



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

January 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of January 18, 2022 at 6:40 p.m. at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky; Deputy Finance Director Drew Turner, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Police Chief Greg Jones, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Deputy Public Service Director Mike Barker; Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Scott McAfee, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

Mayor Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

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

Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason told council that Council Member Durik was traveling for work and requested to be excused. Mayor Spalding moved to excuse Council Member Durik from the council meeting. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to excuse Council Member Durik from the meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Council adopted the December 14, 2021 minutes by consensus.

Council adopted the January 4, 2022 Organizational Meeting minutes by consensus.

Council adopted the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes by consensus.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

NONE.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No report.



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Council Member Fellows reported that the ARB approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for 24 E. Main Street which would be adding a restaurant and more parking. The ARB approved with conditions a Certificate of Appropriateness for 8 condo units at the Richmond Square development finishing off that site. 17 parking spots would be located under the building. Steiner & Associates was the developer.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Kist reported that the SAB reviewed MORPC’s Sustainable2050 program and researched what it would take to get certified. Staff was gathering more information. The SAB toured the Rumpke facility. The biggest takeaway was at 88-90% of materials were recycled. The SAB heard a presentation for a composting program in the city. New Albany was lagging compared to peer communities. Staff may bring something to council in the coming months.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

NONE.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-01-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY CHAPTER 113 “COUNCIL”, SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 113.01 “SALARY OF THE MAYOR” AND 113.02 “SALARY FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL” AND TO STRIKE SECTION 113.03 “ADDITIONAL SALARY FOR PRESIDING OVER MAYORS COURT.”

Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason stated that New Albany codified ordinances were intended to be permanent and semi-permanent. It cost the city money each time the codified ordinances were amended. She had looked at similar communities and found their codified ordinances were either silent on council pay, contained general language, or contained an antiquated pay level from 1990. This codified ordinance update contained general language about mayor and council pay. The next ordinance would address council’s annual salaries.

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 Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-01-2022.



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ORDINANCE O-02-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND ADDITIONAL SALARY FOR THE MAYOR, PRESIDENT PRO TEM, OR DESIGNATED COUNCIL MEMBER PRESIDING OVER MAYOR'S COURT.

Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason reminded council that section 4.04 of the city's charter authorized council by ordinance to annually determine its compensation. This ordinance would increase what the mayor and council members would receive by the same 3.75% as council approved for city staff. The amounts were appropriated in the 2022 annual budget.

Mayor Spalding stated, even though the codified language was amended, council still changed its pay by ordinance, including 2 readings, so the public would be aware of the change in compensation. Clerk Mason confirmed that the public would get notice, as it had before, and this process followed all the customary requirements, including publication.

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 Kist seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-02-2022.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

NONE.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-08-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST AND ACCEPT THE SUM OF NINE MILLION NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY- FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,975,000.00) FROM THE NEW ALBANY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND INCENTIVES.

Finance Director Bethany Staats told council this was the first draw from the New Albany Community Authority (NACA) for 2022. NACA was working on approval from their end. She reviewed the items on which funds would be spent set forth on the exhibit, including incentives, CIC operating costs, Rev1 Ventures, professional services for economic development projects, and construction and equipment related to infrastructure improvements for future economic development. In addition, the legislation authorized the city manager and finance director to enter in to agreements as necessary with NACA to draw down the funds.

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Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing.

Jennifer Young asked about the return on investment for the incentives. Did the city have a number for the return on investment? She wanted to know where the revenue resulting from these investments went. She thought the return on investment should already be determined when the money was appropriated.

Finance Director Staats stated that any investment in infrastructure - the city made sure to get the return on investment to pay for it. City Manager Stefanov replied that when the city invested in infrastructure, it was with an eye to increased revenue. The amount of revenue depended on the project and came back to the city in various funds. This legislation authorized the city to draw down the money from NACA.

Mayor Spalding noted the city had made infrastructure investments in its international business campus for decades and recouped it over time.

Ms. Young stated that it was brought to her attention that the return on these corporate welfare projects was not that great. She was asking if the return on investment was considered.

Mayor Spalding invited Ms. Young to meet with the city staff to talk about incentives in more detail. Tax Incentive Review Committees in each county annually reviewed incentive agreements to make sure the city and others were getting the benefit of the exchange with these companies. He invited Ms. Young to leave her information with Clerk Mason to connect with staff, which she did.

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

Council Member Fellows moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Resolution R-08-2022.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Safety Committee: No report.
- 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:

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- A. Council Representative to MORPC: No meeting.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: Council Member Shull reported that the Joint Parks board was ready to move forward on their fieldhouse research and committed \$50,000 to further planning.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Kist reported that the board held their organizational and regular meetings. Debra Kalinosky was elected as president and Paul Neumoff as vice president. No material changes to school policies were made at the meeting.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Mayor Spalding confirmed that the township hired Patrick Connor as their new assistant fire chief.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: No report.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reported that the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association board would be meeting in New Albany Council Chambers that week. She reminded council members to check their city emails once every 24 hours.
- C. Finance Director: Director Staats reported the next council meeting would be her last before going on leave. She would be presenting the December year-end monthly report.
- D. City Manager: No report.
- E. City Attorney: No report.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kirk Smith, 6830 Central College Road, asked, and council members answered that the area where the 8 Richmond Square condos were being built was already rezoned. Mayor Spalding offered the renderings which were on the council dais.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Mayor Spalding reported that the Community Improvement Corporation held their annual organizational meeting. Phil Smith was elected president, Ron Davies as vice-president, and Everett Gallagher as secretary. Jim Baron had moved out of New Albany and a new appointment would need to be made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Spalding moved that council go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Mayor Spalding stated there was business after the



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executive session not related to the executive session. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to go into executive session. Council went into executive session at 7:04 pm.

Staff present in executive session: City Manager Stefanov, Clerk Mason, and Interim Law Director Albrecht.

Mayor Spalding moved that council come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council resumed the regular meeting at 7:27 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Boards and Commission Appointments

Mayor Spalding noted that Clerk Mason had created a list of individuals who were interested in interested in reappointment to boards and commissions. Council Member Kist moved to reappoint the persons in the Memo to Council dated January 14, 2022 to boards and commissions for the terms specified. Council Member Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to reappoint the board and commission members for the terms specified in the attached memo.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Briscoe seconded to adjourn the January 18, 2022 regular council meeting at 7:28 pm.

ATTEST:



Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council



Sloan Spalding, Mayor



Date



TO: Council

FROM: Jennifer Mason, Clerk of Council

DATE: January 14, 2022

RE: Board and Commission Appointments

This memo details those willing to be reappointed to board and commission positions

Architectural Review Board

3 year terms

- Francis Strahler is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24
- Alan Hinson is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24

Board of Zoning Appeals

3 year terms

- Everett Gallagher is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24

Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board

3 year terms

- Mary Fee is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24
- One open position

Income Tax Board of Appeals

2 year terms

- Brian Zets is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/23

Joint Parks and Recreation Board

3 year terms

- Richard Williams is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24
- David Demers is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24

McCoy Performing Arts Center

3 year terms

- Chandra Panley – is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24

Planning Commission

3 year terms

- David Wallace is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24
- One open position

Parks and Trails Advisory Board

3 year terms

- Char Steelman is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24

Public Records Commission

3 year terms

- Glen Redick is willing to be reappointed to the term 1/1/22-12/31/24