



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of October 20, 2020 at 6:40 pm 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, Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason, Staff tele-present were, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Police Chief Greg Jones, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Deputy Development Director Mike Barker, Engineer Ed Ferris, Planning Manager Stephen Mayer, Human Resource Officer Lindsay Rasey, and Chief Communications and Marketing Officer 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 Colleen Briscoe	P
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	P
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the proposed October 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Clerk Mason reported that City Manager Stefanov clarified a phrase regarding entry and exits to the neighborhoods under Hearing of Visitors after distribution of the drafted minutes. That change was made to the original. Hearing no further changes, Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the October 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with six yes votes and 1 abstention (Kist) to approve the October 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Proclamation Expressing Gratitude to New Albany Farmers Market Volunteers: Kristina Jenny, Jackie Krebs, Marianne Troutman – Mayor Spalding read the proclamation. Angela Douglas, Executive Director of Healthy New Albany (HNA), stated that the Farmer's Market was a beloved piece of HNA. These ladies put their hearts, hard work, sweat, blood, and tears into it. They had been out in any type of weather. They left a huge shoes fill. Ms. Douglas was truly grateful for them and the legacy that they created. Mayor Spalding and council thanked the volunteers.

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IDEA Committee Facilitation – Dr. Lisa White, Integrated Leadership Systems – Council Member Brisk reminded of council of the steps to this point, including the Engage New Albany Survey and the appointment of the members to the Inclusion Diversity Equity & Action (IDEA) Committee. The city retained Dr. Lisa White to help moderate and facilitate this process and figure out the next steps.

Dr. White told council that the committee had been formed at an ideal time. She planned to meet with the leaders and residents on a regular basis, gather more information, and develop a plan and set of recommendations. There was a lot of richness in the community, a lot of good things happening, but there was more that could be done to provide a sense of belonging. She described venturing into the community, doing focus groups, leading that discussion, and taking that information back to the IDEA Committee for further strategic planning and bringing plans into reality. She hoped to have the first meeting in the next few weeks and looked forward to meeting everyone.

Healthy New Albany – Senior Programming – Angela Douglas, Executive Director, and Jane Rabe, Studio 55+ Program Manager presented the attached PowerPoint slides. Ms. Douglas told council that Ms. Rabe had been hired part-time to focus on this program.

Council Member Durik asked and Ms. Rabe answered that most of the non-resident participants came from the 43054 zip code and Westerville. Council Member Kist asked and Ms. Rabe answered that the \$25 fee covered all of the senior programming for the year for non-residents. Residents were free. Council Member Shull asked and Ms. Rabe replied that the Studio 55+ program sponsored a visit from the New Albany Symphony.

Council Member Kist asked and Ms. Rabe confirmed there was an appetite at HNA for these programs. There was the potential for daily senior programming. Ms. Douglas stated HNA was looking at the greatest needs in the community and building programming for those needs. The pandemic forced HNA to prioritize and plan. Ms. Douglas thought that Ms. Rabe could easily be a full-time employee by the end of 2021, and perhaps additional employees, because this was an essential population in the community. The HNA senior programming was a natural outgrowth of their participation and of the HNA serving the community.

Council Member Briscoe, acknowledging the advanced ventilation already in the building, asked and Ms. Rabe answered that HNA was hoping to have indoor programming. They wouldn't be able to host as many together. They had remapped the floors for social distancing. They also were planning more Zoom integration with in-person programs, allowing participants to decide based their comfort level. Ms. Douglas described room layouts in HNA and told council they were looking for partner sites who would have larger spaces.

Ms. Douglas reviewed the budget slides for actual 2020, projected 4th quarter of 2020 numbers, and proposed 2021 with council. Council Member Briscoe asked and Ms. Douglas agreed that HNA was projecting have \$6,400 left from the city's 2020 grant monies. Council Member Fellows asked and Ms. Douglas answered that \$1,500 was budgeted for the fitness program in 2020. Ms. Rabe added that six people had signed up thus far. It was advertised through HNA. Council Member Kist asked and Ms. Douglas

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answered that HNA was planning on doubling programming in 2021. The cost wasn't in the programs, it was in the time involved to staff and support them. Council and staff discussed the city's grant to the New Albany symphony which was separate from HNA's senior programming symphony event. Ms. Douglas described partnering with other community organizations.

Council Member Fellows asked and Ms. Douglas replied that HNA was asking for \$1,800 more than it received in 2020. Several council members stated this was a reasonable amount. Council Member Fellows asked and Ms. Douglas expressed that HNA was open to other names, but the city had used New Albany Senior Connections recently. Council and Ms. Douglas discussed how the city was featured as a partner and sponsor in media and print. Ms. Douglas noted that HNA was a 501(C)(3) organization which fact was emphasized when looking for corporate donations. Businesses were not interested in donating to the city.

Council Member Fellows suggested a media approach that paired the senior fitness program with the other senior programming. Ms. Douglas described potential opportunities for research with OSU doctors about senior fitness. Council Member Briscoe observed that seniors couldn't join the program on-line and Ms. Rabe responded that on-line sign-up was on their to-do list.

Ms. Rabe warmly described the participants in the programs and how they had forged relationships through these activities with each other. Council Member Fellows suggested working with the Home Owners Associates to do more outreach. Council Member Briscoe stated, if COVID-19 would allow for it, this 2021 program would be great.

Council members expressed excitement for the program and appreciation for the clear presentation. Council Member Briscoe let Ms. Douglas and Ms. Rabe know that the senior programming budget decision would be made as part of the larger 2021 budget.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mayor Spalding reported that the PC considered the Final Development Plan and variance request for a Duke & Duchess gas station on Beech Road. It was similar to the recently approved Duke & Duchess on Johnstown Road. The PC discussed turn lanes, truck traffic, aisle set-asides, and required parking. All variances were approved, some with conditions requiring staff approval. The PC approved new zoning code for the property at 4653 Reynoldsburg New Albany Road. The text would allow the barn on the property to be rebuilt should something happen to it. A matter regarding a pool house at 8 Highgrove Farms was withdrawn to be resubmitted at the next meeting. The PC approved a variance for a larger garage with conditions requiring staff approval.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Council Member Shull reported that the ARB approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new Prestige Driving sign at 97 E. Main Street. The ARB approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for the at 4653 Reynoldsburg New Albany Road rezoning from Urban Center code to rural residential for the same reasons described in the PC report. The

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ARB also approved waivers for that property's existing barn/detached garage which was greater than 800 square feet, metal construction, and had garage doors wider than 10 feet.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:
NONE.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:
ORDINANCE O-16-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO APPOINT CANDIDATES AS POLICE OFFICERS REGARDLESS OF THE MAXIMUM AGE LIMITATION PROVIDED IN OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 124.41 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT QUALIFICATIONS - POLICE CADET PROGRAM".

Human Resource Officer Lindsay Rasey told council this legislation would allow the city to hire police officer applicants regardless of the age limitation in O.R.C. Section 124.41. New Albany was interested in hiring the best qualified officers and candidates who reflected the values of community.

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 seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-16-2020.

ORDINANCE O-17-2020

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 AND 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.

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Community Development Director Chrysler told council that this ordinance would create a new TIF District which is otherwise known as Zarley Park. This was a “non-school” TIF which did not negatively impact New Albany Plain Local School District or the Eastland Fairfield Vocational School District. The city manager had been in conversation with the township and the city did have the opportunity to exempt the township fire department from the TIF through a separate agreement. The purpose of the TIF was to capture the incremental increase in the value of the land and improvements to contribute toward public infrastructure projects. Director Chrysler did not anticipate a lot a revenue from this TIF, but there could be enough to fund potential intersection improvement at Smiths Mill Road and Forest Drive.

Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that the TIF could help pay for the improvement of Zarley Street - to give it city street curb and sidewalk. Director Chrysler stated that Kitzmiller Road was being considered, but any improvements would depend on there being enough money in the fund. City Manager Stefanov stated traffic-related projects usually got higher priority. Around five to seven years ago, the city got a cost estimate over a \$1 million to upgrade Zarley Street and Karmar Court. At the time, the cost was too high given the city’s other priorities. This TIF District could provide another funding source to help improve that area when the time came. Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov stated the city would look at a roundabout at Kitzmiller and Smith’s Mill Road, but a traffic signal timed to help flow at State Route 62 was more likely. Some council members noted how busy that intersection was, especially at rush hour.

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 Brisk seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-17-2020.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE O-18-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 351.03 OF THE NEW ALBANY CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED “PROHIBITED STANDING OR PARKING PLACES” SO AS TO LIMIT THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS OR ALLEYS LOCATED IN ZONING DISTRICTS WHERE RESIDENCES ARE A PERMITTED USE.

City Manager Stefanov told council that recreational vehicle restrictions and prohibitions were in the city’s zoning code. In Chapter 3 of the Traffic code, there were provisions regulating commercial vehicles, but not recreational vehicles. In discussing the matter with Police Chief Greg Jones, City Manager Stefanov thought best to lift the language from the zoning code and add it to the Traffic code so that it existed both places. He preferred to leave the language in the zoning code as a point of reference for rezoning or new subdivision development. For purposes of enforcement and ease of reference, it made sense to place the parking language in the traffic section alongside commercial vehicle parking.

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Council Member Briscoe asked and City Manager Stefanov stated there had been very limited problems with recreational vehicle parking. Council Member Fellows added that the matter came to his attention through a Home Owners' Association. They could prohibit commercial vehicle parking, but they couldn't enforce what was happening on a public street. Council and staff discussed commercial versus recreational versus regular vehicles. Council Member Kist asked and Council Member Briscoe answered that Chapter 11 contained a definition for recreational vehicle. City Manager Stefanov stated that having the language in Chapter 3 made it easier for an officer to respond to a complaint.

Council Member Shull asked and Council Member Briscoe replied that a recreational vehicle could be in the street for a up to 12 hours. Council Member Durik had seen incidents involving RV vehicles and buses in the last couple of weeks in the Keswick area. City Manager Stefanov noted that the city received rare requests to park in a public lot. Council Member Shull asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that someone would have to report the matter for action to be taken. City Manager Stefanov told council that staff didn't think the allotted time for parking one of these vehicles was an issue right now.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-19-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE CARES ACT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Director Staats reminded council that the Corona Virus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by federal government. The Ohio General Assembly established a process to be able to distribute the CARES Act funds to local governments, which New Albany qualified for. In June, council passed a resolution allowing for the county to distribute funds to New Albany. Staff created the fund to receive those monies and appropriated the initial amount.

Director Staats stated that the city received a second distribution out of House Bill 41, and had been notified that HB 614 would provide an additional amount of \$386,086. The city had received a total of \$483,932. This ordinance brought appropriations in line with the amount received. It also determined and gave direction on what those funds could be spent on. The CARES Act included a three-pronged test: (a) the initial expense had to be incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, (b) the expense must not have been accounted for in the budget approved as of March 27th, and (c) the expense must have been incurred during the period of March 1 – December 30.

So far, the city had expended the CARES money on items like personal protective equipment, additional sanitization services, teleconferencing software, and remote working support. Staff wanted to outline additional allowed expenses for the CARES grant.

- (1) Excess administrative pay aka "pandemic pay" or other emergency leave related to COVID-19. This pay was for individuals who could not work remotely and were unable to work while

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abiding by social distancing. This happened from March to the end of May. The city was also required to set up federal leave - like FMLA for dependent care, emergency sick leave, and leave for quarantining.

- (2) The automation of plan review, permitting, and inspection process within the development department. This was a potential project for 2021 and review of the programs was underway.
- (3) A community grant program. The city was researching the city's ability to establish a grant program for the community.
- (4) Other COVID-19 related costs.

This legislation appropriated and also showed council's support for these described. Guidance on what was allowable was constantly changing, so administrators wanted to make sure those at the decision-making table knew how the funds were being applied. These funds had to be encumbered by November 20th or they would have to be returned.

Council Member Shull supported all four uses and liked number (3) the best. He asked and Director Staats replied that the funds needed to be obligated by November 20. If the city created a community grant program, the city would have to determine the amount, set those funds aside, and provide the grant by December 30. Council Member Kist wondered, from a logistical standpoint, how to come up with criteria and make sure applicants meet them. He expressed concern for the difficulties in managing a grant program. Director Staats stated that staff was researching different ways to do grants that would have the biggest impact on the community. They were talking to other entities. Mayor Spalding gave examples in other municipalities. Mayor Spalding acknowledged that all of those programs required the municipality to monitor their expense. It was a lot of work in a short period of time.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Staats replied that, including administrative costs, items (1) and (4) had totaled around \$180,000. Item (2) was still in the works and some of those expenses would be incurred in 2021, so wouldn't qualify. She estimated having around \$100,000 to \$150,000 left over after those items. City Manager Stefanov told council that staff had more work to do and would bring back more at second reading. Mayor Spalding stated that money for community support that was easy to administer and in large enough amounts to make an impact would be ideal. Council and staff further discussed the difficulties in administering grant monies. Federal dollars had a lot of strings attached and trailing audit responsibilities.

Council and staff discussed item (2). Director Staats stated staff was still determining how much of that cost would qualify for CARES funds. Aspects of the plan review software just couldn't get done by December 30. City Manager Stefanov stated, after the COVID-19 shut down, people were dropping off plans in Rubbermaid containers outside Village Hall and staff was leaving permits in the bins for pick-up. The city didn't know how long the COVID-related precautions would last. The software meant physical separation and was more convenient for customers.

Council and staff discussed improved air ventilation systems, outdoor heating units, tents, park enhancements, and what the school district was spending funds on. Council Member Shull asked and

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Director Staats replied that an item did not have to be invoiced by December 30 for the expense to be incurred. The expense could be incurred prior to December 30 and the invoice paid by February 28. Director Staats added that documentation showing an item met the three-pronged test was the most important.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-20-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION OF 0.087 ACRES AT 6000 KITZMILLER ROAD AS REQUESTED BY BRAD GLUMAC.

Deputy Development Director Mike Barker told council that the applicant was proposing constructing a single family home at 6000 Kitzmiller Road. He described the location. During staff's review, it was determined that the existing property line extended to the centerline of the road. The city's subdivision regulations required that that right-of-way be dedicated at the time of a development project. This legislation authorized the acceptance of the public right-of-way along the frontage of the property. The right-of-way would accommodate the construction of a leisure trail in the future. Property owners Krista LaRussa and Brad Glumac were available to answer questions.

Council Member Briscoe asked and Deputy Director Barker confirmed that everyone was in agreement with the dedication and it was sufficient for the leisure trail.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the next council meeting.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-33-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AND SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSOLIDATED AGREEMENT WITH PJP HOLDINGS, LLC RELATED TO INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE OAK GROVE II COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council this resolution authorized the city manager to enter into an amendment to the consolidated agreement with PJP Holdings, aka Axiom Packaging. The amendment added 22 acres to the agreement. The company was in the process of developing a program for the new site. What was developed would be subject to the same concept in the original agreement, with the reduction factor adjusted for the type of use in the space, and would have a revenue benchmark for existing and future facilities to measure compliance. This allowed the company to grow and maneuver as needed, and allowed the city to evaluate the business in a way that was consistent with other manufacturing facilities in the International Beauty Park.

In this portion of the business park, the city used the first 30% of the income tax collected to repay infrastructure debts. 26% of the income tax was paid to Columbus for the extension of water and

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sewer services. The remaining income tax was split 50-50 between the city and the Johnstown Local School District.

Council Member Briscoe asked and Director Chrysler replied that, per the original consolidated agreement, the company was eligible for exemption starting in the first full year of building occupancy. The benchmarks for each site had their own term start and stop clock. Each benchmark was calculated by consolidating all of the work at that particular time and applying the square foot calculation. This was a campus even though it wasn't located on a continuous piece of ground. The company shared employees throughout the site. The benchmark was calculated on the active square feet within the CRA agreement at that time. Once the main facility rolled off, that square footage would come out of the calculation. Director Chrysler gave examples of other New Albany campuses in the same situation.

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

Council Member Briscoe moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-33-2020.

RESOLUTION R-34-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FEE IN LIEU OF LEISURE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 1165.06 AND 1187.18 AT 6000 KITZMILLER ROAD AS REQUESTED BY BRAD GLUMAC.

Deputy Development Director Mike Barker told council this resolution was related to Ordinance O-20-2020. Chapter 1165.06 of the city's codified ordinances required that sidewalk or leisure trail be constructed along all public right-of-way for any new development. Chapter 1165.06(c) stated that a fee-in-lieu of trail construction could be considered when special circumstances existed. City code 1187.18 stated that council shall determine the appropriateness of a fee-in-lieu under in accordance with one of the stated conditions: (1) impracticality due to topographic conditions or site constraints or (2) if leisure trails did not exist in the area, there was not a likelihood for trails to be constructed in the near future, and a fee-in-lieu would better serve the community than a trail in the required location.

Deputy Director Barker stated that there were no topographic constraints to building the trail. The property was located about 1,900 feet from the closest existing leisure trail. The 2018 Leisure Trail Master Plan and 2014 Strategic Plan did not identify this section of Kizmillier Road as a priority corridor of the trail system. The applicant provided three construction cost estimates and staff determined that the estimate of \$2,550 was appropriate. Staff recommended approval of the fee-in-lieu. Property owners Krista LaRussa and Brad Glumac were available to take questions.

Council Member Kist asked and Deputy Director Barker replied that probably 90% of the properties on Kitzmiller had the same condition where the property line extended to the center of the street. It was common for a lot of the original roadways around New Albany.

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Council Member Briscoe moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with ~~seven yes votes~~ to approve Resolution R-34-2020.

six yes and one abstention (shull)

RESOLUTION R-35-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FEE IN LIEU FOR LEISURE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 1165.06(c) and 1187.18 AT 5886 JOHNSTOWN ROAD AS REQUESTED BY CROW SCOT C TRUST C/O ADAM SCHIRA.

Deputy Development Director Mike Barker described the new home built at 5886 Johnstown Road. Chapter 1165.06 of city code required sidewalk or leisure trail be constructed along all public right-of-way for any new development in a manner consistent with the Strategic Plan. Chapter 1165.06(c) stated that a fee-in-lieu could be considered under special circumstances. City code 1187.18 set forth the two conditions: (1) impracticability due to topographic conditions or site constraints or (2) if leisure trails did not exist in the area, there was not a likelihood for trails to be constructed in the near future, and a fee-in-lieu would better serve the community than a trail in the required location.

At this location, leisure trail could be installed with typical construction methods. The subject property was located less than 90 feet from an existing trail network and was located less than ½ mile of the Village Center. Trails leading to and from the Village Center were an active priority. The 2018 Leisure Trail Master Plan identified this section of Johnstown Road as a priority corridor within the trail system and stated that all arterial, rural, and semi-rural streets should have leisure trails on both sides. Staff did not recommend the fee-in-lieu of trail construction. Adam Schira, attorney for the property owner, was present to address council and answer questions.

Mayor Spalding asked and Deputy Director Barker answered that the existing trail was across the street. There was no trail on the east side of Johnstown Road. Council Member Briscoe asked and Deputy Director Barker replied that the necessary right-of-way was dedicated to the city around five years ago. Council Members Fellows and Durik asked and Deputy Director Barker replied that this was the first lot in the subdivision to be presented to the city.

Council Member Kist observed that he hadn't heard a trail on the east side come up as a priority since the city had trail on the west side. He expressed concern that a constructed path on this property would be an island for a long time. Deputy Director Barker acknowledged the concern and responded that many leisure trails started that way. Trail had to be built initially to create the meaningful connection in the future. He did not know the timing of the development of the adjacent residential lots. Council Member Brisk observed that several lots were for sale. Council Member Durik wondered about how the Market Street extension would affect trail planning. Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that the city could collect the fee-in-lieu and build at a later date.

Council Member Brisk asked and City Manager Stefanov answered the only disadvantage to building the trail later would be the increased cost of materials and labor. He noted there was potential for a

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trail connection at the intersection of Yantis and State Route 62 that would require a signalized mid-block crossing. The city had had issues in the past because the trail jumped from one side of the road to the other. There were some safety concerns for people crossing Johnstown Road to get to the trail on the other side. Mayor Spalding observed that there were few homes on the east side of that street. Most of the pedestrian traffic was coming out of Fenway Road which had a tunnel to get to the other side of the street. There wasn't a lot of pedestrian activity likely to use an east side trail.

Mayor Spalding asked and City Manager Stefanov answered that the Grace Life Nazarene Church predated leisure trail plans. Mayor Spalding noted and Director Chrysler confirmed that the city didn't have right of way to cut across the church property to make a trail connection. Council Member Brisk expected that trail would become important there, but if it wouldn't significantly hurt the city to hold on to the money. With right-of-way already dedicated, she didn't see the harm in waiting. Council Member Fellows observed that an island of trail would deteriorate before the city built the rest of the trail. Council Member Briscoe stated it would look kind of silly without a connection.

Adam Schira, attorney for applicant, stated that there were drainage ditches on either side of Johnstown Road, making it difficult to cross. The residents surveyed the area and it didn't appear that there was a likelihood of new development occurring in the near future. A leisure trail on the applicant's property would be a path to nowhere - a path that would be difficult to access given the busy road and ditches. Maybe, over time, the context would change, and the city had the right-of-way to move forward with that trail. At this point, a piece of trail would be an eyesore and create difficulty connecting old path with new path later on. The funds that would go towards construction this segment were better served going to the city, especially during the pandemic.

Council Member Briscoe asked and Mr. Schira agreed that his client knew that, at some point, a path would be constructed across the front of their property. Council Member Kist asked and Deputy Director Barker stated that the applicant gave the city three estimates, and staff felt \$6,997.50 was appropriate.

Council Member Kist asked and Deputy Director Barker replied that the city didn't factor in future construction cost increases. The city's codified ordinances stated that property owner would pay the city what their cost would be to build it. The city recognized that, being a public entity, it was subject to prevailing wages and other rate consideration. Owners could usually get the work done for cheaper than a public entity. Council Member Kist concluded that the city's cost would be more, but the city did not know by what percentage. Council Member Brisk pointed out that the city wouldn't have to maintain the trail if it wasn't built. Council Member Briscoe stated there could be cost savings in building the longer trail all at once. She asked and Mr. Schira confirmed that the applicant was in agreement with the fee-in-lieu amount.

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

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Council Member Brisk moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-35-2020.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: Council Member Briscoe reported that the Finance Committee met with the city's financial advisors. In brief, for the next few years, the city likely would not see a lot of investment income.
- 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.
- F. Administration Committee: No report.
- G. Grants and Non-Profit Funding: No report.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: The content from the Summit on Sustainability was available on MORPC's website. The Regional Housing Strategy was completed and was also on the website. The next joint meeting of MORPC and COMMA would be October 21st. MORPC had completed its annual salary and fringe benefit survey. More communities participated this year and the data would be available in several weeks. MORPC did not win the bid to host the Virgin Hyperloop certification center, but was still in the running to be a Hyperloop location. The Regional Policy Roundtable recently hosted the 2020 Election and Voting Update with Secretary of State LaRose. MORPC was continuing work on their 2021-2022 Public Policy Agenda.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: No report.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Brisk reported school board was still maintaining their all-in schooling. The school was reporting low COVID numbers thus far. From the start of the school year to October 12th, they had 1 staff member and 8 students verified as COVID positive. They had 10 staff members and 57 students quarantine. New Albany Schools Superintendent Sawyers was clear that he was concerned. Members of the task force were putting out the message – do not gather, do not be in groups without masks. If the numbers rose, it would tremendously impact the school.

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- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported that a resident was spending great deal of time in the township cemetery. The fire department typically locked the gates at night. The resident, on occasion refused to leave. The township was going to present the individual with a letter explaining the cemetery rules and notifying her that they would summon the police department and issue a trespassing citation if she refused to leave at closing. It was a difficult situation.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: No report.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reminded council of the November 10th at 1:30 pm budget workshop.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov stated the city would be moving Deputy Director Barker over to the Service Department under the title of Deputy Service Director effective November 2, 2020. There would be additional reorganization in the Public Service Department and minor restructuring in the Development Department and a few staff changes to follow.
- E. City Attorney: Law Director Banchefsky reminded council how Ohio open meetings laws changed due to the pandemic under House Bill 197. HB 197 included an end date of “not longer than December 1, 2020.” Pending Senate Bill 365 would extend the current deadline until end of the emergency was declared. Law Director Banchefsky was confident that the deadline would be extended and would keep council posted. Mayor Spalding noted that state agency workers were told they would be working from home until May of 2021, so he also expected the deadline extension.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

NONE.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Shull seconded to adjourn the October 20, 2020 regular council meeting at 8:57 pm.



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

October 20, 2020

ATTEST:

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Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

A blue ink signature of Sloan Spalding, Mayor.

Sloan Spalding, Mayor

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Date

55+ Programs at Healthy New Albany

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Studio 55+ : A place to connect & learn

*"The Power of Community to create health is far
greater than any physician, clinic or hospital"*

- Dr. Mark Hyman

Mission statement: Promote the health and growth of New Albany area seniors by providing a variety of programs, activities, and opportunities that focus on social, physical, and mental well-being.

Highlights from 2020

Thursday mornings

- Started in-person gatherings January-March, then canceled for a few weeks early during the COVID shutdown
 - Zumba Gold, Chair Yoga, mental health sessions, nutrition/cooking class, Book Club etc.



Highlights from 2020

Thursday mornings

- Virtual gatherings via Zoom (April - early June)
 - Show & tell, Book Club, 2 Truths & a Lie, indoor scavenger hunt, financial advisor, cooking class (with care package), balance class with OSU physical therapist and more...!

"Thanks for a great day of virtual trivia yesterday. It was so much fun and I loved seeing everybody."

55+ is always a highlight of my week and yesterday was no exception."
- Studio 55 member



Highlights from 2020

Thursday mornings

- Began alternating between virtual and in-person gatherings on the Outdoor Patio (June - October)
 - Columbus zoo, mindful morning, brunch, Charlotte & Olivia, painting, memory makers, improv class, nature walk... and more!



Highlights from 2020

HEALTHY NEW ALBANY STUDIO 55+ SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2020

M	T	W	TH	F	TIME	DETAILS
	1	2	3	4	September 3 10 AM	Book Club - "A Piece of the World" (on patio)
7	8	9	10	11	September 10 10 AM	Painting Monkeys' Lives (with Purple Day Art Studio) (on patio)
14	15	16	17	18	September 17 10 AM	Finances with Eibler Finney Parfitt Wealth Mgmt. Group (via Zoom)
21	22	23	24	25	September 24 10 AM	Physical Fitness with Alex (OSU Trainer) (on patio)
28	29	30				Have a program idea? Email us at: jane.zabesz@healthynewalbany.org

Food Sponsor: Smith's Mill Health Campus

HEALTHY NEW ALBANY STUDIO 55+ SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2020

M	T	W	TH	F	TIME	DETAILS
			1	2	October 1 10 AM	TED Talk Discussion (on patio)
5	6	7	8	9	October 8 10 AM	Home Organization Tips with Kelly from "The Next Method" (on patio)
12	13	14	15	16	October 15 10 AM	"Memory Makers" with Christy Dixon (on patio)
19	20	21	22	23	October 22 10 AM	Eye Health with Northwest Eye Surgeons (on patio)
26	27	28	29	30	October 29 10 AM	Improv Principles with Hachtag Comedy Company (on patio)

Food Sponsor: Smith's Mill Health Campus

Highlights from 2020

2020 New Albany Partnerships

- Purple Dog Art Studio
- New Albany Symphony
- Sycamore Wellness
- Bibler, Finney, Panfill Wealth Management Group
- OSU Wexner Medical Center
 - Health & Fitness
 - Nutrition Services
 - Physical Therapy
 - Dermatology
- Northwest Eye Surgeons
- Smith's Mill Health Campus
- Charlotte & Olivia Ice Cream
- HNA Farmers Market
- HNA Food Pantry
- Generation Connection (NAPLS HS group)
- Make Kindness Contagious
- New Albany Neighborhood Bridges
- Buckeye Interactive (Technology/Web Development)... and others!

Highlights from 2020

Special Activities

- 2 "care package" giveaways during COVID shutdown months
- Senior night at New Albany Farmer's Market
- Tech seminars and classes with Generations Connection from NAPLS High School (*coming in November*)



Highlights from 2020

Special Events

- Casino Night
- New Albany Symphony Quartet in The Marx Library Garden
- Fall Party (coming in early November)



"Please promise that you'll consider this [concert] again in the future!!!"
- Studio 55+ member



Highlights from 2020

Studio 55+ Membership Numbers:

- 64 Total Members of Studio 55+ in 2020 (number of participants is actually higher since people didn't have to be a member to attend Casino Night or Symphony events)
 - 29 New Albany City residents
 - 35 non-residents
 - Average Age Range: 55 to 91, average participant age 71
- Attendees on Thursday morning activities:
 - January - March:
 - average: 16.5
 - NA residents: 7.5 | non-residents: 9
 - April - October (virtual via Zoom):
 - average: 9
 - NA residents: 4.5 | non-residents: 4.5
 - June - October (in-person):
 - average: 14.5
 - NA residents: 7 | non-residents: 7.5

Highlights from 2020

Studio 55+ Membership:

- Original fee structure:
 - free for New Albany City Residents
 - \$25 for non-residents (membership good for the entire year)
- As a result of COVID -19 we did not charge a membership fee to any new members
 - 12 people joined under this COVID-policy

Highlights from 2020

Discounts to other Programs

- New Albany City residents, age 55 and older, qualified to receive a 25% discount on any Healthy New Albany program this year
- 88 participants utilized this discount in 2020 for a value of \$1,065 (as of October 15)



Highlights from 2020



*"I really enjoyed today!
I met two new women,
we had lunch & have
plans to be together
again.*

*As a fairly recent widow,
I'm always looking for
things to keep me busy &
out of trouble!*

*Thank you for all that
you do for my
generation!"*

-Studio 55 member



Highlights from 2020



"What a fun, interesting, and creative program.

I learned so much and had a great time.

Thank you so much for putting together such quality programs. You're super."

- Studio 55 member

Goals for 2021

Increase Programming:

- Continue Thursday morning gatherings
- Add Tuesday morning “gathering space” (set social time)
- Evening programs
- Monthly social lunches/dinners
- Clubs (Garden Club, Book Club, Walking Club etc.)
- Mens night
- Lecture series
- Provide more options for weekly movement classes
- Field Trips
- Health and Fitness Screenings
- Senior Wellness Fair
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Maximize use of local parks
- Survey members on their interests

Goals for 2021

Increase Recruitment, Outreach & Membership:

- Quarterly Special events (ex: casino night, symphony concert)
- Direct outreach to local 55+ communities/developments
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Update website and social media platforms with senior content
- Print/Digital Media campaigns
- Targeted Marketing campaigns (mailings, postcards)
- Recruitment events/Presentations (ex: booth at senior fairs, etc)
- Cross market in all HNA publications (HNA Magazine & Service Lines)
- Religious organizations
- New Albany Women’s Network (SWANs)

Goals for 2021

Increase partnerships within New Albany Community:

- OSU Wexner Medical Center
 - Health & Fitness
 - Medical Experts
 - Nutrition services
 - Mental Health
- New Albany Library
- New Albany Symphony
- HNA Service Lines (Farmers Market, Food Pantry, Community Garden, etc).
- New Albany Plain Local Schools (NAPLS)
- New Albany Chamber of Commerce
- First Responders
- Local restaurants, businesses, medical offices, etc

2020 Budget Report

REVENUE	NOTES	TOTAL 2020 (Actuals + Projected)	Actuals (Jan - Sept)	Projected (Oct - Dec)	BUDGET	OVER/ (UNDER)
Funding from City of New Albany		\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ -
Corporate Sponsorships		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ (3,500)
Membership Fees	Free for NA Residents \$25 for non-residents	\$ 540	\$ 540	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ (140)
Other		\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
REVENUE TOTALS		\$ 40,540	\$ 40,540	\$ -	\$ 36,900	\$ (3,640)
EXPENSE	NOTES	TOTAL 2020 (Actuals + Projected)	Actuals (Jan - Sept)	Projected (Oct - Dec)	BUDGET	OVER/ (UNDER)
Weekly Programming	Instructors/entertainment = \$2,295 Food = \$2,312 Supplies = \$1,251 AV Supplies for Zoom = \$1,500 (new line item)	\$ 7,358	\$ 4,108	\$ 3,250	\$ 7,500	\$ 142
Special Events		\$ 4,448	\$ 3,948	\$ 500	\$ 3,770	\$ (678)
Marketing		\$ 109	\$ 109	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 391
Scholarships	for financial hardship & Covid waived fees	\$ 360	\$ 260	\$ 100	\$ 1,000	\$ 640
Discounts	25% discount for NA 55+ Residents to HNA programs	\$ 1,565	\$ 1,065	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,436
Personnel - Staff & Overhead	\$55+ Manager/Coordinator = \$7,137 HNA Staff = \$9,884 Overhead/Payroll taxes = \$1,702 (10% of salaries)	\$ 18,723	\$ 13,883	\$ 4,840	\$ 21,120	\$ 2,397
Other	funds to OSUWMC Fitness Center for new Senior Connections Fitness Membership program	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ (1,500)
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$ 34,062	\$ 23,373	\$ 10,690	\$ 36,890	\$ 2,828
NET (INCOME LESS EXPENSES)		\$ 6,478	\$ 17,167	\$ (10,690)	\$ 10	\$ (6,468)

2021 Proposed Budget

REVENUE	NOTES	BUDGET
Funding from City of New Albany		\$ 36,800
Carryover unused funds from 2020 Budget		\$ 6,500
Corporate Sponsorships	to be attained by HNA	\$ 10,000
Membership Fees	\$10 for NA Residents \$35 for non-residents estimating 30 members of each type	\$ 1,350
Program/Event Fees	for any events/activities that aren't free to attend (ex: Casino Night, support groups, etc)	\$ 500
Other		\$ -
REVENUE TOTALS		\$ 55,150
EXPENSE	NOTES	BUDGET
Weekly Programming	Instructors/entertainment = \$4,800 Evening programs = \$2,400 Food = \$2,600 Supplies = \$1,000	\$ 10,800
Special Events	Instructors/entertainment = \$4,000 Food = \$2,500 Supplies = \$500	\$ 7,000
Marketing	Printings, mailings, postage, signage, etc	\$ 1,500
Scholarships	to offset fees for participants facing financial hardship	\$ 250
Discounts	to offset 20% discount given to any Members to attend HNA classes/programs	\$ 2,000
Personnel - Staff & Overhead	S55+ Manager = \$20,000 S55+ Coordinator = \$4,800 HNA Staff = \$5,720 Overhead/Payroll taxes = \$3,052 (10% of salaries)	\$ 33,572
Other		\$ -
EXPENSE TOTALS		\$ 55,122
NET (INCOME LESS EXPENSES)		\$ 28

Thank You!



"You all have created some really interesting and fun activities for Studio 55. I am enjoying everything."

-Studio 55 member

Questions?