 million.

Council Member Durik asked and Engineer Mike Barker replied that the alignment for the Blacklick Sanitary Sewer line was studied for years. There were environmental impacts as well as a hydro-geological evaluations related to water elevations to consider. There were also issues with excavation of the stone in the area, plus potential impacts to adjacent residential wells. The city tried to minimize the length for cost savings. The final, proposed path was the result of a balance of all of the constraints and considerations.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov added that the engineer's estimate was higher than the original \$25 million estimate. That was due, in part, to a diameter increase in a section of a waterline. If another significant user developed in the area, the larger line would prevent the running of a second line. The city felt the current estimate was conservative and anticipated bids coming in lower. The city had negotiated a very favorable rate package with the Ohio Water Development Authority which would save considerably on debt interest payments.

Council Member Marsh asked and City Manager Stefanov answered that bids would be advertised broadly, and it was possible the city would receive out-of-state bidders due to the size of the project and volume of work.

Council Member Marsh 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 Fellows seconded and council voted with five yes votes to approve Resolution R-43-2017.

### **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.



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- 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 meeting.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Brisk shared with council that the school year was in progress. All students were in their re-assigned buildings. The Early Learning Building had 138 new preschoolers enrolled, which totaled 450 students in that building. The Primary School, grades 1-3, had 1,072 students. The Intermediate School, grades 4-6, had 1,148 students. The Middle School, grades 7-8, had 835 students. The High School had 1,565 students. The overall 245 student increase was primarily comprised of the new preschoolers.

Additionally, the Ohio Department of Education issued its preliminary results for student achievement and increased its rating of the New Albany Plain Local Schools. The Performance Index (PI) was up 0.9%.

- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: No report.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

- A. Mayor: No report.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason reported that the July 2017 Mayor's Court payout to the city was \$9,876.80. She reminded council that the State of New Albany Luncheon was scheduled for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:15 a.m. at Noah's Event Center. Finally, she asked council members to see her later for information necessary to set up council laptops or iPads.
- C. Finance Director: Finance Director Bethany Staats stated that the Finance Department was working on the 2018 budget.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Joseph Stefanov wished to update council on construction projects. Engineer Mike Barker stated that the Harlem/Dublin-Granville Road and Fodor Road/High School parking lot traffic signals were rebid and the city realized about \$20,000 in savings by combining the projects. Complete General Construction, whose bid came in just over \$365,000, was given the notice to proceed on September 18<sup>th</sup>. A pre-construction meeting was scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Both traffic signal projects were anticipated to be completed by March 31, 2018. Council Member Shull



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asked and Engineer Barker answered that some of the site work for both traffic lights was already completed so as to minimize disruption to school traffic. The remaining work involved setting the concrete bases, erecting mast arms, and installing pedestrian improvements. Engineer Barker did not expect the sequence of construction to have an adverse effect on traffic. The school project was a priority. Engineer Barker anticipated received a construction schedule at the pre-construction meeting and could report back to council about it.

Additionally, the Johnstown Road/Greensward Road/Lambton Park roundabout was a week ahead of schedule, despite rainfall events. December 15<sup>th</sup> was still the expected completion date and some final paving would happen in the next 4-6 weeks. Council Member Brisk asked and Engineer Barker answered that Lambton Park was slated for closure for 4 weeks and 2 weeks had passed. The city wanted repaving be minimally invasive and didn't want to re-open Lambton Park too early, causing confusion when it was shut it down again for repaving. Council Member Shull said he was contacted by someone who didn't live in, but drove through New Albany, who requested some education about approaching and driving through roundabouts. Council and staff discussed existing, printed materials and the information that was currently on the website. City Manager Stefanov offered that city could do another round of education for the new roundabout as an ongoing reminder. Council Member Marsh noted that the drivers that had the most trouble were not local and therefore much harder to reach.

Council and Police Chief Greg Jones further discussed news of another roundabout which was slated for the Kitzmiller and Morse Road intersection. Police Chief Jones confirmed that there had been several bad accidents at the intersection and that it was a difficult area to monitor and enforce. The area was policed primarily by Franklin County, but the county frequently requested assistance from New Albany.

City Manager Stefanov reported that none of New Albany's roads were in MORPC's report of the "Top Ten Worst Intersections." The report did include a breakdown of local intersections and City Manager Stefanov would forward that to council.

E. City Attorney: No report.

### POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

### POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

NONE.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Marsh moved that council go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(4) for preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public



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employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Council reserved the right to take action upon its return to public meeting. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with five votes to go into executive session at 8:18 p.m.

Council Member Fellows moved to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with five yes votes to come out of executive session at 8:51 p.m.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Appointment to boards and commissions:

Board of Zoning Appeals – Council Member Fellows moved to appoint Kirk Smith to complete Alicia Miller's unexpired term (exp. 12/31/2017). Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with five yes votes to appoint Kirk Smith.

Tax Incentive Review Council – Council Member Marsh moved to table the TIRC appointment until the next council meeting. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with five yes votes to table the appointment.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Council Member Marsh moved and Council Member Durik seconded to adjourn the September 5, 2017 Regular Council meeting at 8:51 p.m.

### **ATTEST:**

  
Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

  
Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

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Date