



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

January 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of January 17, 2023 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, Law Director Benjamin Albrecht, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Police Chief Greg Jones, Planning Manager Steve Mayer, Public Service Director Mike Barker, Economic Development Specialist Sara Ziegler, Engineering Manager Cara Denny, Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason, and Chief Communications Officer and Marketing Director Scott McAfee.

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 Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	P
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P
CM Andrea Wilttrout	P

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Clerk Mason reported that Council Member Shull gave her some typo-type corrections, and one substantive change which indicated that Council Member Shull would keep council apprised of the pickleball court project as it was progressing. Those corrections were made to the original. Council adopted the 12/13/2022 special meeting minutes by consensus.

Clerk Mason reported that Council Member Shull gave her 2 corrections where his last name was left off in a discussion. Those corrections were made to the original. Council adopted the 1/3/2023 organizational meeting minutes by consensus.

Council adopted the 1/3/2023 regular meeting minutes by consensus.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

HEARING OF VISITORS:

In-District Swearing-In Ceremony for State Representative Mary Lightbody – Representative Lightbody thanked council. Her last 2 ceremonies were held in Gahanna and in Westerville. Her new district, District 4, included all of New Albany, Plain Township, Gahanna, Jefferson Township, Blacklick, and the City of Westerville. It no longer included all of the Westerville School District, nor a large portion of Columbus. It was an honor to serve. She understood many voted for her, but not everyone did. She worked for all



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residents of the district and all Ohioans trying to address issues and problems that families and businesses faced. Rep. Lightbody invited continuing communication from council.

Mayor Spalding congratulated Rep. Lightbody on being elected for her 3rd term. The community appreciated her dedication and service. Mayor Spalding administered the Oath of Office. Council Member Wiltout held the Bible. Esther Kelsch, Rep. Lightbody's legislative aide, was present to take pictures.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Council Member Wiltout reported that the ARB reviewed plans for the public parking garage which was part of the Rose Run 2 project. The ARB approved demolishing the Mill building and current New Albany Police Department garages, and issued Certificates of Appropriateness for the same and for the new public parking garage with conditions including further review for lighting and landscaping. Mayor Spalding thanked The New Albany Company and RAMSA for their assistance in designing of the garage. Council Member Kist asked that the ARB packet be sent out to council.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Fellows reported that the SAB discussed solar panel best practices, Earth Day to Arbor Day planning, and school grants program planning. Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly stated there had been continued interest in the community for solar panels. There had been recent state-level legislative changes. The city was exploring what to do with zoning code regarding placement of solar panels in different zoning districts. The city worked with MKSK to create a report on best practices – locally, regionally, and technologically. The report also contained case studies of local regulation. City staff would also be taking the report to the ARB and PC. Staff would gather feedback, work on a code change which would go through the public process in boards and commissions and then be presented to council.

IDEA IMPLEMENTATION PANEL: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

NONE

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SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-01-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 61.26+/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

City Manager Stefanov stated that ordinances 01, 03, 04, and 05 were all part of the annexation agreement passed by council via Resolution R-04-2022. This was the area around Intel. The annexation agreement contained language that spelled out the compensation process for fire and EMS services in the event tax abatements were provided. Road maintenance agreements were approved in early 2022. All of these were Expedited Type 1 annexations, which had all of the characteristics of a traditional annexation within a compressed time frame. The Licking County Commissioners approved the petitions for ordinances 01 through 05. The 60-day waiting period had lapsed. Council could take action.

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 ordinance. Council Member Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-01-2023.

ORDINANCE O-02-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 6.15+/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

City Manager Stefanov stated this annexation was similar to Ordinance O-01-2023 except that the annexation agreement was signed in June of 2015 via R-29-2015. The city entered into a road maintenance agreement. The Licking County Commissioners approved the annexation petition. The 60-day period waiting period had lapsed. Council could take action.

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 Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-02-2023.

ORDINANCE O-03-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 13.87+/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

City Manager Stefanov stated this was another Expedited Type I annexation similar to Ordinance O-01-2023. All of the requirements had been met with the annexation agreement and road maintenance

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agreement. The Licking County Commissioners had approved the annexation petition. The 60-day waiting period had lapsed. Council could take action.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-03-2023.

ORDINANCE O-04-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 312.86+/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

City Manager Stefanov stated the Licking County Commissioners had approved the annexation petition and the 60-day waiting period had lapsed. Council could take action.

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 ordinance. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-04-2023.

ORDINANCE O-05-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 15.03+/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

City Manager Stefanov stated the Licking County Commissioners had approved the annexation petition. The annexation agreement was approved by council in January of 2022. The 60-day waiting period had lapsed.

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 Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-05-2023.

ORDINANCE O-06-2023

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 403+/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF GREEN CHAPEL ROAD, WEST OF MINK STREET, EAST OF BEECH ROAD AND NORTH OF JUG STREET FROM AGRICULTURAL

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(AG) TO TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT (TMD) AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS LLC, C/O AARON UNDERHILL.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated this was a rezoning to the Technology Manufacturing District (TMD) Zoning District for 4 of the 5 annexations which were just approved by council. The properties were contiguous to existing TMD-zoned properties. The TMD district allowed for a variety of uses from the city's Limited Industrial District and added uses, like solar panels, gas storage, and water treatment facilities. The TMD also established the most restrictive setbacks, mounding, and landscaping requirements in the city. The city partnered with MORPC and hired a traffic engineer when the first TMD area was established. Street improvements were planned and in progress. The TMD included a Landscape Design Standards plan which included street trees, mounding, stormwater basins, and parking lot screening which was consistent throughout the district. This proposal matched the land use recommendations found in the city's Engage New Albany strategic plan. The Planning Commission (PC) reviewed and recommended approval at their December meeting.

Council Member Fellows asked and Engineering Manager Ohly answered that it was currently cost prohibitive to bury utility lines. It could be considered in the future. The city was having service line laterals buried under roads, which should help. Council Member Fellows stated, driving down Jug Street, it would have been nice if the utility lines were underground. This was a world class business park. City Manager Stefanov responded that the cost per linear mile to bury lines was prohibitive and there were high voltage lines in the vicinity. There could be an opportunity in the future. It was something the city would like to do, if there was funding.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-06-2023.

ORDINANCE O-07-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 159 "RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS" OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Council Clerk Jennifer Mason stated that staff looked at the standard board and commission rules at the request of council specifically to add some flexibility to when organizational meetings could be held. The city charter referenced the standard rules in Article X, Section 10.01 (B)(6), which stated that any board that didn't adopt its own rules would follow the standard rules. The rules were last update in 2007. She and Deputy Clerk Christina Madriguera met with select Community Development Department staff, Law Director Albrecht, and Council Member Kist to review the rules and make the recommendations contained in the ordinance.

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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 ordinance. Council Member Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-07-2023.

ORDINANCE O-08-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO RENEW THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR 60 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS ON 38.09+/- ACRES AND ACCEPT RESERVES “A”, “B”, “C” AND “D” FOR THE WOODHAVEN SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 7555 BEVELHYMER ROAD AND 7325 WALNUT STREET AS REQUESTED BY BOB WEBB GROUP C/O BRANDON BELLI.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated that the city’s subdivision regulations stated that if a plat was not recorded within 1 year of its approval, it became void. This plat was approved in November of 2021, about 13-14 months ago. It was not recorded. This plat contained the same number of lots, density, parkland, and street grid as previously approved in 2021. There were some minor changes to the utility easements due to updated engineering plans. It was still in compliance with the Final Development Plan as approved by the Planning Commission. After the first reading of the ordinance, city staff and the applicant’s engineer communicated about street names and addresses. There were similar street names, but no addressing would be done on Woodhaven Drive. It was agreed that there would be no identical or duplicative house numbers throughout the subdivision.

Council Member Fellows asked and Brandon Belli, Bob Webb Group, answered that, unfortunately, due to asphalt plants being closed for the winter, the Bevelhymer Road work would likely happen in later March and April. They were still waiting on some county approvals for a culvert going under Bevelhymer. Council Member Fellows wanted to see that prioritized as it was a heavily trafficked road. Mr. Belli praised Savko & Sons, Inc. for their quick work. He described the planned improvements, including the 2-foot widening of Bevelhymer Road along their property and leisure trail.

Council Member Kist asked and Mr. Belli replied the lots were available for sale as of 2 week ago. There was good activity. They were waiting on model home permits for 2 models.

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

Council Member Wilttrout moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-08-2023.

ORDINANCE O-09-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND ADDITIONAL SALARY FOR

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THE MAYOR, PRESIDENT PRO TEM, OR DESIGNATED COUNCIL MEMBER PRESIDING OVER MAYOR'S COURT.

Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason stated this was the annual ordinance to consider council's compensation per Section 4.04 of the city's charter. The first reading of the ordinance was January 3, 2023. If approved, the ordinance would become effective after the 30-day referendum period. This ordinance would increase council's salary by 5%, the same cost of living increase that city staff received. The adjusted salary would be effective January 1, 2023. These amounts were appropriated in the 2023 budget.

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 Kist seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-09-2023.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-10-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 67.547 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY, LLC.

Engineering Manager Ryan Ohly stated this ordinance accepted a conservation easement from The New Albany Company (NACO) The area was just outside the city limits. The property had watercourses and wetlands under the regulatory jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Approval of this legislation was the next step in permitting process. The permit required that certain wetlands and buffer areas be protected in perpetuity by recording a conservation easement. A public entity must be the grantee of the easement. The easement contained restrictions intended to preserve and protect the natural integrity of the area.

Mayor Spalding asked and Engineering Manager Ryan Ohly answered that man-made features were restricted. Tom Rubey, Director of Planning, NACO, responded that something similar to Taylor Farm couldn't happen within this easement. An asphalt leisure trail long Babbitt Road may be possible. A mulch path may be achievable. Any improvements would have to be run by the Ohio EPA. Council members discussed the businesses in the vicinity and the attraction of amenities. Mr. Ruby added this easement was within the NAPLS district boundaries

City Manager Stefanov stated there was no liability to the city related to the conservation easement. If the easement terms were violated, the city would not be responsible for enforcement. The city had oversight over these lands.

Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov answered that there were no clauses stating that if trees were removed by a developer, they would be replaced or a fee paid to the city to locate trees elsewhere.

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Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the February 7, 2023 council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-11-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 0.666 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY, LLC.

Engineering Manager Ryan Ohly accepts easement from The New Albany Company. The easement was contiguous to the conservation easement area in O-12-2023. This one was in Franklin County. The property had watercourses and wetlands under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Ohio EPA. Approval of this legislation was the next step in permitting process required by the Level 3 Isolated Wetlands permit. The easement contained restrictions intended to preserve the natural integrity of the area.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the February 7, 2023 council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-12-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 42.374 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY, LLC.

Engineering Manager Ryan Ohly stated this conservation easement was property contiguous to the property in Ordinance O-12-2023, but was in Licking County. The property had watercourses and wetlands under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Ohio EPA and was part of the same Level 3 Isolated Wetlands permit. The easement contained restrictions intended to preserve the natural integrity of the area.

Mayor Spalding asked and Tom Rubey, Director of Planning, The New Albany Company, answered this portion was not in the NAPLS district. Engineering Manager Ryan Ohly noted that conservation easements related to wetlands could be more restrictive. This conservation easement, similar to others had the same restrictions for man-made structures. Mayor Spalding expressed interest in future recreational opportunities within the easement restrictions for the area.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the February 7, 2023 council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-13-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 9.417 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY ROMANELLI AND HUGHES BUILDING COMPANY.

Engineering Manager Ryan Ohly stated this ordinance accepted a conservation easement from Romanelli and Hughes Building Company. The conservation easement was required for conditional approval of the Stormwater Drainage Manual Type 3 variance request that was issued to Romanelli and Hughes by the City of Columbus as a condition of its permit and related application materials. A public entity had to be the recipient of the easement. The easement contained restrictions to preserve the natural integrity of the area.

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Tom Rubey, Director of Planning, The New Albany Company, stated that the asphalt leisure path along the south side of Dublin-Granville Road was installed as part of this permit application. A significant planting was installed in a paddock space along Dublin-Granville, that was also a part of the permit application requirements. Council members and Mr. Rubey discussed the number of trees installed.

Council Member Kist asked and City Manager Stefanov responded that the applicant could choose any public entity to accept the easement. This property was located in the City of Columbus. Columbus city limits wove in and out. This area felt like New Albany. Mr. Rubey confirmed that the property owner could take the conservation easement wherever they wanted. They thought it appropriate to bring to New Albany which would have closer oversight than Columbus. Council members, City Manager Stefanov, and Mr. Rubey discussed other conservation easements located outside New Albany limits and different restrictions.

Mayor Spalding asked and Mr. Rubey confirmed that there was a stream inside the easement and there was already a pedestrian bridge in place. Council members and staff further discussed area leisure trails and connections.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the February 7, 2023 council meeting.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-06-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH NEW ALBANY DATA CENTER SPE, LLC.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated the site was affiliated with the Lincoln Property Company (LPC). The site was served by Horizon Court, a single cul-de-sac street. Since Horizon Court plat had been approved, a lot had changed, including the announcement of Intel and the new Harrison Road extension. The Development and Supply Agreement amendment would provide the city more right-of-way and utility and streetscape easements for a future public street through the LPC site. The future street would connect Horizon Court to the Harrison Road extension. The right-of-way and easements would be conveyed at no cost to city and the city agreed to design, construct, and pay for what would be the Horizon Court street extension to the east. The improvement was part of city's overall infrastructure improvement package related to Intel project.

Council Member Fellows asked and Planning Manager Mayer answered that the site would be a mixture of data centers and warehouses. Director Chrysler stated LPC were developers trying to find companies to lease the buildings or build their own. They had a robust data center portfolio of companies they'd worked with throughout the country. LPC also specialized in manufacturing. The zoning allowed for several options. Director Chrysler recalled that the New Albany Planning Commission wasn't happy about the long street terminating in a cul-de-sac. Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated that the cul-de-sac would become a 2-way intersection, but would remain cul-de-sac shaped to allow access to the other buildings.

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Council Member Shull asked and Director Chrysler confirmed that the additional street would help emergency vehicles access the site. Planning Manager Steve Mayer noted the dotted line on the map showed a desired future extension to the east that could create additional connections to Clover Valley Road.

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 Kist seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-06-2023.

RESOLUTION R-07-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FEE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF LEISURE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 1165.06 AND 1187.18 AT 5892 JOHNSTOWN ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MEMMER HOMES.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated that a fee in lieu of leisure trail could be considered in special circumstances, including when a trail was found by council to be inappropriate due to topographic conditions or leisure trails didn't exist in the area, there wasn't a likelihood for trail to be constructed in the near future, and a fee-in-lieu would better serve the community. Staff reviewed the fee-in-lieu request. There were no topographic constraints. The property to south made fee-in-lieu payment in November of 2020. The property to north, on the west side of the street, had leisure trail. The next closest existing trail on the east side of the street was up by the Market & Main apartments. To the south, the trail began at Fenway and the Greensward roundabout. The applicant submitted 3 construction estimates which the engineer reviewed. Based on current bid tabulations and recent construction projects, the city engineer estimated the cost to be \$53 per liner foot. The subject property's frontage was 174.5 feet, not including driveway. Therefore, the city engineer was recommending a fee-in-lieu of \$9,249.

Council Member Fellows and staff discussed homes in or going into the area. Council Member Fellows asked if it would be wise to have leisure trail going from northern property down to Fenway on the west side. Council Member Kist confirmed that the city had right-of-way on the subject property if it wanted to install leisure trail later. Council and staff discussed properties for which they didn't right-of-way on SR 62, the inadvisability of mid-block crossings, and the pedestrian underpass.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-07-2023.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Safety Committee: No report.

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- B. Public Utilities: No report.
- C. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.
- D. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.
- E. Administration Committee: No report.
- F. 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: Council Member Shull stated the Joint Parks District had a meeting but there was nothing that pertained to city.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Kist reported that the school board held their organizational meeting. Debra Kalinosky was reelected president and Paul Naumoff was reelected as vice president. There was significant public participation in the meeting regarding the school's pronoun policy. Parents could now give permission to change their student's pronouns on-line, but it still had to be done by parent. Board Member Mike Bush stepped down effective January 15. The board would begin the process of appointing a member to fill his seat.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported that the township approved their payments to the McCoy Center of approximately \$25,000, and approved \$50,000 towards the amphitheater construction.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding reported he would be attending the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Washington, DC. The growth of pickleball was on the agenda. He would report back at the next council meeting. The Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association meeting was hosted by MORPC. They heard an update regarding the Ohio General Assembly. Concern was expressed about taxing structure changes, including municipal income tax. There was an update on Governor DeWine's veto of legislation that would limit municipalities' ability to limit the sale of certain flavored vaping products. There was an update on Amtrak and the possibility of high-speed rail connections between Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Chicago.

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- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reported that she had emailed out the Council Rules of Procedures with the January 3rd floor amendments. Council indicated they had no objections. Clerk Mason stated she would have them signed by the mayor and distributed.
- C. Finance Director: Director Staats referenced the December 2022 monthly report. In the General Fund, the city finished the year 103% above revenue projections. The city lapsed about 12% of appropriations in the General Fund and added those amounts back into the fund balance. Withholdings decreased and net profits and individuals increased from prior years. Director Staats reviewed income tax revenue projections over last 3 to 5 years. City Manager Stefanov stated the month-to-month tracking helped to identify trends. Council Member Shull stated it was great to stay within the projection range. Director Staats reviewed the city's cash balances and encumbrances. It was notable that the city had \$76.3 Million worth of construction contracts in progress, and only \$51.6 million of that was Intel. Director Staats reviewed a snapshot of custodial funds with US Bank showing positive yields. She reviewed investment account activity for December, including the STAR Ohio and the Joint Parks District bonds. She reviewed the trends for All Funds.

Council Member Shull asked and Director Staats answered that Administrative Services covered the city manager's office, mayor's court, IT, HR, and community programming.

City Manager Stefanov recognized the department heads for letting encumbrances expire. This leadership team continued to support the practice of lapsing encumbrances, returning 10-12% of their budget to the General Fund for future use.

- D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov reminded council that they gave him authorization to enter into contracts necessary to serve the Intel project. He notified council that the city bid out a 2-million-gallon elevated water storage tank. The engineer's estimate was \$10.5 million. The city received 3 bids and the lowest bidder, at this time, was Caldwell Tanks, Inc. at \$9.247 million. The city's engineering team was reviewing the bid for compliance. Council Member Fellows asked about painting the city's logo on the water tower. City Manager Stefanov replied that item was not included in the bid. Manager Ohly stated this would be the tallest tank in the City of Columbus' water system. City Manager Stefanov reported that Joe Ridgeway, the city's long-time city traffic engineer, had passed away at age 83.

City Manager Stefanov recognized Chief Communications Officer and Marketing Director Scott McAfee as this was his last council meeting prior to his retirement that week. He acknowledged Communications Officer McAfee's service and dedication over the last 14 years with New Albany. Council and staff applauded. Mayor Spalding recalled the small communications department when Communications Officer McAfee arrived. He credited Communications Officer McAfee for his vision, speech writing, and for effectively telling the New Albany story. Council Member Fellows thanked Communications Officer McAfee for his work building the New Albany brand.

- E. City Attorney: No report.

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POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Mayor Spalding and Council Member Kist reported on their first day with New Albany's Citizen Police Academy. They had 8 more sessions to go. Mayor Spalding was glad to see others participating and to meet newer New Albany residents. Council Member Kist asked and Chief Jones answered that not all applicants could be accommodated. Class size was around 25 to stay interactive. Those not admitted this year would be offered spots next year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board and commission Appointments

Clerk Mason referred to the memorandum prepared by Deputy Clerk Madriguera dated January 13, 2023 (attached) which listed the board members willing to be reappointed to their respective boards and commissions. Mayor Spalding moved to adopted the 2023 board and commission appointments as designated in the January 13, 2023 memo. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to reappoint the board and commission members as specified in the memo.

Clerk Mason asked and council affirmed that the open positions on both the Architectural Review Board and Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board would be advertised for about a month and applications accepted for council's review. Council and staff discussed anticipated work at Wagner Cemetery. Mayor Spalding acknowledged the many years E.J. Thomas had served on the ARB and stated he would send a thank you note.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Kist seconded to adjourn the January 17, 2023 regular council meeting at 7:59 pm.

ATTEST:



Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

 

Sloan Spalding, Mayor Date



TO: Council

FROM: Christina Madriguera, Deputy Clerk of Council

DATE: January 13, 2023

RE: 2023 Board and Commission Appointments

This memo identifies that there is an opening on the Architectural Review Board and an opening on the Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board. It also lists those willing to be reappointed to board and commission positions.

Architectural Review Board

3-year term

- **One open position**
- Jim Brown is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23-12/31/25
- Andrew Maletz is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23-12/31/25

Board of Zoning Appeals

3-year term

- Shaun LeJeunesse is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25

Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board

3-year term

- **One open position**
- Victor Wilson is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25

Community Improvement Corporation

2-year term

- Todd Brubaker is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/24

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

3-year term

- Vida Farwana is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25
- Rebecca Slayman is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25

McCoy Center for the Performing Arts

3-year term

- Tom Hill is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25

Planning Commission

3-year term

- Hans Schell is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25

Parks and Trails Advisory Board

3-year term

- Tricia Bhat is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25
- Michelle Stoughton is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25

Personnel Appeals Board

3-year term

- Dustin Calhoun is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25
- Glen Redick is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/23 – 12/31/25