



# Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

October 17, 2023

## CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of October 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, Deputy Finance Director Morgan Joeright, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Police Chief Greg Jones, Public Service Director Mike Barker, Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Planning Manager Steve Mayer, Economic Development Manager Sara Zeigler, Economic Development Specialist Alex Klosterman, Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason, and Chief Marketing Officer Josh Poland.

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:

Council adopted the 9/19/2023 regular meeting minutes by consensus.

## ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

## HEARING OF VISITORS:

Proclamation Declaring October As Hindu Heritage Month – Mayor Spalding read the proclamation. Rob Soni introduced Rachita Chandak, Sarika Soni, all residing on Whyte House Lane in New Albany. Mr. Soni talked about his family and introduced more attendees present to support Hindu Heritage Month. For Diwali, Mr. Soni’s home would be a New Albany collection location for the nationwide charitable food drive. Last year, the Sewa Diwali food drive supplied more than 10,000 pounds of food for Columbus and close to 600,000 pounds of food nationwide. Hindus were one of the fastest growing groups in the United States. More than 10% of New Albany’s total population were of Hindu or Indian origin. Mr. Soni looked forward to the city’s November 11 Diwali event.

Mayor Spalding described New Albany’s diversity and how great it was to take time to celebrate different cultures and traditions. He appreciated the New Albany IDEA Panel, including staff, who worked hard to create and put on these events. This was born out of desire to be more welcoming - to pause and learn more about the folks in our community. It was important for community leaders to have these conversations

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about respect and understanding. There was a lot of tumult in the world today. For the mayor, personally, the conflict that was happening - that we were all watching – it was regrettable. He felt passionate about those folks who had lost their lives, their families, in conflict. It was important to take time as community and celebrate things, like Diwali and the Festival of Lights, that brought together people from different walks of life and built respect and understanding.

Council Member Durik expressed that he was looking forward to Diwali. It would be new to him. He'd been in New Albany a long time and events got bigger every year.

Council Member Wiltrout stated it had been her greatest joy to work with staff and the IDEA Panel on these events. It was fitting to take time to celebrate the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness. There could not have been a better moment in this community to bring everyone together.

Council Member Kist recalled Mr. Soni's statement about the Indian population being New Albany's largest minority population. The city had board and commission openings coming up. He would like to see more applicants from this community be included in the boards that made the city function.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Council Member Brisk reported the PC approved an addition/change of an extra entrance/exit for a planned Chipotle. The PC tabled the Courtyards at Haines Creek application because they didn't have a needed appraisal. The PC approved the Briscoe Parkway plans in the business park. The PC approved a rezoning of 84.7 areas on Harrison Road which was also on council's agenda. They added some minor conditions related to landscaping and fencing.

Mayor Spalding asked and Planning Manager Steve Mayer answered that the Haines Crossing application was tabled to December 4.

**PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD:** Council Member Fellows reported the PTAB heard the Courtyards at Haines Creek plan. Area residents voiced their concerns, including the developer not meeting greenspace requirement. The PTAB had concerns about fee-in-lieu the developer was to pay which didn't accurately reflect the current market price per acre. Other concerns included wetlands and greenspace north of the property. The PTAB want to make sure that greenspace was preserved. There were 4 lots on the north side that the PTAB asked if they could be removed or placed elsewhere to preserve that space abutting the wetland. The PTAB discussed putting a leisure trail through the wetlands - there were not many within that development. The PTAB discussed the 55+ development not having playground. There would be pickleball, bocce ball, and active areas for residents.

Council Member Shull asked and Council Member Fellows confirmed that the 4 lots to the north were moved there to break up the larger line of homes. Council Member Shull expected it would be difficult to find a spot for those homes.

Mayor Spalding recalled Rick Otten speaking about access to the wetlands, but would be surprised if Mr. Otten was inviting trails next to his home. Council Member Fellows believed they were open to that. Mayor Spalding noted development further north which might facilitate a future trail connection.

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Council Member Fellows asked and Manager Mayer confirmed that the PTAB recommendations would be included in the staff report to the Planning Commission.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Council Member Shull reported that the BZA approved a variance to allow a building and paver patio to encroach into a drainage easement in The Links. The applicant had worked with city and followed staff recommendations. The error was on city’s part and the variance corrected the issue.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Kist reported some students attended the SAB meeting and talked about grant process. The SAB approved their proposed 2024 budget which they broke down into core activities, ongoing programs, and seeding new programs. A breakdown of \$81,000 total was available.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly answered that the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off was the coming Saturday at the Public Service Complex. Council and staff discussed advertising for the event and what materials qualified as hazardous waste. Council Member Kist noted the cost of this 1-day event was greater than whole year of food waste composting.

Council Member Wiltout recognized the SAB’s work with the students. Council Member Kist credited teachers and SAB members Pete Barns and Laura Gallo.

IDEA IMPLEMENTATION PANEL: Council Member Wiltout reported that IDEA Panel was focused on the November 11 Diwali event at Rose Run Park. There would be a tent, DJ, a dance group from OSU, dance workshops, Indian high school students with instruments, and Dr. Saigal as MC. The food pantry would take donations. There would be fireworks at the end. The IDEA Panel further discussed plans and goals for 2024. They expected to stay within the same budget. New Albany 101 events would include a winter “soup for supper” event, a tour of the Public Service Complex, and an event at the amphitheater. There was a desire to do a spotlight on women in the city, plus another Juneteenth and Diwali. The IDEA Panel hoped to get the neighborhood ambassadors program off the ground in early 2024.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Fellows asked and Public Service Director Mike Barker replied that the city was working with the adjoining property owner to do some clearing beyond the existing fence. There was a dead tree and stumps to remove. The horse fence would likely be installed that week. The goal was to keep the cemetery contained until the final restoration work could be done.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

NONE

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

**ORDINANCE O-94-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT WATER LINE, SANITARY SEWER, STREET AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO FOR NOTTINGHAM TRACE, PHASE 4, AS REQUESTED BY PULTE HOMES.

Development Director Jennifer Chrysler stated this ordinance accepted the waterlines, sanitary sewer, street, and storm sewer improvements for Nottingham Trace phase 4. The developer had submitted a 2-year maintenance bond, an engineering inspection fee deposit, and a 5-year settlement bond. With the adoption of this ordinance, the city would accept approximately: 1,465 of residential subdivision street, 1,611 feet of watermain, 5 hydrants, 1,015 feet of sanitary sewer, and 2,455 feet of storm sewer.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Chrysler answered the subdivision had 5 phases total.

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 Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-94-2023.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE O-95-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 5.966 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS, LLC.

Development Director Jennifer Chrysler stated this legislation was a component of the permitting process for both the Ohio EPA and the US Army Corps of Engineers. The intention was to ensure long-term conservation and protection of the property. Within the easement area, conservation values had been identified, including conserving and protecting the ecological integrity of the area. The easement restrictions were designed to ensure the perpetual conservation of the area. Restrictions including prohibitions against commercial and industrial activities, construction of man-made structures or alterations, vegetation cutting or destruction, altering land surfaces, dumping, interference with natural watercourses, installation of new utility lines, and more. Accepting the easement was advantageous to the city as it promoted environmental stewardship and aided in maintaining the ecological balance. The city did not assume legal responsibility for violations of the agreement by the owner or a third party.

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

**ORDINANCE O-96-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 16.718 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS, LLC.

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Development Director Jennifer Chrysler stated, similar to O-95-2023, this property demonstrated significant conservation value. The goal was to conserve and protect the ecological integrity of the area. Accepting the conservation easement was advantageous to the city as it promoted environmental stewardship and aided in maintaining the region’s ecological balance. The city did not inherit legal responsibility for potential violations of the agreement by the owner or a third party.

Council Member Shull asked and Director Chrysler confirmed that powerlines ran through the area.

Mayor Spalding asked and Director Chrysler replied that there was no opportunity to put in a trail or otherwise disturb that ground.

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

**ORDINANCE O-97-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION OF 0.784 ACRES ALONG BABBITT ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS, LLC.

Development Director Jennifer Chrysler stated the intent of this right-of-way dedication was for the designated area to serve as public right-of-way, aligning with the city’s infrastructure and planning goals. The city engineering and planning team reviewed and recommended this dedication. The right-of-way dedication, in combination with the required 25-foot utility easement, would accommodate a 3-lane road section, leisure trail, and fencing.

Council Member Shull asked and Director Chrysler answered that the city had right-of-way and easements for other parcels along Babbitt Road, but not all. The easement in this legislation was filling in a gap.

Council Member Durik asked and Director Chrysler replied that another parcel marked in yellow was not owned by MBJ Holdings and was not subject to an existing development application.

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

**ORDINANCE O-98-2023**

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 84.736+/- ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF HARRISON ROAD NW AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF JUG STREET ROAD NW, FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG) TO LIMITED GENERAL EMPLOYMENT (L-GE) FOR AN AREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE “JUG STREET SOUTH EXPANSION ZONING DISTRICT” AS REQUESTED BY JACK B. REYNOLDS, III.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated the applicant was providing adequate right-of-way and utility easements which were consistent with the surrounding area. The surrounding properties were zoned commercially, either TMD or L-GE. There were no neighboring residentially-zoned properties. The zoning

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text included the same uses as neighboring properties, including manufacturing and production, office, data center, research and production, and warehouse and distribution. The text contained consistent development standards for items including setbacks, architecture, 85-foot building heights, and rooftop equipment screening. The proposal matched the land use and development standards found in the New Albany strategic plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval with minor conditions including landscaping, fencing, and utility placements.

Council Member Shull noticed some specific conditional and prohibited uses in the text. He asked and Manager Mayer replied that the property was owned by DBT, but this city did not know the future end users. Manager Mayer believed the uses mentioned by Council Member Shull were standard.

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

**ORDINANCE O-99-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, EXEMPT 100% OF THAT IMPROVEMENT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, REQUIRE THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE APPLICABLE PORTION OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS TO THE NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE EASTLAND-FAIRFIELD CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THE REMAINDER OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS, SPECIFY THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT THOSE PARCELS, AND APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ONE OR MORE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS.

Economic Development Manager Sara Zeigler stated this ordinance amended the Oak Grove II tax increment financing district to include approximately 78.16 acres recently annexed and rezoned. The consolidated acreage was located within Franklin County. This TIF was a non-school TIF, meaning it did not negatively impact the New Albany-Plain Local School District or the Eastland Fairfield Career and Technical School. The TIF's purpose was to capture the incremental increase in the value of the land and improvement to contribute towards qualified public infrastructure and projects. The city entered into supplemental agreements with Plain Township regarding funding for fire and EMS services.

Mayor Spalding expressed enthusiasm for additional commercial development in the New Albany-Plain Local School District.

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

**ORDINANCE O-100-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE IMPROVEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, EXEMPT 100% OF THAT IMPROVEMENT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, REQUIRE THE OWNERS OF

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THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE APPLICABLE PORTION OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS TO THE JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS OF LICKING COUNTY, ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THE REMAINDER OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS, SPECIFY THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT THOSE PARCELS, AND APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF ONE OR MORE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS.

Economic Development Manager Sara Zeigler stated this ordinance amended the Oak Grove II tax increment financing district to include approximately 84.77 acres recently annexed and currently being rezoned. The consolidated acreage was located in Licking County. The TIF was classified as a non-school TIF, meaning it did not negatively impact the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District or the Career and Technical Education Centers of Licking County. The purpose of the TIF was to capture the incremental increase in the value of the land and improvement to contribute towards qualified public infrastructure and projects. The city entered into a supplemental agreement with Jersey Township regarding the funding of fire and EMS services.

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

**READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION R-44-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH QTS NAL TX I, LLC FOR ITS SITE NO. 1, AND MAKING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS.

Economic Development Manager Sara Zeigler stated this resolution authorized the city manger to execute a community reinvestment area (CRA) agreement with QTS NAL TX I, LLC. The agreement provided for a 100% real property tax abatement for 15 years. QTS provided data center solutions spanning more than 9 million square feet of mega-scale data center space in North America and Europe. This project included 2 datacenters on 56.51 acres. The expected project investment was over \$1 billion. The project was expected to begin in March of 2024 and be completed in March of 2025. The benchmarks for compliance would be measured according the revenue generation per square foot formula as established for the specific building type and previously approved by council.

Nick Blessing, Director of Public Policy and Economic Development at QTS told council they were looking forward to becoming part of the New Albany community.

Council Member Fellows asked and Mr. Blessing responded that there were 2 main types of data center providers, enterprise and co-location. QTS was a co-location provider, similar to a multi-tenant apartment

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building owner. One tenant could take an entire building, or 2, 3, 5, or 10 tenants. The agreement was important to QTS because real property tax savings were typically passed through to the customer, allowing QTS to be more competitive. The agreement was a valuable tool which allowed them to draw additional investment. The \$1 billion investment figure was purely infrastructure and QTS-related. They didn't yet have tenants, but this allowed them to be competitive in the marketplace and attract tenants to invest in the community.

Council Member Wiltrot asked and Mr. Blessing answered that the building would hold both QTS and tenant employees. It would vary based on the contract. The facilities could include office space, depending on tenant application and design. He estimated no less than 10-20 QTS jobs and maybe double that from tenants. From a construction/contractor perspective, they typically saw 300-600 full time construction workers and 50-100 contractors throughout the facility operations. His estimate were speculative and based on a future application and lease.

Council Member Fellows asked and Mr. Blessing replied that the leased space would likely be run by the tenants, but there was some degree of variability. QTS was providing secure redundant power and some degree of hardware which was inherent to the building. A tenant would bring the rack, server, cage, and fiber network-level equipment.

Council Member Shull asked and Mr. Blessing counted 50-60 comparable existing QTS facilities, at this time. They were experiencing tremendous growth.

Council Member Durik asked and Director Chrysler replied QTS had sufficient revenue to meet the city's datacenter charge. The city's formula for data centers considered square footage and was calculated based on what the project would have otherwise generated if it was developed as something other than a data center. The city was getting the benefits of the revenue without some of the employee-related traffic. Depending on the tenant, there could be more jobs at QTS than was typical for other datacenter operations. The formula set the city's revenue so it didn't have to worry about job creation.

Mayor Spalding noted that QTS was headquartered in Kansas. Mr. Blessing stated that sustainability was core to QTS. He encouraged council to look over their annual environmental sustainability governance reports. They focused on carbon neutral power, recycling, EV charging stations, and solar panels where available. They built what used to be known as Energy Star buildings. When leasing space, one was motivated to be the best steward of people and resources as possible – including power, water, and land. They had eliminated heavy reliance on water. QTS was people-focused, mission-minded, technology-oriented. They wanted to be an active community member and partner. They had programs to reinvest in schools. Their average tenure in their organization was a over 5 years. They recruited from armed services and military personnel, plus underserved communities. He welcomed further conversation with council and offered to tour them when the facility was built.

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



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Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-44-2023.

**RESOLUTION R-45-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT AND A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH QTS NAL TX I, LLC FOR ITS SITE NO. 2, AND MAKING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS.

Economic Development Manager Sara Zeigler stated this resolution authorized the city manger to execute a community reinvestment area (CRA) agreement with QTS NAL TX I, LLC. The agreement provided for a 100% real property tax abatement for 15 years. This project included 2 datacenters on 36.81 acres. The expected project investment was over \$546 million. The project was expected to begin in March of 2024 and be completed in March of 2025. The benchmarks for compliance would be measured according the revenue generation per square foot formula as established for the specific building type and previously approved by council.

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

Council Member Wiltrout moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-45-2023.

**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. Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee: No report.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: City Manager Stefanov reported the MORPC Summit on Sustainability was on October 26. MORPC was working with the Ohio EPA and some Licking County communities to promote regional water planning. MORPC was pursuing a HUD Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing grant centered on making more affordable

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non-traditional housing. Public comment for the grant opportunity would be October 13-28. MORPC recommended Trick or Treat on October 31, same as New Albany. MORPC was working on an update to Metropolitan Transportation Plan. They were reviewing their standards used to evaluate project applications.

- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: Council Member Shull reported that the fieldhouse design phase was almost completed. Groundbreaking was anticipated in the spring. Despite the bad weather, Trunk or Treat was packed. There were 60 trunks and a wide variety of entertainment. Council Member Kist reported that Recreation Superintendent Brian Smith said it was their biggest turnout, 2-3,000 attendees. The parking was the biggest issue and would need to be figured out for next year. CMF asked and Council Member Shull stated the field house was expected to be completed in 2025, maybe earlier in the year if all went smoothly.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany-Plain Local Schools: No meeting.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Shull reported that the township swore in 2 new fire fighters. They passed the rezoning application for 6204 Walnut Street after the applicant made many changes to address concerns. The firehouse Open House was successful and well attended, in spite of the weather. Council Member Shull reported that the Wreaths Across America representative was looking at December 16 for their event and was estimating 561+ wreaths for 2024. There wasn't a request for the city's participation. There was conversation around the need for a fire station substation and the city was involved in those discussions. Some response times to the north, closer to the business park, were 8-10 minutes, which was too long.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

- A. Mayor: No report.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason asked and some council members indicated they'd like Brenz pizza at the November 13 Budget Workshop in Village Hall.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov reported vandalism, including images and hate speech on stones and carved into tree trunks, at Rose Run Park. The city sanded down the trunks to get the images off. If the city lost the trees, the damage estimate was \$5,000-\$6,000. The police department was involved. Council Member Kist asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that cameras were being considered for the park. Graffiti was an increasing problem. The policy was to take it down and as soon as it was spotted. Graffiti was less common in Rose Run Park, but the city was seeing more on bridges and underpasses. Council Member Durik agreed that the city should look into cameras. He was approached by a resident who said a dog on long leash charged

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her at Rose Run Park. With cameras, there would have been an opportunity to identify the owner and see what occurred. If vandalism was happening - as with Taylor Farm - he didn't think cameras would prevent the vandalism, but at least the city could identify who was doing it. It was worth considering for the safety of residents. Council Member Fellows added that signs should be added that cameras were present. Council Member Brisk agreed that the cameras should be in plain view. Council Member Wiltrout agreed that these incidents had no place here.

E. City Attorney: No report.

**POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE

**POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Council discussed Oktoberfest which had good attendance despite wet weather on Saturday.

Council Member Wiltrout reported the New Albany 101 at Taylor Farm went well.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Spalding moved that council go into executive session pursuant Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest and pursuant to New Albany Charter Section 4.03 (E) for economic development purposes. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to go into executive session at 7:46 pm.

Mayor Spalding moved that council come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council resumed the regular meeting at 8:38 pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Kist seconded to adjourn the October 17, 2023 regular council meeting at 8:38 pm.

ATTEST:



Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council



Sloan Spalding, Mayor

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Date