



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of May 17, 2022 at 6:33 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 Drew Turner, Police Chief Greg Jones, Planning Manager Steve Mayer, Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Public Service Director Mike Barker, Chief Communications Officer and Marketing Director 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	A/P – <i>arrived at 6:36 pm</i>
CM Michael Durik	P
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P
CM Andrea Wilttrout	A

Mayor Spalding reported that Council Member Wilttrout could not attend due to illness and moved to excuse her from the council meeting. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to excuse Council Member Wilttrout from the council meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Clerk Mason reported that after distribution of the minutes Council Member Shull suggested a clarification to the Planning Commission report. The change was not substantive and was made on the original version. Council adopted the May 3, 2022 meeting minutes by consensus.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Proclamation – Declaring May 11-17, 2022 as Police Week and May 15, 2022 as Peace Officer Memorial Day: Mayor Spalding read the proclamation aloud. He stated that the New Albany community supported law enforcement and recalled the recent incident which reminded us how important law enforcement was in our community. He praised the positive relationships with officers which allowed the kids to feel confident enough to “see something, say something.”

Police Chief Greg Jones thanked the council and community for their support. He described Officer Burton, a career officer and long-time member of the New Albany Police Department, who had recently

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passed away due to an aggressive cancer. Chief Jones remembered Officer Burton as strong, physically and emotionally. Officer Burton's integrity always showed through.

Oaths of Office - Promotion to Sergeant Ian McCord and Oren Nauman: Chief Jones gave a brief introduction of Officer McCord, describing his 6 years with the New Albany Police Department. Mayor Spalding swore in Officer McCord as a Sergeant. Sergeant McCord's wife, Hanna, pinned on his new badge.

Chief Jones gave a brief introduction of Officer Nauman who transferred to New Albany from the Newark Police Department. The now retired Newark Police Chief was present. Mayor Spalding swore in Officer McCord as a Sergeant. Sergeant Nauman's wife, also a dispatcher for NAPD, pinned on his new badge.

Proclamation – Declaring June as PRIDE Month in New Albany: Mayor Spalding read the proclamation aloud. Precious Singo, a PRIDE New Albany board member, accepted the proclamation, confessing she got a little teary. She stated the renewal of the proclamation showed a continued commitment by the city to do the important work of making New Albany a community where all people were seen, accepted, included, and respected. Mayor Spalding praised the organization's positivity and great message, and their integration with local events.

Deanna Napoli, 2471 Beech Road, told council that she was there to talk about the widening of Beech Road. She was happy that industry was coming to Licking County. The widening of Beech Road between SR 161 and Jug street couldn't happen. There were 17+ homes with driveways there, 17-18 people who had to get in and out. There were 5 driveways for the industrial park, totaling 23 driveways on that section. A 5-lane road was a freeway. She described plans for a little island or median in the middle and on the sides, and stated these would make it difficult for people to get in and out of their homes. She understood this was a beautification project, but it needed common sense, it needed to be drivable and accessible for the residents.

She noted that the walkways on the east side of Beech Road had maybe 3 people on them in a given week. They'd been in their home 22 years. The industrial park went in about 12 years ago. She'd seen the plans to put in a walkway on the west side of Beech, but that didn't make sense when no one was going to use it. She stated that nowhere in New Albany, except on the main streets, did you see a sidewalk the entire length of the road on both sides.

Ms. Napoli stated she'd been retired, at home, and never once seen any traffic backup. Going from 5 lanes to 3 lanes, according to the paper that was put out to everybody, didn't make sense. It was for show, wasting the taxpayer's money. It wasn't practical. She reiterated the issue with residents accessing their driveways. She thanked council.

John Napoli, 2471 Beech Road, stated he had been to council a few other times without success. Most of the residents had been out there numerous years. No one had been out there to actually look at what was happening. He imagined most people he talked to were sitting in front of a computer. City Manager Stefanov had been out there and was the only one who had helped.

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When a building went up, the construction crews ran a lot of trucks through there. He described the grinding noises and dust that came with construction, construction trucks using the wrong entrances to the site – spreading dirt and rocks. There weren't directions for the trucks. He'd talked to building supervisors and they say no one told them. He'd had 2 call him to apologize for sending trucks in front of their house when they could have taken the other entrance. He had pictures of when they first started and you couldn't see his house because of the dust. He'd had his mailbox shot. They didn't care. It was all welfare for the billionaires. He wanted results from someone who was in charge.

He hardly ever saw the police, and he'd seen people doing 70 – 80 miles per hour there. He came back from vacation and found a half a car in his yard. There were a lot of accidents and near-accidents there. He described a lot of litter.

Mr. Napoli described workers coming to his property and digging without warning. Once, it was a drainage ditch. Recently, it was fiber-optic cable. They dug up the yard, made a mess, said they were coming back in a week, and didn't return. Cleaning up after them was a lot of work and he was tired of doing it. There was no respect.

Mr. Napoli agreed with Ms. Napoli that very few people used the sidewalks. All they were doing is taking the greenspace and increasing their taxes. The proposed trees would take up his whole yard. They just kept coming and coming. If they wanted his house, they should give him what he wanted to sell it for. He was 85. He wasn't going anywhere. He wanted people to come out to see what was going on in person. He appreciated the city's help.

Chuck Holton, 2365 Beech Road, stated that Mr. Napoli, his father-in-law, gave a good representation of the challenges they faced. They'd been there for 24 years and seen all the changes. He'd been to council when the Beauty Park started. He bought his land in 1996 and built his house in 1998, raised his kids there. He had favorable reviews as a whole, but had seen a lot of changes. He described the cornfield across from him becoming a hog feeding farm and then the Beauty Park. He worked at Honda understood what mass production and associated traffic looked like. He was worried, but it had gone well.

What hadn't been good was how the infrastructure was introduced into their land. He had experienced a lot of lines being installed through his yard – gas, fiber, water. He described the lack of ownership for who was doing the work – was it the state, the township, Columbus? Like his father-in-law said, they never showed up fill in the hole. He described drainage problems after the road had been widened and being unable to find out who was responsible.

Mr. Holton asked for a knock on the door, a business card, a letter telling a homeowner when work was being done and who was doing it. It never happened. His son worked from home and went out to take pictures of the work trucks. The worker claimed not to know who they were doing work for.

Mr. Holton was happy for and anticipated expansion of the Intel project, maybe up to 10 pods. What was important to him was clarity about what was going to happen. They'd seen renderings, talked to Representative Fraizer, they'd been in Jersey Township to what was coming. It was hard for him to believe

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we didn't have specifics. Where, specifically, was the 5-lane road going? Tell him directly and don't sugar coat it. If they wanted to buy is property, then talk to him. He asked that the retention pond across the street from him be filled in to accommodate the 5-lane road rather than having it go through his yard. Let the businesses take the impact, not the homeowners. He didn't want to be boxed in. He was mad. He wanted clarity, transparency, as soon as possible. He appreciated council's time.

Mayor Spalding described the accelerated decision making process that brought Intel to Ohio. There were a lot of details that regrettably hadn't yet come to fruition. He encouraged Mr. Holton to keep tabs on the city's website - newalbanyohio.org and newalbanyosiliconheartland.com. The city tried to update the website as soon as it could with new information. Some roads were still under design and traffic studies were underway. This project quickly went from being a city project, to regional, to state, to national. Council appreciated everyone sharing their concerns.

Mayor Spalding recalled working with Mr. Napoli on improvements in the past. The city could help facilitate connections and try to facilitate conversations for homeowners who wanted to sell. Unfortunately, he didn't know the details for Beech Road or know exactly what property issues would arise. The retention ponds described by Mr. Holton were for diverting stormwater. He appreciated residents for coming forward with their observations. This project was going to have an overall positive impact, but he understood some in the community would be impacted disproportionately. He agreed that it was professional courtesy – that landowners should get a courtesy notification if someone was working in their yard. It was a fair request.

John Napoli stated that the sidewalks on both sides cost tax payer dollars. A sidewalk for 12 people over 12 years didn't make sense. He understood design standards tried to anticipate future growth. He'd seen people use leisure trails, but not their trail. He expressed frustration at working hard and not getting respect, just getting the aftermath of it. He understood there were unknowns and that this was a different type of situation, but this was a simple thing. Why do they spend all that money? Further, he did not support the white fences that must cost hundreds of thousands to upkeep. He talked about people losing their homes to eminent domain. His blood pressure was up – a lot due to this – not knowing where he was going to be next week, next year. He'd talked to other area residents who felt the same way.

Mayor Spalding asked if there was a way to create some sort of direct line of communication with people who lived on Beech Road – when they could know when something would affect their front yard or similar. He acknowledged it would never be perfect. Could they get a contact number during this time when all these changes were happening to get clarification?

City Manager Stefanov responded that council approved a staff position in the 2022 budget to be responsible for oversight on utilities operating in city right-of-way. A lot of times, the city didn't know what companies were out there and a number of companies continued to enter the right-of-way. Some utilities performed at a higher level than others and did not have to inform anyone they were going on the right-of-way. The Napolis were in Jersey Township. The city had assisted as a good neighbor 4-5 years ago when their ditch was disrupted by workers in the right-of-way. Because there was so much to do, the city had been counting on the utilities to do the right thing. To the extent that it knew, New Albany could share when it had knowledge.

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City Manager Stefanov was not aware of immediate plans for Beech Road other than the intersection improvement at Jug Street. The city’s focus had been on Mink Road. The city was also working on Jug Street. Once plans were developed enough, the plan was to go out and talk to the impacted property owners. The city was communicating with the residents about right-of-way. He understood that people would expect everything to be further along with plan development, but the everyone was moving as fast as they could to design infrastructure – roads, water lines, sewer lines, stormsewer, and focusing on areas that were likely to be needed first. As those phases finished, the focus would shift to secondary roads. There was further discussion of anticipated traffic congestion, Jug Street, and the south side of SR 161.

Ohio House Representative Mark Fraizer, District 71, 20 North Street, Newark, Ohio, appreciated that council had a desire to improve its community and Licking County. The Ohio House was exited for the Intel project and wanted to support the initiative as much as possible. The Ohio House had a very busy last 3 weeks before summer break. He believed there was an intention to find a package to help offset some expenses of the project and to be good partners. They were also focused on improving the surrounding infrastructure. Licking County had proposed \$500,000 from Jobs to Commerce to do traffic planning along impacted roads. He was thankful for his constituents who came to the meeting. When it came to issues with planning and design, the sooner they were aware, the better and quicker it could be resolved. He talked about accessibility for the Monroe Township Fire Department. He talked about supporting young people in STEM fields with education and certifications. He noted proposed HB 577 would align college credits and offer tuition reimbursement for students who stayed in the state.

He saw building the correct infrastructure as the number one way to make the project successful. The Ohio House would give the correct support on the state level, would be transparent and direct on development. He described the many meetings and round table discussions in Johnstown, Liberty Township, and St Albans. Granville was next. They wanted to make sure that they were a repository of information, blunt the impact, do this right, and deliver the results for citizens. He was present to introduce himself, work with council, and answer any questions.

He understood there were a lot of changes happened and there wasn’t a lot of information, which led to frustration. He stressed the importance of information accuracy. He used the analogy of building a plane while flying it. He appreciated New Albany feeling the brunt of that to some degree as everyone tried to communicate to their community and beyond.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Council Member Shull reported that the PC heard 2 variances that were previously tabled. The first was in Hawkmoor to allow a pool to be located in a side yard. The owner brought in neighbor letters in support and the application was approved. The second was on Southfield Road to allow a pool house to be 1,100 square feet and have an approximately 15 feet setback. This was an unusual request the pool house would be located on lot on a roundabout. There was a lot of discussion about merging lots and lot lines, and what defined a side yard and rear yard. The PC approved the application with landscaping and screening conditions, and encroachment would be subject to staff approval. There would be deed restrictions on both lots so there would be



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no additional building on Lot 31. There would be an integrated landscaping plan as already described in the architectural site plan. The second applicant also had the support of direct neighbors.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Council Member Durik reported that the ARB approved a variance for signs at Simply Quartered, a locally-owned custom flooring business.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Kist reported the SAB had to cancel due to lack of quorum.

IDEA IMPLEMENTATION PANEL: 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-15-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 155 “PERSONNEL POLICIES” OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Human Resources Officer Lindsay Rasey referenced her detailed presentation at first reading. This ordinance was meant to address the current and future personnel needs of the city. After the first reading, a change was made to the vacation section to clarify the eligibility for payout was at 480 hours. In another section, there was a change to make sure it was understood that the city was referring to a FLSA non-exempt employee

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 6 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-15-2022.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-17-2022



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Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATION OF 1.168 ACRES AT 5321 HARLEM ROAD AS REQUESTED BY THE NEW ALBANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Planning Manager Stephen Mayer stated that, during development, any applicant was required to provide the city right-of-way as part of subdivision regulations. In this ordinance, the New Albany Presbyterian Church was dedicating right-of-way along the west side of Harlem Road and the south side of Dublin-Granville Road. This would be sufficient to accommodate leisure trail improvements along Harlem and future leisure trail and intersection improvements along Dublin-Granville Road.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the June 7, 2022 council meeting.

ORDINANCE O-18-2022

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 141.8+/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF JUG STREET, WEST OF MINK STREET AND NORTH OF INNOVATION CAMPUS WAY, FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG) TO LIMITED GENERAL EMPLOYMENT (L-GE) FOR AN AREA TO BE KNOWN AS “THE MINK STREET WEST ZONING DISTRICT” AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS LLC, C/O AARON UNDERHILL.

Planning Manager Stephen Mayer stated that this limitation text was more restrictive than the base code requirement found in the General Employment District. This rezoning text was the same as previously zoned in the Personal Care and Beauty Campus limitation texts. It contained the same permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses as other L-GE texts and was consistent with property zoning to the west and south. The property was annexed at the end of 2021. The limitation text required a consistent streetscape and the same setbacks as surrounding areas, and other similar hallmarks, like architectural design, rooftop screening, and 65 foot building height. The text committed to 80 feet of new right-of-way for future streets, 70 feet of right-of-way along Mink Road, and 40 feet along Jug Street. The rezoning matched the land use and thoroughfare recommendations found in the Engage New Albany Strategic Plan. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval at their April 2022 meeting.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the June 7, 2022 council meeting.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-19-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY WITH THE LAW FIRM OF FISHEL DOWNEY ALBRECHT & RIEPENHOFF LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY.

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City Manager Stefanov noted that Ben Albrecht and his firm had served in the role of Interim Law Director since the retirement of Mitch Banchefsky. During that time, they had been responsive and professional, and all feedback from staff about their performance was exceptional. The city's Request for Qualifications resulted in 4 responses. The city interviewed all 4 firms. Each was qualified, but based on the quality of the interview, Mr. Albrecht's performance as Interim Law Director, and Mr. Albrecht's and his firm's employment history with the city for labor negotiations, City Manager Joseph Stefanov was recommending Mr. Albrecht and his firm serve in the full-time capacity of Law Director.

City Manager Stefanov recalled previous council discussions of multi-year contracts. Since it was nearly mid-year, City Manager Stefanov was recommending that this contract run for 17 months ending in December of 2023.

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 resolution. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Resolution R-19-2022.

RESOLUTION R-20-2022

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS TO FACILITATE THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WITHING AND/OR SERVING THE 1,689+/- ACRE TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY IN ORDINANCE O-12-2022 ON MAY 3, 2022.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council that this ordinance would allow the city to keep pace with the timing of the projects in the Technology and Manufacturing District (TMD) area, make prudent decisions aligned with the design of the project, and save time. The alternative would be to come to council and repeatedly ask for time waivers and emergency declarations to authorize the city manager to sign contracts for things like right-of-way acceptance. Projects would still require Requests for Proposals or Requests for Qualifications or bid-out. This would be for projects for which council had already approved money be appropriated. Staff suggested regular reporting to council as was currently happening for administratively-accepted streetscape easements. Any project requiring a bid-out would still need to come to council for authorization per state code.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Chrysler replied that Development could give reports at any interval council requested. Development currently reported on streetscape easements annually and those could be combined. Council Member Fellows preferred every 6 months for more visibility. Council concurred.

Council Member Shull appreciated the specificity of the 1,689 acres. He wondered whether if there were ways council could get updates as they were happening – on Beech Road, Mink Road, Jug Street, etc. Director Chrysler answered that that could be done. The first step was content on the city's

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website. One challenge was that, when there was a stretch of road with parcels in and out of the city, especially large sections, if there was a right-of-way permit or work happening, it might not be permitted through New Albany. Conversely, when the city planned work on Jug Street, before stakes were put down, someone knocked on doors and hand-delivered letters with a business card. The city had done that for years as part of its public improvement projects and would continue to. There could be an interim communication step once the city had a design.

Council Member Fellows suggested a quarterly, separate meetings of Intel updates – perhaps on Zoom or townhall-style or neighborhood meetings. Director Chrysler responded that every idea was on the table. The city had some immediate deadlines and milestones that it needed to focus on right now, but there would be an opportunity after October 1st to step back and think about creative ways to communicate. Council Member Durik suggested the outreach that was done on Jug Street should be a standard of any contract the city awarded – part of the guidelines and expectations. The city should give residents at least the information of who they were. Whatever the city could do to be respectful to those adjacent homeowners. Director Chrysler agreed, that had been the city’s standard, and gave further examples. Council and staff discussed when the city was and was not informed of utility work, the amount of work city staff was doing, what the website was accomplishing, and striving for as good as possible.

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 Brisk seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Resolution R-20-2022.

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: No report.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

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- A. Council Representative to MORPC: MORPC hosted Dr. Amy Acton, the CEO of the non-profit promoting the Rapid5 program. Registration was open for a passenger rail education program on May 19. MORPC's Sustainability Advisory Committee discussed opportunities for sustainability relative to Intel. On June 15 and 16, there was an Ohio conference on freight at the Columbus Convention Center. Riverfest was schedule for June 11 and 12 in conjunction with the Columbus Arts Festival. The Summit on Sustainability was being held on October 14 at the Columbus Hilton.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: No report.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Kist reported that the board supported Superintendent Michael Sawyers who retired and was rehired. The board discussed the student with the loaded handgun in his backpack on the school bus the prior week. Superintendent Michael Sawyers thanked police for their quick response. The kids who saw the gun immediately got off and notified the principal. The school acted quickly and a possible terrible incident was averted. Council Member Kist reminded anyone who had firearms in their home to secure them. He praised the kids who did the right thing. Who knows what could have happened.

The board discussed being in crisis mode to find bus drivers. 3,200 kids rode the bus each day. They were 12 drivers short every day on average. They even reached out to the city to see if city service workers could run routes. The school was currently double-routing buses and was considering triple-routing with 3 separate bells for the school day start. No action had yet been taken.

The board voted to put a 1.75 mill permanent improvement levy on the fall ballot. This would be a 5-year replacement levy. The net would be 88 cents less per \$100,000 tax bill. The old levy was expiring in December. The board was conscious of inflation and didn't feel it was appropriate to increase the tax bill at this time.

- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported that the township filled 2 permanent promotions for officers and now had a full cadre. They decided that township and New Albany residents could rent the facility for a private event. Anyone who didn't qualify would have to have a resident co-sign in order to rent. The township wanted to build a columbarium in Maplewood Cemetery. This was in the masterplan and they were assessing cost and designs.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: No report.

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- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reminded council about the Founders Day parade schedule. Clerk Mason polled council about liquor license permit requests for Hudson 29 and Sarasheen Partnership. Council did not request a hearing.
- C. Finance Director: Director Staats reported that the city awarded its debt refunding and would be closing on May 25. The city would be issuing \$1.47 million in bonds to Chase Bank at a 2.68% interest rate. The city had 10 option among 7 banks to choose from. Rates ranged from 2.63 to 3.5%. The lowest bid did not meet the proposal qualifications. The city's net savings from the payoff of the 2013 bond would be about \$384,000.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov reported enjoying his vacation. There were no major issues while he was out.
- E. City Attorney: No report.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Fellows asked staff for updates the power line poles outside Village Hall, the uplighting at the amphitheater, and Village Center beautification efforts.

Regarding the power lines, Public Service Director Barker stated that there was a change in ownership of one of the existing fiberoptic lines on the poles. Staff met with representatives from Crown Castle who agreed to expedite the removal of their line, hopefully, in the next 10-14 days. AEP had been responsive and was willing to remove the pole as soon as the line was removed. Once the poles were removed, the Public Service Department team would restore and reseed the ground.

Regarding uplighting, Director Barker worked with CAPA to identify the type of light they used when the venue was open in the summer. The city was gathering pricing for similar lighting to replace CAPA's during the winter months. He anticipated being ready for the fall. CAPA was currently uplighting the dome at night.

Regarding beautification, Director Joly reported that the ordered tables and chairs for the Farmers Alley area were expected to arrive in June. Staff was looking at umbrella options for the tables in the promenade at Rose Run Park and possibly the library garden. Staff was trying to find planter boxes and, once acquired, would hire a landscaping firm to fill them in the summer and fall. Hopefully, the maintenance could be done by a Senior Connections program in coming years. Council and staff further discussed planter colors and locations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE.



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ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Kist seconded to adjourn the May 17, 2022 regular council meeting at 8:34 pm.

ATTEST:



Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council



Sloan Spalding, Mayor

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Date