



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of March 1, 2022 at 6:37 p.m. at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Interim Law Director Benjamin Albrecht, Deputy Finance Director Drew Turner, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Police Chief Greg Jones, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, Deputy Public Service Director Mike Barker; Planning Manager Steve Mayer, Economic Development Manager Michael Loges, Planner Anna Van Der Zwaag, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Scott McAfee, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

Mayor Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

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

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Council adopted the February 1, 2022 meeting minutes by consensus.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

At staff's request, Mayor Spalding moved to amend the agenda to include an executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject to imminent or pending court action. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to amend the agenda.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Oaths of Office:

Promotions:

Mayor Spalding swore in Lieutenant Kris Daniels. Chief Jones spoke about Lieutenant Daniels 20 years in law enforcement and 9 years of military service. With the New Albany Police Department, Lieutenant Daniels had served as a patrol officer, D.A.R.E. Officer, school resources officer, and first shift sergeant. Lieutenant Daniels was selected for this position in late 2021.

Mayor Spalding swore in Sergeant Kevin Deckop. Chief Jones spoke about Sergeant's 25 years with the New Albany Police Department which included time as a patrol officer, bike patrol, school resource

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officer, property room custodian, technical crash investigator, and detective. Sergeant Deckop became third shift patrol sergeant in 2020.

New Officers:

Mayor Spalding swore in new officers as follows: Officer Emilee Downing, Officer Ariel Marion, Officer Hope Mills, Officer Jared Pack, and Officer Robert Jobie Warner. Special persons selected by the new officers pinned on their new badges. Chief Jones spoke briefly about each officer's backgrounds and training time with the city.

Proclamation Celebrating Mitch Banchefsky On His Retirement From New Albany

Mayor Spalding recognized former law director, Mitch Banchefsky, as someone who had impacted many things that we appreciated about New Albany. Mayor Spalding read the proclamation. Mayor Spalding noted that Mr. Banchefsky was still a resident. City Manager Stefanov presented Mr. Banchefsky with the old Harlem Road street sign with an attached brass plaque.

Proclamation Recognizing E.P. Ferris For His Many Years of Service to New Albany

Mayor Spalding stated that the city was fortunate to have long-standing city engineer, Ed Ferris, representing New Albany. The great planning and dedication of Mr. Ferris was visible all around and we have always ready with sage advice. Mayor Spalding read the proclamation. City Manager Stefanov presented Mr. Ferris with a brick with "New Albany" stamped into it and an attached brass plaque.

Pickleball

City Manager Stefanov presented the attached spreadsheet to council regarding pickleball courts. Pickleball tournaments could offset the cost of operating the courts. 17 courts was the median amount, 20 courts was the average, and 17 was the average of pickleball-only courts. The average number of players using the courts was just under 600.

City Manager Stefanov noted that he had sent council several configuration options, including one for 12 pickleball courts and 2 tennis courts. Other options were available to review. He asked council for direction.

Council Member Shull asked Mr. Mink to talk to council about the courts and sanctioning of tournaments, if the city decided to go down that path to generate revenue.

Mitch Mink, 6904 Lobelia Drive, New Albany, explained that a sanctioned tournament had referees in medal matches or for all matches. There were now 3 pro-pickleball associations, including the APP and the PPA. All were trying to grow the sport at an amateur and professional levels. Tournaments had singles, doubles, mixed doubles, etc. matches at various skill levels to attract players. Pickleball had grown 39.3% in the last 2-year period and was up to 4.8 million participants. Other local municipalities had installed courts due to demand. The sport was low cost, easy entry. The average pickleball player was 38 years old, which number was dropping.

For tournaments to be sanctioned with the APP or PPA - 12 courts would make that happen. Tennis courts could be temporarily made into pickleball courts – 2 courts could equate to 6 more pickleball courts. 18

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courts could bring in good revenue. It would take a few years and sponsors to get there. Local and regional tournaments sold quickly and brought in players from other cities and states.

Council Member Brisk asked if there was sufficient infrastructure in terms of parking, bathrooms, and traffic control for 600+ people attending a pickleball event. City Manager Stefanov suggested working with the township and school district for cross-access parking. Miracle Field would have some restroom facilities. Port-a-johns would be needed for a larger event. Council Member Shull expected tournament attendees to be spread out throughout the day over multiple days. Total number of players could also be capped.

City Manager Stefanov stated the city could reach out to the township about creating open space to the east of the property for other types of events.

Council Member Durik thought priority should go to building courts that the residents could use and that it be a quality facility. The proposed 12 pickleball and 2 tennis courts would be adequate for now. Hosting tournaments created a good opportunity to support the maintenance of the courts – as long as there was sufficient infrastructure. Tournaments were a bonus, making courts available to residents was the goal.

City Manager Stefanov stated that he had reached out about partnering with Buddy Up tennis. Pickleball could be a natural outgrowth of their tennis program.

Council Member Wilttrout asked and Mr. Mink replied that pickleball organizations looked for 12 courts to organize tournaments, they favored dedicated courts. There was significant demand for courts in the area – Dublin had 8 courts and another 8 approved to be installed at the same site. To convert a court, temporary nets and tape lines could be put in place. 1 tennis court usually equaled 2 pickleball courts.

Council Member Durik wanted to find a way to operate the courts so that residents could get first opportunity. Council Member Shull offered that a, currently theoretical, New Albany Pickleball Association (NAPA), along with the area park system, could manage courts for specific times and make open court arrangements. Mr. Mink stated an annual fee to the NAPA could support resurfacing, new nets, etc.

The city was looking to the Joint Parks District (JPD) to help manage the courts, if that's what council decided. Council and staff discussed potential event conflicts between Miracle Field and the pickleball courts. City Manager Stefanov felt good about the amount of available parking for regular use, tournament use would need to be coordinated. Interim Law Director Albrecht would need to look at Miracle Field's lease to know whether the city had any say over event scheduling.

Council Member Kist was in favor of the pickleball courts. He expressed concern about building a facility for 1 tournament a year. He didn't want to forgo the opportunity to have a meaningful number of tennis courts – especially given the option of using tennis courts for pickleball. Mr. Mink responded that the city could be looking at 5 or 6 pickleball tournaments annually - more if the courts were capped with a bubble for winter. Going rates for covered courts were rising. Bubbling wasn't part of the current proposal.



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Mr. Mink stated, by the 2nd year, he expected full courts during peak times. In between times, play was intermittent. Council discussed the number of available tennis courts in New Albany, including at the schools.

City Manager Stefanov reviewed his anticipated timeline with council - the earliest date construction could be completed was October of 2022. Any opening would likely be spring of 2023.

Council Member Shull moved to give City Manager Stefanov the authorization to start looking into and developing 2 tennis courts and 12 pickleball courts. Council Member Fellows seconded. Council voted with 7 yes votes on the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Spalding recalled the Buddy Up Tennis presentation about New Albany hosting some of those events. He hoped to continue those conversations and perhaps extend them to pickleball. The facility could have a variety of purposes.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Council Member Shull reported that the PC approved with conditions a zoning text amendment for Nottingham Trace subdivision to allow spas to be constructed above ground. PC approved continued use of a model home in Nottingham Trace for 3 years with conditions.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Council Member Wiltrout reported that the BZA approved a variance for Axium to allow 2 smaller wall signs on the property. Axium had 5 buildings and the signs would help with wayfinding.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Kist reported that the SAB approved the composting program proposed in Resolution R-10-2022. The SAB opted to aim for Silver status with MORPC's Sustainability2050 program to start. Earth Day was April 22nd and the SAB was discussing ideas, including an e-waste drive with partners and organizing a "bio blitz" for the community, similar to a scavenger hunt. The SAB discussed solar power in New Albany.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: Clerk Mason reported that the CRAB worked on the historical marker application and bid farewell to CRAB member and former mayor Nancy Ferguson who was moving out of state.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

NONE.

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SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-03-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 1105, 1143, 1144, AND 1153 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated this ordinance updated 3 of the primary zoning districts within the city's business park, including office, office campus, and general employment districts. It would allow for secondary and higher education institutions to be a conditional use, including junior college, community college, and universities – institutions offering educational courses and without student housing. Other typical ancillary uses were allowed. The ordinance updated to Chapter 1105 definitions. This code change was intended to boost workforce development, provide an employment base for additional city revenue, and further diversify to the business park. The code would be reviewed by the Planning Commission in February.

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 Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-03-2022.

ORDINANCE O-04-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 521, 1105, 1107, 1125, 1127, 1157 AND 1160 OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated this language updated the city's codified ordinances to supplement and provide consistency across the rest of city code. There were no proposed changes to any regulations or to existing development standards. The update to Chapter 521 - Hours of Work, was to include a process that allowed the city to put additional restrictions on after-work hours. The Planning Commission recommended approval in January.

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 Kist seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-04-2022.

ORDINANCE O-05-2022

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

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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 Michael Loges stated this legislation expanded the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district to recently annexed parcels in Licking County. The majority of the acreage was located near the intersection of Mink Road and Jug Street. This TIF did not negatively impact the local schools. The city entered into a supplemental agreement with Jersey Township regarding fire and EMS services. The purpose of the TIF was to capture the incremental increase in the value of land and improvements, after any applicable property tax abatements expired, to contribute towards qualified public infrastructure and projects.

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 Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-05-2022.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-06-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT AND ACCEPT RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION AND EASEMENTS FOR HORIZON COURT AND ASSOCIATED VARIANCE TO C.O. 1187.08(a)(5) TO ALLOW A PUBLIC CUL-DE-SAC STREET TO BE 2,600+/- FEET IN LENGTH WHERE CITY CODE ALLOWS A MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 1,000 FEET, AS REQUESTED BY LPC MIDWEST LLC.

Planning Manager Stephen Mayer stated the proposed legislation contained a variance and plat approval. Horizon Court would serve a commercial L-GE subdivision. Although the road was not in the strategic plan, the right-of-way and easements were consistent with the strategic plan's recommendation for a business park roadway classification. Horizon Court would have the typical streetscape improvements found in the business campus. The Planning Commission (PC) approved the variance and plat. For the variance, the PC required there be cross-access easements between the sites. There was a network of private drives between the buildings which would provide more than one means of ingress and egress for emergency responders. The applicant was also required to submit a roadway connectivity plan that staff would review during the permitting process. Representatives from the Lincoln Property Company were present to answer questions.

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Council Member Fellows asked and Manager Mayer replied that the main entrance for Horizon Court would be off of Jug Street. Additional private drive curb cuts would also be on Jug Street. There was no connectivity to Beech Road.

Council Member Kist asked and Manager Mayer answered that city code allowed 1,000-foot cul-de-sac roads and was written that way to encourage connectivity, to better convey traffic, and to make sure emergency responders had easy access to sites. In this development, the emergency access need was being met by the private drive network. Examples of other extended cul-de-sacs included Innovation Campus Way East and West and Newton Court East. There was no plan to extend Horizon Court at this time. The fire department would review the plan during the site design stage and the permitting process. The private drives were wide enough to handle emergency vehicles.

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

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-10-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENACT A DROP-OFF MUNICIPAL COMPOSTING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Planner Anna van der Zwaag reminded council that the Engage New Albany strategic plan contained a chapter on Sustainability. Two goals were to establish the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) and implement a municipal composting program. The SAB heard research on different types of programs and recommended the proposed drop-off municipal composting program. Collection carts would be placed at 3 locations in the city. The city could incentivize sign-up by having residents register for the program and receive 5 gallon buckets. The registration supported further communication with participants. Collection carts would be serviced weekly, cleaned, re-lined, and usage would be tracked. The annual cost was estimated at \$15,655 plus a one-time cost of \$2,400 for the buckets.

Council Member Fellows asked and Planner van der Zwaag answered that the city would provide the buckets with instructions. The Village Center cart would be placed in the parking lot at Village Hall. Council Member Fellows expressed concern about the smell. Planner van der Zwaag reported that other municipalities had not had a problem with bad smells – the bins sealed, were washed, and relined. The location could be changed. Council Member Wiltout stated that her church had a bin and she had not noticed the smell. Council Member Kist stated the city would be partnering with All Saints Church for one of the bins. The 3rd location would be at the Public Service building. He also didn't anticipate problems with the smell if the locations were well planned.

Planner van der Zwaag stated that the collection cart was about the same size as a standard city garbage bin. Council Member Shull asked, once Rose Run 2 was done, to place the bin out by the community garden. Like Council Member Fellows, he was hoping to get the compost product back for the community garden. Council Member Kist stated the contractor was GoZERO was the contractor, and he would ask if there

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was a way to get finished compost product back. The collection cart would likely be inside a screened in an enclosure.

A curb-side bucket pick up program would likely cost in the tens of thousands of dollars and put a different truck on the roads to pick up buckets. If New Albany got to the point where this program was heavily subscribed, the city could revisit a curb-side program. The GoZERO program was flexible and could be altered on a weekly basis. Compost carts could be brought to city events. Council discussed events that would benefit from composting bins.

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 resolution. Council Member Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-10-2022.

RESOLUTION R-11-2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT AND ONE OR MORE DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPLY AGREEMENTS WITH LPC MIDWEST LLC, AN AFFILIATE OF LINCOLN PROPERTY COMPANY, AND MAKING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS.

Economic Development Manager Michael Loges stated this legislation was related to O-06-2022 in that Horizon Court would serve this site. The Lincoln Property Company planned to develop the area in phases over the next several years. A portion of the site would be preserved as wetlands. For the purposes of the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement and Development Agreement, the Lincoln Property Company supported developing at least 1 million square feet of commercial property by December 31, 2030. Phase 1 was expected to commence in April of 2022 for not less than 400,000 square feet. Once fully developed, the site was expected to create of 863 full-time permanent positions with an estimated annual payroll of \$30.2 million. Representatives from the Lincoln Property Company were present to answers questions.

Council Member Fellows asked and Manager Loges confirmed that these were speculative industrial development projects. There were 2 agreements - one authorized a 100% 15-year property tax abatement for each phase of the development, and the other authorized the development and supply agreement. The city was pursuing construction of sanitary sewer line and improvements along Jug Street. Council and staff discussed expectations for the phases of the project.

Dan Reidy, Vice President of Lincoln Property Co., thanked the New Albany staff for their hard work and council for considering the agreements.

Council Member Fellows asked and Mr. Reidy replied that they would start Building 1 construction around April of 2022. They would proceed as the buildings were leased, and committed to have the site built out

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by 2030. The wetland area was being looked at for passive parkland and would require coordination with The New Albany Company as stewards of the conservation area.

Council Member Shull asked and Mr. Reidy answered that parcels to the east may be developed and a tentative plan was to connect the cul-de-sac road to the east, potentially creating a loop road circling back to Jug Street. Council and staff discussed development restrictions in some surrounding areas.

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

Council Member Brisk moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-11-2022.

RESOLUTION R-12-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE CITY MANAGER'S DECISION TO REJECT THE BID FOR BYINGTON/JAMES RIVER PLAYGROUND UPGRADES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO USE A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT.

Director Joly told council that, in fall of 2021, the city took bids to upgrade the Byington and James River playgrounds. The city received 1 bid for about 40% over the engineer's estimate. Per the codified ordinances, if a bid was 10% over the estimate, the city could reject the bid – and the city manager did so. After that, staff value-engineered the project and explored cooperative purchasing programs. Mid-States Recreation, who upgraded Sumption Park playground, was part of the Sourcewell purchasing program. Through the purchasing program and value engineering, the city was able to get competitive pricing. The new estimate for Byington and James River Parks was now \$1.1 million. The current environment was challenging due to labor shortages, supply chain issues, and inflation. Staff recommended the proposed approach in the resolution to get good pricing and timely deliver the project. Staff hoped to complete the project this summer.

Mayor Spalding stated the project was important and appreciated staff's creativity. Council Member Kist asked and Director Joly responded that, initially, the city budgeted around \$4-500,000 per pocket park. This project covered 2 parks. The city had \$2 million in the 2022 capital budget for the remaining 3 parks. The new playground surface was an expensive item and the city was able to value-engineer the subsurface to bring the cost down. Public Service staff would be doing some of the grading and drainage improvements. Council and staff discussed the Sumption Park equipment, the changes from the first Byington/James River Road bid, and risks and benefits to going forward now versus in the future.

Deputy Public Service Director Mike Barker expressed confidence in Mid-States Recreation. There wasn't a supply issue with the playground equipment. The city currently had more control over variables. As time went on, there was potential to lose control of parts of the project. There was risk in doing the project now and risk in deferring. Council Member Kist expressed concern about going

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forward now with an inferior product. Director Joly responded that the play equipment had not changed. Products and materials would still be high quality.

Council Member Brisk recalled that these parks were a council priority and it taking several years to catch them up. She was in favor of moving forward now. Council Member Wiltrout agreed. Byington Park wasn't used near as much as it could be. Council Member Kist agreed that Mid-States Recreation was a good partner.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly replied that the equipment would be completely replaced in Byington and James River Road parks. There would be a shelter with benches and picnic tables and the upgraded surface.

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 resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-12-2022.

RESOLUTION R-13-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE, AWARD BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 CITY OF NEW ALBANY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Director Nemec explained the process of evaluating and using GIS to create the street and sidewalk condition maps. This was the 22nd year for the annual street improvement project. 33% of the city's roads were in very good condition, 49% was in good, 17% was fair, and 1% was poor. The city aimed to put fair and poor roads into the good condition. Director Nemec described various means of improvement, including resurfacing, micro-surfacing, rejuvenation on 1-year old pavement, crack sealing, curb replacements, and ramp upgrading. Council and staff discussed the roads slated for improvement, resurfacing and micro-surfacing in more depth, and freeze-thaw cycles.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Nemec answered that lower Harlem Road was a separate project. Lower Harlem Road would be a complete reconstruction with storm sewer improvements. Council Member Shull praised the resurfacing on north Harlem Road.

Council Member Durik asked and Director Nemec answered that, after this year, if the city continued to spend \$1-1.2 million, the city would fall behind on road maintenance due to the number of new roads built and roads annexed into the city that needed repair. He recommended increasing the annual number to \$1.5 million. The city's new software took road ratings and, with staff's involvement, would suggest which roads needed to be repaved or crack sealed. It generated reports which could graph how roads had changed in New Albany over time.

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Director Nemec stated the sidewalk improvement program was initiated in 2016. He described the process of rating sidewalk conditions. He described the rating system. The city budgeted \$200,000 and, based on the criteria set by council, the next neighborhood to get repairs were Head of Pond. Assuming the same budgets going forward, the city had about 3 more years' worth of sidewalk work.

Director Nemec stated that 33% of the city-owned trails were in very good condition, 37% were good, 22% were fair, and 8% were poor. Council approved around \$300-\$350,000 a year to improve the trails. Last year was the first year of the program. It was made an alternate bid in the street improvement project; however, it didn't get completed last year because, with COVID-19 and staff being out sick, the contractor completed the streets first and weren't able to get to the trails. This year, staff recommended keeping the trail project separate. There were companies focused on driveways, parking lots, and leisure trails. Thus, this project was a separate resolution.

Council members and Director Nemec discussed the company that completed the leisure trail work for the Country Club and The Links areas. Director Nemec hoped they would bid on the city's project. Director Nemec anticipating doing removal and replacement on poor condition marked areas.

Council Member Shull asked and Director Nemec answered that this program was for trails within the city's right-of-way. The HOAs would also continue to work on their trails. The city assessed the conditions, picked which areas to improve, then reached out to the HOAs to get their repair schedules. Council and staff discussed the projected versus budgeted cost.

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 resolution. Council Member Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-13-2022.

RESOLUTION R-14-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE, AWARD BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE 2022 CITY OF NEW ALBANY LEISURE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Clerk's note – see presentation of R-13-2022 for this staff presentation.

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

Council Member Wilttrout moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-14-2022.

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Safety Committee: No report.
- B. Public Utilities: No report.
- C. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.
- D. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.
- E. Administration Committee: No report.
- F. Grants and Non-Profit Funding: Council Member Shull reported that the GNP Subcommittee met and would present their recommendations at the next meeting.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: City Manager Stefanov reported he spoke as a panel member about the Intel project at the last meeting. Other panelists included Columbus City Council President Hardin, a county representative, and the Mayor of Bexley. The next MORPC meeting would feature the State Director of Development Services.

Mayor Spalding reported that MORPC hosted a forum to understand the impact of the Intel project. JobsOhio, One Columbus, and New Albany provided updates. There were many participants. Mayor Spalding was interested in survey results from that meeting.

- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: Council Member Shull reported that the JPD board was looking at potential sites for a field house/recreational center.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Kist reported that the board introduced the “BICC – Building Inclusive Campus Culture” program. They had reached out to various focus groups at the school for feedback. They wanted students to feel safe, supported, and connected at school - expose students to many perspectives. This was an ongoing process. The PowerPoint presentation was available on the school district website. The school received a \$70,000 grant to diversify staff. A survey reported many more students were from a diverse background than teaching staff.

The New Albany Girls Swim and Dive team won the state title. They also won several individual and relay titles.

- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported that the township awarded SwimSafe Pool Management Company the pool management contract. The township was supporting a Metro Parks application for a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation grant

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to acquire 97 acres along Schleppi Run in Plain Township. City Manager Stefanov stated New Albany also received the request from the Metro Parks and was working on it.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding stated he'd report back on the upcoming COMMA meeting. The Ohio General Assembly voted to allow for virtual participation in public meetings through the end of July of 2022.
- B. Clerk of Council: No report.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov recognized Chief Commutations and Marketing Officer Scott McAfee for obtaining the trademark for the "Community Connects Us" tagline. The city was cleaning out invasive species in the Rose Run corridor, including the around Phelps House, Rose Run Park, and McCoy Center.
- E. City Attorney: No report.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Brisk reminded council that the city was advertising for IDEA Implementation Panel members. She had been having discussions with Director Joly and city partners to move some projects forward. She asked that council encourage applications and that the IDEA Panel be placed on the regular agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Spalding moved that council go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) for discussion regarding appointment of public officials, reserving the right to take action after executive session, and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject to imminent or pending court action. Council anticipated taking action afterwards. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to go into executive session. Council went into executive session at 9:13 pm.

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

Mayor Spalding moved that council come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Kist seconded. Council voted with 7 yes votes to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting at 10:26 pm.



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OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Kist moved to reappoint Everett Gallagher and Ron Davies to the Community Improvement Corporation for the terms 1/1/22 to 12/31/2024, and Phillip Smith to the Community Improvement Corporation for the term 1/1/22 to 12/31/2023. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve the motion to reappoint the CIC members to the terms specified.

Council discussed the process of setting up interviews of the Planning Commission final candidates. A special council meeting for the interviews would start at 5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

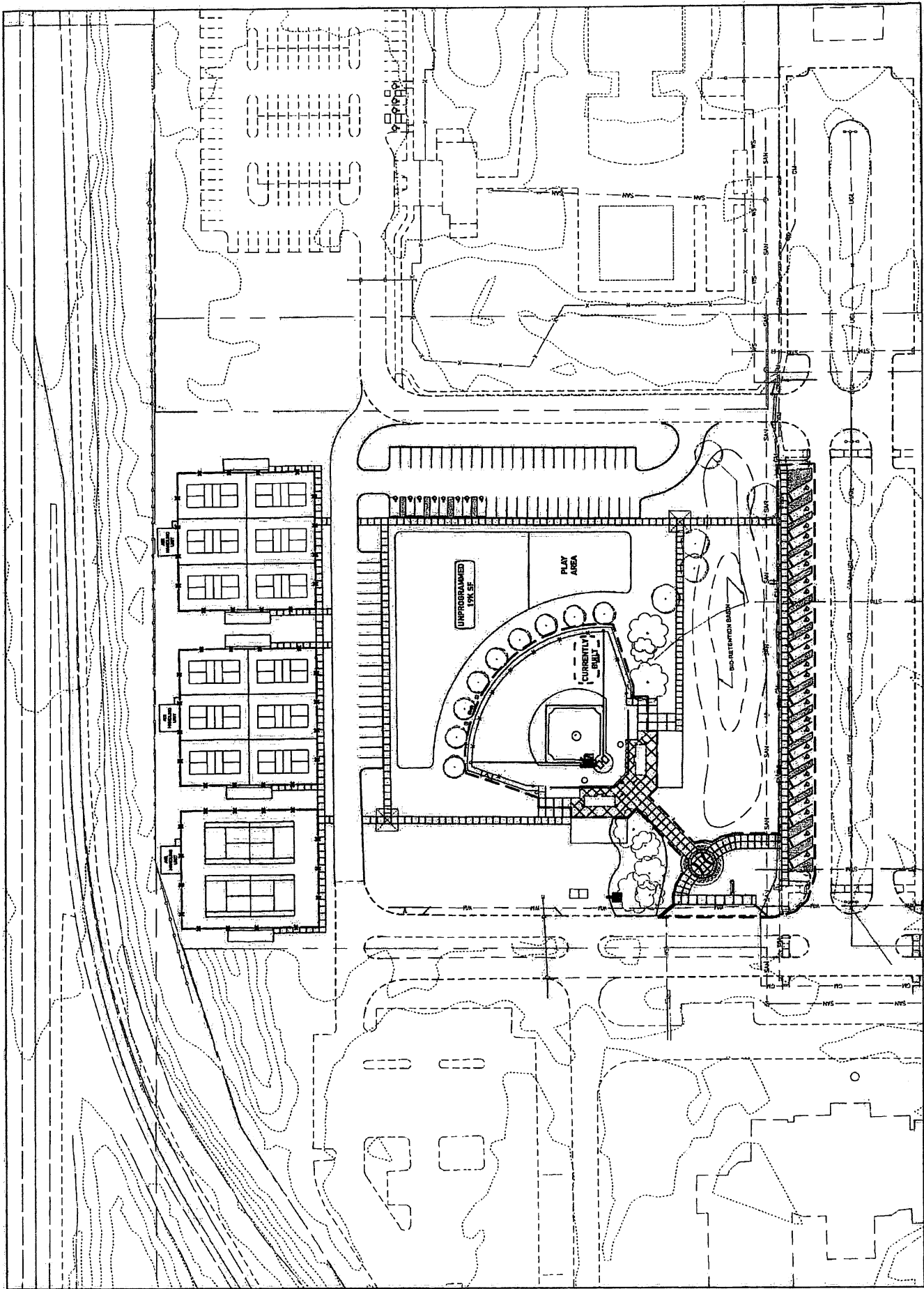
With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Wilttrout seconded to adjourn the March 1, 2022 regular council meeting at 10:29 pm.

ATTEST:


Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council


Sloan Spalding, Mayor


Date



NEW ALBANY MIRACLE FIELD SITE PLAN - 2 TENNIS COURTS

Scale: 1" = 50'-0"

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2022 Ororo PFA Indoor National Championships (MN)	8	\$70.00	522 (reg still open)	\$80,000.00	N	I	65.25*	153.25*	Y - 19 (Acrytech Sports Surfaces, COD Pickleball Nets, Electrum Pickleball, Engage Pickleball, File Pickleball, Foot Solutions, Franklin Pickleball, Pickleball Central, GearBox, Jigsaw Health, LASSO, ModicLeaf, ONIX, Prince Pickleball, Selkirk Sport, Takaya, Tourna, Trilogy by Shea Homes, Vulcan)
2022 PPA Riverland Open (FL)	21	\$70.00	532 (reg still open)	?	N	Y	25.33*	unknown	Y - 19 (Acrytech Sports Surfaces, COD Pickleball Nets, Electrum Pickleball, Engage Pickleball, File Pickleball, Foot Solutions, Franklin Pickleball, Pickleball Central, GearBox, Jigsaw Health, LASSO, ModicLeaf, ONIX, Prince Pickleball, Selkirk Sport, Takaya, Tourna, Trilogy by Shea Homes, Vulcan)
2022 Select Medical Orange County Cup (CA)	12	\$70.00	208 (reg still open)	?	N	O	17.33*	unknown	Y - 19 (Acrytech Sports Surfaces, COD Pickleball Nets, Electrum Pickleball, Engage Pickleball, File Pickleball, Foot Solutions, Franklin Pickleball, Pickleball Central, GearBox, Jigsaw Health, LASSO, ModicLeaf, ONIX, Prince Pickleball, Selkirk Sport, Takaya, Tourna, Trilogy by Shea Homes, Vulcan)
APP Delney Beach Open (FL)	8	\$70.00	655 (reg still open)	\$60,000.00	Y - MMP	O	81.875*	91.60*	Y - 2 (APP, USA Pickleball)
APP Legacy Open (AZ)	41 (plus an indoor stadium that holds 2,000 spectators)	\$100.00	796 (reg still open)	\$60,000.00	National Qualifier	I/O	19.414*	75.38*	Y - (but not listed on site)
APP Empire Sports Prescott (AZ)	17 indoor, 6 outdoor	\$70.00	112 (reg still open)	\$50,000.00	Y - MMP	I/O	4.869*	446.43*	Y - (but not listed on site)
APP South Carolina Open	12	\$70.00	145 (reg still open)	\$40,000.00	Y - MMP	O	12.083*	275.86*	Y - 2 (APP, USA Pickleball)
APP St. Louis Open (MO)	18	\$70.00	116 (reg still open)	\$100,000.00	Y - MMP	I	6.44*	862.07*	Y - 1 (APP)
APP Mesa Open (AZ)	41 (plus an indoor stadium that holds 2,000 spectators)	\$85.00	495	\$75,000.00	Y - MMP	O	12.073	151.52*	Y - Bell Bank Park
APP Punta Gorda (FL)	16	\$70.00	784 (reg still open)	\$40,000.00	Y - MMP	O	49*	51.02*	Y - 2 (APP, USA Pickleball)
2022 Boer City Open (MI)	15 (plus 2 bike polo courts that will be converted to add an additional 6 courts)	\$80.00	Reg opens 04/13/22	\$90,000.00	National Qualifier	O	unknown	unknown	Y - 14 (Grand Rapids Pickleball Club, Elders' Helpers, AJIC Hospitality, Pickletek, Priority Health, Ferris, Wilson, FlowPickle.org, DURA, Experience Grand Rapids, McClure's Pickles, Bosch Killman, Liner, Jojo + Jo Pickleball)
2022 PPA Austin Open (TX)	10	\$70.00	712 (reg still open)	?	N	O	71.2*	unknown	Y - 19 (Acrytech Sports Surfaces, COD Pickleball Nets, Electrum Pickleball, Engage Pickleball, File Pickleball, Foot Solutions, Franklin Pickleball, Pickleball Central, GearBox, Jigsaw Health, LASSO, ModicLeaf, ONIX, Prince Pickleball, Selkirk Sport, Takaya, Tourna, Trilogy by Shea Homes, Vulcan)
PPA Red Rock Open (UT)	7 - LMOM	\$70.00	638 (reg still open)	?	N	O	unknown	unknown	Y - 19 (Acrytech Sports Surfaces, COD Pickleball Nets, Electrum Pickleball, Engage Pickleball, File Pickleball, Foot Solutions, Franklin Pickleball, Pickleball Central, GearBox, Jigsaw Health, LASSO, ModicLeaf, ONIX, Prince Pickleball, Selkirk Sport, Takaya, Tourna, Trilogy by Shea Homes, Vulcan)
PPA North Carolina Open	2 tennis courts (converts to 4 pb), basketball courts have been re-striped for pb as well - approx 10-12 courts	\$70.00	375 (reg still open)	?	N	I/O	37.5*	unknown	Y - 19 (Acrytech Sports Surfaces, COD Pickleball Nets, Electrum Pickleball, Engage Pickleball, File Pickleball, Foot Solutions, Franklin Pickleball, Pickleball Central, GearBox, Jigsaw Health, LASSO, ModicLeaf, ONIX, Prince Pickleball, Selkirk Sport, Takaya, Tourna, Trilogy by Shea Homes, Vulcan)
2022 Cincinnati Pickleball Classic	8 tennis (converts to 16 pickleball courts)	\$70.00	Reg opens 04/29/22	\$35,000.00	N	I	unknown	unknown	Y - 2 (Franklin X-40, Badde Pickleball)
Median # of Courts	17						* Number subject to change as registrations are still open/ongoing	* Number subject to change as registrations are still open/ongoing	
Average # of Courts	20.53								
Average Pickleball-only # of Courts	17.3								
Average # of Players	592.1								