



# Council Minutes – Special Meeting

June 28, 2021

## CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of June 1, 2021 at 10:00 am at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff tele-present were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky Finance Director Bethany Staats, Deputy Public Service Director Mike Barker, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Economic Development Manager Michael Loges, 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 – Tele-present
CM Colleen Briscoe	P – Tele-present
CM Marlene Brisk	P – Tele-present
CM Michael Durik	P – Tele-present
CM Chip Fellows	A/P – Tele-present – arrived 10:04
CM Kasey Kist	P – Tele-present
CM Matt Shull	P – Tele-present

## ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE.

## READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

### **RESOLUTION R-33-2021**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AND SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH AMGEN INC RELATED TO INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE OAK GROVE II COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council this resolution authorized the city manager to execute agreements related to Amgen, Inc. The project was on a 177 acre lot south of State Route 161. The site was in both the Franklin and Licking County portions of the business park, so both the New Albany Plain Local and Licking Heights Local school districts would benefit. The estimated investment in the initial phase was around \$300,000 million. The project was anticipated to create 400 new jobs by the end of 2027 with approximately 270,000 square feet of manufacturing and production space. The city was offering a 100% real property tax abatement for 15 years and would waive up to \$250,000 in building and permitting fees. The project would further diversify the city’s health and life science industry clusters, and would provide additional income tax withholding for the city.

Director Chrysler praised Amgen’s team. She gave a brief history of the company. Amgen served millions patients worldwide, with total revenues in 2020 exceeding 25 billion, and employing nearly 25,000 employees worldwide. The Amgen Foundation had contributed over \$345 million to non-



# Council Minutes – Special Meeting

June 28, 2021

profit organizations advancing excellence in science education and strengthening the communities where their employees lived and worked. Director Chrysler thanked the council, the city manager and for the proactive investments in infrastructure through the New Albany East Community Authority fund – part of why Amgen was able to locate in New Albany. Economic Development Manager Michael Loges was present to help answer questions.

Mayor Spalding solicited questions from council. There were none.

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

Mayor Spalding thanked everyone that participated in this effort. He noted many had learned a lot about medical and pharmaceutical advances this year. Amgen was present in over 100 countries around the globe and were leaders in biologics and pharmaceuticals. This was a win for New Albany and for the region, thanks to partnerships with JobsOhio, State of Ohio, and in central Ohio area. He welcomed Amgen.

Council Member Durik asked and Director Chrysler replied that Amgen was still seeking approvals that morning on a state incentive package. Once those were secured, a joint press release would go out that afternoon.

Council Member Briscoe thanked staff for their outstanding work and another win. Council Member Shull stated, being the pharmaceutical industry himself, this was a phenomenal company. He thanked staff for continuing to diversify the city’s business community.

Director Chrysler described her recent experience of being diagnosed and receiving therapy for cancer when she started working on this project. She named numerous city staff who worked on this project. She praised the work of NACO leadership. So many people stepped up. Having everyone join together as a team on a once-in-a-lifetime project was special. It showed the depth of team assembled and its capabilities with council’s guidance and leadership.

Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-33-2021.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Briscoe seconded to adjourn the June 28, 2021 regular council meeting at 10:15 am.

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

  
Sloan Spalding, Mayor

  
Date