



Council Minutes – Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Call to order.

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Organizational Meeting of January 3, 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, Economic Development Manager Sara Zeigler, Police Chief Greg Jones, Planning Manager Stephen Mayer, Engineer Manager Ryan Ohly, Public Service Director Mike Barker, Planning Manager Stephen Mayer, Public Information Officer Josh Poland, 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 Wiltout	P

Clerk Mason reported that CM Durik was traveling and requested to be excused.

Additions or corrections to agenda:

NONE

Appoint or re-appoint liaisons to boards and commissions:

Mayor Spalding asked council if there were any requested changes. CM Shull recommended that CM Brisk replace him as council liaison to the Planning Commission and that he would become the liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals and CM Wiltout would serve as the council liaison on the Architectural Review Board. CM Shull understood that the affected council members had communicated. He stated that he and CM Brisk decided a 2-year term seemed reasonable and were willing to rotate.

Clerk Mason stated that CM Durik was considering the Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board and would make a decision after he returned.

Mayor Spalding moved that 2023 council liaisons to boards and commissions positions be reassigned per CM Shull's recommendations. CM Kist seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 yes votes.

Council liaison appointments for 2023 were as follows.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Marlene Brisk

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: Chip Fellows



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Andrea Wiltrout
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Matt Shull
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Kasey Kist
IDEA IMPLEMENTATION PANEL: Marlene Brisk
CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: Clerk Jennifer Mason
PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: Sloan Spalding

Appoint or re-appoint committee chairpersons:

Mayor Spalding asked whether there were any changes to standing committees. Clerk Mason stated that the Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee name had been corrected, but no representative changes had been made. Council indicated no further changes.

Standing committee council appointees would remain as follows:

FINANCE: Andrea Wiltrout
SAFETY: Sloan Spalding
PUBLIC UTILITIES: Kasey Kist
SERVICE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES: Matt Shull
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Marlene Brisk
ADMINISTRATION: Kasey Kist
HOTEL/MOTEL BED TAX GRANTS: Chip Fellows, Matt Shull, Marlene Brisk

Appoint or re-appoint council representatives:

Mayor Spalding confirmed that the following representatives would remain on the following committees:

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO MORPC: Joe Stefanov, Sloan Spalding
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO JOINT PARKS AND RECREATION: Matt Shull
COUNCIL REP. TO NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS: Kasey Kist, Andrea Wiltrout
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO PLAIN TOWNSHIP: Mike Durik

CM Brisk asked whether she could serve as co-liaison to the Senior Connections Committee because she no longer had a conflict and would love to work on that committee. Without objection, her request was approved.

CM Shull asked CM Brisk whether she would be interested in serving on the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) as council president pro tempore. CM Brisk indicated she would. Following a brief discussion regarding appointment requirements, Mayor Spalding moved to designate CM Shull as the mayor's representative to the CIC. CM Fellows seconded the motion and the motion passed with 6 votes.

Discuss and adopt rules of procedure for council.

CM Shull recommended adding the Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee to Rule 4 (B) Standing Committees.

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CM Shull recommended adding New Albany-Plain Local Joint Parks District to Rule 4 (F) which was now an appointed liaison position.

Clerk Mason further asked council whether they wanted to add the Parks and Trails Advisory Board (PTAB) Rule 4(F) currently it was written as appointed by the Service and Public Utilities standing committee. Mayor Spalding noted that council's practice was for council to appoint the liaison for PTAB, so it made sense to include both the PTAB and Joint Parks in Rule 4(F). Mayor Spalding and Clerk Mason noted that the rules should reflect practice.

CM Shull recommended removing the paragraph in Rule 4(F) that stated, "As specified in paragraph (B)(4) of this Rule, the chair of the Service and Public Facilities committee shall appoint a council member to serve as a non-voting member of the Parks and Trails Advisory Board." CM Shull stated that he held that position but he has never nominated, so his recommendation was to take that language out. Council members agreed.

CM Shull recommended, in accordance with the language changes in Rule 4, that Grants and Non-Profit Funding in Rule 9 (D)(12)(G) name be changed to Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee, and that (14)(G) reflect the Clerk of Council, as there were multiple clerks now.

Mayor Spalding moved to amend the New Albany City Council Rules of Procedure as reflected by CM Shull's recommendations. CM Fellows seconded and the motion passed with 6 votes.

Mayor Spalding confirmed with Clerk Mason that the version he would sign would include all of approved changes.

Determine date and time of regular meetings for 2023.

Mayor Spalding recommended that council maintain their current regular schedule of meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. There was no objection.

Other business.

Mayor Spalding noted that Mark Weaver's prior presentations on Ohio's Sunshine Laws had been very helpful and encouraged council members to attend the public records training in person or on-line. Mayor Spalding moved that Deputy Clerk Christina Madriguera be named the New Albany elected officials' Ohio Sunshine Law training designee. CM Wiltout seconded and the motion passed with 6 votes.

Adjournment.

With all scheduled matters attended to Mayor Spalding moved to adjourn the organizational meeting. CM Shull seconded the motion and without objection the organizational meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Christina Madriguera, Deputy Clerk.


Reviewed and revised by: Jennifer Mason, Council Clerk



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ATTEST:



Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council



Sloan Spalding, Mayor



Date