



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

November 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of November 7, 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, Engineering Manager Cara Denney, 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 Wiltrout	P

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Council adopted the 10/17/2023 regular meeting minutes by consensus.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

At staff's request, Mayor Spalding moved to amend the agenda for the related legislation that would be considered in order and as a group; therefore, to move Resolutions R-47-2023 and R-48-2023 to after item 9: Second Reading of Ordinances and Public Hearing. After those 2 resolutions, council would resume the regular agenda with the First Reading and Introduction of Ordinances. Council Member Shull seconded. Council voted with 7 yes votes to amend the agenda as specified.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Plain Township Update – Trustees Kerri Mollard and Jill Beckett presented the attached slides.

Clerk's note: the presentation is represented by slides. Minutes reflect council's and the trustee's discussion, questions, and answers.

Trustee Jill Beckett thanked the city manager, council members, and specifically, Council Member Durik, as the council liaison for Plain Township. Trustee Mollard introduced Fire Chief Connor and Assistant Chief Eckleberry. The township promoted more fire department officers in March of 2023. The fire department was fully staffed with full-time, part-time, and internship program employees. Trustee Kerri Mollard thanked those who participated in the township's planning process. She said the Plain Township

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Fire Department was an employer of choice. She presented the attached slides with the mission values ratified by the board.

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Council Member Fellows asked and Trustee Beckett confirmed that the Wreaths Across America event would take place at Maplewood Cemetery on December 16.

Mayor Spalding asked and Trustee Beckett answered that each wreath cost \$17. Thus far, only ~80 had been sponsored. They were pushing out messages to other community partners to see what other funds could be raised. By the next meeting, the township would have a better idea of how many wreaths were sponsored and they asked New Albany to again share in the remaining expense. They were hoping for more community support.

Council Member Durik asked and Trustee Mollard recalled that, in 2022, they placed 580 wreaths for veterans. Council Member Durik stated, without further sponsors, the cost would be for 500 wreaths split 2 ways. Trustee Mollard agreed. 15% of those buried in Maplewood were veterans. Last year's ceremony was lovely. She referred to the video put out by the city.

Council Members Shull and Durik stated they would support matching funds with Plain Township on wreaths. Other council members agreed.

Council Member Kist asked and Chief Marketing Officer Josh Poland replied that yes, the city had put on requests for 2023 sponsors on the city's social media.

Trustee Mollard stated they would continue to push out the message to potential sponsors. She invited council members to attend the December 16 ceremony.

Mayor Spalding offered for city council to present at a trustees' meeting, return the favor, if they'd like. He appreciated the Plain Township's partnership over the years. He applauded the hiring of Chief Connor.

Council and township representatives discussed the construction on US 62, the work on the fire department building, and the use of the new firehouse traffic light controller.

Council Member Kist asked and Chief Connor answered that the fire department had 45 full-time firefighters, 39 operational, and 6 administrative employees. They had 15 part-time staff and 6 interns. He described the path available to interns. They had hired 2 interns full-time after the process last year. Lieutenant Mark Powell, the EMS coordinator, was going to retire after fire event. They had promoted Brad Essick. The city would see an EMS coordinator vehicle around town helping EMS providers to stay certified, keeping their pharmacy license up to date, and more. The community asked for the EMS services every day.

Council Member Fellows asked and Chief Connor answered that their main building was hitting its limits. On a given day, 9-12 people would be on duty, not including administrative staff.



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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

IDEA IMPLEMENTATION PANEL: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: Mayor Spalding reported that the PRC meeting scheduled for that evening was canceled due to lack of agenda items.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

Council Member Brisk stated that she ran into someone from the boy scouts that participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony and he asked her to make sure that all of council was invited. They appreciated Council Member Durik's participation last year and would love to see more council members there.

Council Member Brisk invited council members to join her for the Qdoba ribbon cutting on November 8. She would be speaking as Mayor Spalding would be out of town. Abe Jacobs and Council Member Kist would, of course, be there.

Council Member Fellows asked for a report on the Hazardous Waste Drop-off event. Director Joly reported that there was good turnout and it was a benefit to the community. The city had not received numbers from the contractor. Council Member Kist noted the city was charged based on those numbers.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING 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.

Ryan Ohly stated this legislation was an essential component of the permitting process for both the Ohio EPA and the US Army Corps of Engineers. The intention behind MBJ Holding's conveyance was to ensure long-term conservation and protection of the property. Within the easement area, multiple conservation values had been identified. The easement restrictions were designed to ensure the conservation of the area. Restrictions included prohibitions against commercial and industrial activities, construction of man-made

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structures or alterations, dumping, interference with natural water courses, and other activities that could endanger the overall integrity of the area. Accepting the easement was advantageous to the city as it promoted environmental stewardship and aided in maintaining the region’s ecological balance. The city did not assume legal responsibility for potential violations of the agreement by the owner or any third party.

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 Fellows seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-95-2023.

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.

City Engineer Ryan Ohly stated MBJ Holding was requesting to convey this conservation easement area to the city. The property demonstrated significant conservation value. The goal was to conserve and protect physical, biological, chemical, and overall ecological integrity of the area. The conservation easement agreement, consistent with the conditions required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio EPA, and US Army Corps of Engineers, set forth restrictions which prohibited commercial activities, construction, vegetation alterations, dumping, and more. The intention was to preserve the land in its natural state and ensure that the ecological balance and integrity were not compromised. Accepting the conservation easement was advantageous to the city as it promoted environmental stewardship and aided in maintaining the regions’ ecological balance. The city did not inherit legal responsibility for potential violations of the agreement by the owner or any third party.

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 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-96-2023.

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.

City Engineer Ryan Ohly stated MBJ Holdings proposed the subject right-of-way dedication to the city. The intent 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 and streetscape easement, would accommodate a 3-lane road section, leisure trail, and fencing.

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Council Member Shull asked and Engineer Ohly responded that portions of the road were designed, but the city had not yet chosen a construction date.

Council Member Kist asked and Engineer Ohly confirmed that the city had the remaining right-of-way needed to complete the road.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-97-2023.

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, consistent with the surrounding properties and the city’s strategic plan’s recommendations. Surrounding properties were commercially zoned, TMD or L-GE. There were no neighboring residentially-zoned properties. The zoning text contained the same uses and prohibited uses. 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 city’s strategic plan for commercial land uses. The Planning Commission recommended approval and all of their conditions, including fencing and design standards, had been incorporated into the text.

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-98-2023.

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

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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 (TIF) district to include approximately 78.16 acres recently annexed and zoned. The consolidated acreage was located within Franklin County. This 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 after abatements 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 opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Wiltout moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-99-2023.

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 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. This was 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.

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Council Member Shull asked and City Manager Stefanov replied that fire service boundaries were typically drawn at the county line. There were mutual aid agreements between all the fire departments that served New Albany. For serious emergencies, protocols had been developed so the closest vehicle would respond. Mayor Spalding observed this highlighted the city’s good relationships with the townships.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-100-2023.

RESOLUTIONS R-47-2023 and R-48-2023

Clerk’s note: these 2 items were moved to this position by motion. See Additions or Corrections to Agenda.

RESOLUTION R-47-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEMORIALIZING CERTAIN COMMITMENTS.

City Manager Stefanov stated he would forgo the Legislative Report for these next 3 items. City staff and council members had had a number of conversations with The New Albany Company (NACO) team over several months about residents’ desire to see the undeveloped land in the village center developed. Resulting from those conversations, NACO recently agreed to create a development plan for its land holdings behind CVS, the Ganton area behind the Plain Township fire station, and the historic village center as early as 2024. Given this commitment and the uncertainty of what might be developed on the NACO-owned property adjacent to Dublin-Granville Road and the Rose Run Creek, it seemed advisable to pause the city’s plan for construction of the Rose Run 2 project which was scheduled to begin earlier this year and was addressed in R-47, R-48, and O-101. He recommended that council table R-47-2023, R-48-2023, and O-101-2023 indefinitely.

Mayor Spalding moved to table R-47-2023 indefinitely at the city manager’s recommendation. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to table Resolution R-47-2023 indefinitely.

RESOLUTION R-48-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LIMITED NOTICE TO PROCEED AGREEMENT WITH MESSER CONSTRUCTION FOR PHASE TWO OF THE ROSE RUN PARK PROJECT

Mayor Spalding asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that he was recommending to table this resolution for the same reasons as set forth in R-47-2023.

Mayor Spalding moved to table the resolution indefinitely. Council Member Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to table Resolution R-48-2023 indefinitely.

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INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-101-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGE CENTER BY CONSTRUCTING A PARKING GARAGE AND VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PLAZA, LANDSCAPING, CURBING, PAVING, LIGHTING, AND ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE INTERESTS THEREIN, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO.

Mayor Spalding asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that he was recommending to table this ordinance for the same reasons given for the 2 prior resolutions.

Mayor Spalding moved to table the ordinance indefinitely at the city manager's recommendation. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to table Ordinance O-101-2023 indefinitely.

ORDINANCE O-102-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Finance Director Bethany Staats stated this ordinance provided for the adoption of the 2024 annual budget. Budget books would be distributed by the end of the meeting. There would be detailed breakdowns of revenue and expenditures. Council's budget workshop would take place on November 13 and include department presentations. Director Staats offered to meet and answer any questions in the meantime.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the November 21, 2023 council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-103-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PHASE 1 FINAL PLAT AND ACCEPT RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR BRISCOE PARKWAY AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated this legislation was for phase 1 of a 1.2 mile public street in the business park. Briscoe Parkway would connect Horizon Court to Harrison Road and, ultimately, over to Clover Valley Road. Briscoe Parkway phase 1 was the stretch between Horizon Court and Harrison Road. No reserves or lots were being created. This authorization was for right-of-way and utility easements only. The parkway would provide increased connectivity consistent with city's strategic plan. The Planning Commission recommend approval at their October meeting.

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Council Member Fellows asked and City Engineer Ryan Ohly answered that the city was finishing the design now. Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler added that VanTrust was constructing Briscoe Parkway phase 2. Council Member Fellows described the road between Jug Street Road and Mink Street, the new section by the kennel club, as undulating more than it should. He expressed concerns about who was doing and approving that work. Mayor Spalding asked and Council Member Fellows responded that he drove the section about a week ago, after striping. Council Member Fellows had also heard complaints from residents about road surfaces.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the November 21, 2023 council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-104-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PHASE 2 FINAL PLAT AND ACCEPT RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR BRISCOE PARKWAY AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Planning Manager Stephen Mayer stated this legislation was for same roadway as O-103-2023, except it was phase 2. No reserves were being platted or lots created. This was for right-of-way and utility easements only. This met the city’s strategic plan’s goals and standards. The Planning Commission recommend approval at their October meeting.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the November 21, 2023 council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-105-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 4, 5 & 6A WITHIN THE HAWKSMOOR SUBDIVISION ON 2.456 +/- ACRES GENERALLY LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF HAWKSMOOR DRIVE, AS REQUESTED BY ANDREW & LISA RUMPKE.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated, after this council agenda and packets were completed, city staff received a request from the property owner and applicant requesting that this item be tabled indefinitely. They explained they were pursuing the possibility of selling a portion of the property that was to be platted. At the request of the property owner, staff recommended the legislation to be tabled indefinitely.

Mayor Spalding moved to table ordinance 105-2023 indefinitely. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to table Resolution O-105-2023 to table indefinitely.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-46-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OAK GROVE II COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TO ADD APPROXIMATELY 84.772 +/- ACRES TO THAT AREA, CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF A HOUSING OFFICER AND THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL AND TAX INCENTIVE

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REVIEW COUNCILS, AND TO EXPAND THE OAK GROVE II ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ZONE TO ADD THAT AREA.

Economic Development Manager Sara Ziegler stated this resolution amended the Oak Grove Community Reinvestment II Area to include approximately 84.772 acres which had been recently annexed and zoned. The Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program was a statutory, locally-administered program that granted local communities the ability to offer real property tax abatement for qualifying projects. The creation of the CRA area did not automatically entitle a property owner to incentives. The city applied established revenue generation standards for all CRA agreements. Each CRA agreement had to be approved by council.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-46-2023.

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: No meeting.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: Council Member Shull reported that the board reviewed fieldhouse schematic designs and timeline. If everything proceeded as planned, permitting would happen from May 20 to July 19, 2024, then construction would last ~19 months. The building could open in first quarter of 2026. Residents passed this at the 2022 election and progress seemed slow, but this was a 200,000 square foot building on 38 acres. Council Member Shull passed around the plans.

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Council Member Durik asked and Council Member Shull confirmed that everything had been bid within their budget.

Mayor Spalding asked and Council Member Shull replied that he understood the board planned to update their website with this information.

- C. Council Representative to New Albany-Plain Local Schools: Council Member Kist reported that fall sports were ending after their respective state championships. It had been a successful season. Girls Tennis, the doubles team of Paige Cornelius and Richardlyne Francois finished as state runners-up. Girls Field Hockey finished as state runners-up. Paige Cornelius also played field hockey. Girls Golf finished as state runners-up. Mia Hammond was an individual medalist, she shot the state record and had participated in some LPGA events that year. Boys Soccer finished as regional runners-up.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported, at the last township meeting, several residents expressed concerns about the Courtyards at Haines Creek plans. The development would be built on fill, potentially creating an 8-foot elevation change next door to their property that would include a 6-foot retaining wall. Residents felt this was a major change not presented to Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord (RFBA). Council Member Durik forwarded these concerns to Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler. He understood that the development had gone through the RFBA zoning application process and not the final plat process for construction. He understood the project was paused while they worked through their Final Development Plan (FDP). The FDP would go to Planning Commission (PC) for review. Director Chrysler confirmed the city was still waiting on final application materials. The FDP process included more in-depth engineering to address drainage and other development standards. The PC had a lot of experience dealing with FDPs and she was looking forward to their review.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding acknowledged that the city had had to cancel the Veterans Memorial groundbreaking scheduled that Saturday. He thanked city staff for their hard work organizing. He apologized to folks who had made plans to attend. He was personally disappointed, but understood why it had to be rescheduled.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reminded council of the November 13 Budget Workshop. Clerk Mason further reminded council to RSVP to the ED 411 event on Friday, December 1 at the Hyatt downtown and the Delta Awards on Monday, December 4 at the New Albany Country Club.
- C. Finance Director: Finance Director Staats and Deputy Director Morgan Joeright distributed the freshly-printed budget books.
- D. City Manager: No report.



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E. City Attorney: No report.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Wiltout reminded council about the November 11 Diwali event at Rose Run Park. There would be fireworks after, a tent for weather, music, and dancing. She thanked Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly and Community Program Administrator Abbey Brooks for their hard work. She would not be able to attend and asked for many pictures.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Council Member Kist seconded to adjourn the November 7, 2023 regular council meeting at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:



Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council



Sloan Spalding, Mayor

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Date

Plain Township New Albany City Council Update

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Trustees Kerri Mollard and
Jill Beckett-Hill



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PTFD Mission

Together, we save lives
through education, engagement, and
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PTFD Vision

A community that is informed,
connected, and safe.



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PTFD Values

Courage

We do not hesitate in our response, and we fulfill our oath with passion and pride.

Integrity

We operate with honesty and transparency.

Compassion

We care for those in distress as we respond to their emergency needs.



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PTFD Values

Equity

We ensure every employee has access to learning and development, and that everyone receives the same level of service.

Professionalism

We adhere to the highest standards in the industry, train diligently, and work effectively to achieve the best outcomes.

Connectedness

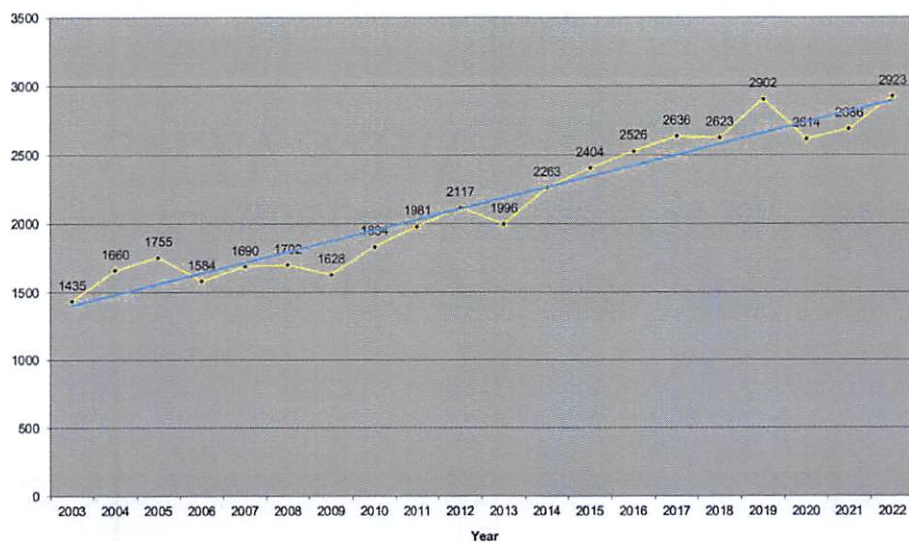
We celebrate and engage our community at events, in the schools, and throughout neighborhoods.



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Combined EMS & Fire Run Totals



Summer Pool Season

- 2023 was a record year for daily gate sales and total memberships
- 45,215 total visits - a 6% increase over 2022
- Increased demand for swim lessons, with a 48% increase in registrations
- Many of our lifeguards are on the Plain Township swim team, which won its third consecutive championship
- The township invested over \$100,000 in capital needs prior to opening day. The next major project is a renovation of the slide tower.



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Ceremony at Noon



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