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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of July 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Police Chief Greg Jones, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly Deputy, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason. (Clerk's note: Staff were rotated out to a separate conference room so that no more than 10 persons were in council chambers at any one time.) Staff tele-present were Finance Director Bethany Staats, Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Deputy Development Director Mike Barker, Engineer Ed Ferris, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, and Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Scott McAfee.

Mayor Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Sloan Spalding	P
CM Colleen Briscoe	P
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	P
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the proposed July 14, 2020 special meeting minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Hearing no changes, Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the July 14, 2020 special meeting minutes. Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve the July 14, 2020 special meeting minutes.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

HEARING OF VISITORS:

NONE

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mayor Spalding reported that the PC tabled their only case. The PC heard a Engage New Albany Strategic Plan update.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: Council Member Shull reported that the ARB denied an application for waiver to install a residential concrete driveway on Kitzmiller Road.



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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: Mayor Spalding reported that the PRC held their organizational meeting and reappointed all officials to the same positions. The PRC approved a records retention schedule for the Police Department. The next meeting was scheduled for November 17th.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

NONE

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES: ORDINANCE O-12-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND TO ESTABLISH THE LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.

Finance Director Bethany Staats told council, with the adjustments in this legislation, it was estimated that revenues would still exceed expenditures by approximately \$2 million. In the General Fund, the Community Development Department was requesting additional funding for various professional and recurring services. There was also an increase in the Public Service budget under Maintenance and Repair for infrastructure like light poles and guardrails. Additional money was appropriated for the Morse Road Booster Station utilities and Rose Run WiFi. All of the adjustments would be offset by appropriation decreases in the General Fund, including a reduction in RITA collection fees and a decrease in the original COVID-19-related fund. Grant monies received would be put in the new Local Coronavirus Relief fund. Director Staats reviewed the additional adjustments in the legislation, including changes to the Oxford TIF. The new item added after the first reading was the increase of \$156,000 in the Capital Equipment Fund to accommodate the electric vehicle charging stations approved in the last meeting.

City Manager Stefanov told council that total appropriations were virtually unchanged because the city had made reductions in other line items to offset the increases, particularly in the General Fund.

Council Member Briscoe assumed and Director Staats agreed that the Community Development's requested funds for items like engineering services were basically pass-throughs because they were mostly reimbursed. Director Staats described being able to transfer some appropriations within the Community Development budget.

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



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Council Member Shull moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with six yes votes to approve Ordinance O-12-2020.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES NONE

RESOLUTION R-26-2020

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF SNOW AND ICE HANDLING EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND ACCESSORIES AS SET FORTH IN THE SCOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 080818-HPI AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING CITY STREETS FREE FROM SNOW AND ICE BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

Public Service Director Mark Nemec reminded council that they approved the purchase of a Freightliner truck cab and chassis unit, replacing a 2006 International truck. This resolution would allow for the buildout of the new Freightliner. The buildout would include the dump body, rear hitch, hydraulics, snow plow, tailgate spreader, pre-wet system, and other associated equipment. The city was using the Sourcewell cooperative contract to make the competitive bid purchase. The Freightliner trucks were primarily used for snow and ice control and sat unused at other times except for the occasional hauling of dirt and gravel. Public Service wanted more ways to use the trucks.

The fleet manager and supervisors recommended the SwapLoader system to support other city maintenance operations like leaf collection, street surface grinding, and carrying traffic cones for community events. SwapLoader was a hook-lift hoist system to allow for a change-out of truck bodies with the same cab and chassis. The initial cost was \$155,000 plus \$5,000 for the flat bed. For leaf collection, the city only had one truck and 3 employees were required to do the job. The SwapLoader came with a leaf collection option and the driver operated the machine, saving around \$20,000 on labor costs. Funding for the purchase of a replacement tandem dump truck was approved in the 2020 Capital Equipment Replacement Budget and provided for in the annual appropriations ordinance.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec replied that staff hadn't yet priced the leaf collection machine. The leaf collector would sit on the truck's flatbed. The various components allowed staff to use the truck year-round. Council Member Kist asked and Director Nemec answered that more functions were available, like a sewer vacuum.

Council Member Briscoe expressed concern for repair options when a component broke. Director Nemec responded that he believed SwapLoader had been around for approximately 10 years. Gahanna and Dublin owned SwapLoader systems. Gahanna particularly liked theirs. Council and staff discussed longevity of trucks.



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Mayor Spalding asked and Director Nemec answered that owning a SwapLoader System did not lock the city in to one truck manufacturer.

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 Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-26-2020.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: No report
- B. Safety Committee: No report.
- C. Public Utilities: No report.
- D. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.
- E. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.
- F. Administration Committee: No report.
- G. Grants and Non-Profit Funding: No report.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: No meeting.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: No meeting.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Brisk reported that the NAPLS was focused on opening up in the fall. They were telling parents that the plan was to open, but was offering the option to attend completely online also. The family's choice would apply to the first semester, after which parents could reevaluate and chose again for the second semester.

All teachers and staff would wear face masks or shields at all times, unless it was unsafe to so or when working alone in an office. Pre-K-2nd Grade, Grades 3-6, and Grades 7-12 had different mask requirements depending on location.



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The schools were working on an in-person/online hybrid learning option. They were also preparing for the possibility that the Ohio Department of Education or the state could shut down the school buildings. The schools made rules regarding social distancing indoors. The schools were facing many challenges and working hard to be ready.

D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported that the township received \$94,000 via the CARES Act. Jack Rupp would be sworn in as the new fire chief that week. The event would be online only. A public event could occur at a later date.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding thanked the council clerk for keeping meetings running smoothly. The state law allowing for virtual meetings ended at the end of 2020. He understood there had been conversations in the General Assembly about permitting virtual meeting beyond that time.
 - The Buckeye Institute had recently filed a lawsuit regarding municipal income tax collection. He expected to hear updates as that progressed.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason solicited council feedback on virtual meeting platforms and inperson formats. Council opted to try the Zoom platform again with some council members in chambers and some remote.
- C. Finance Director: Finance Director Bethany Staats briefly went over the June Financial Report with council. She reviewed the income tax breakdown. Income tax withholding revenue was strong, but she was anticipating some fallout from filing delays and was watching the Buckeye Institute lawsuit. Staff was also considering how tax estimate payments towards 2020 taxes could change. Overall, she thought the General Fund looked good under the circumstances. She further reviewed fund balances and city investments.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Joseph Stefanov reported that the middle Harlem Road leisure trail was under construction. Staff had prepared the FAQ for the city's mask order and that would be going out the next day to businesses. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was being formed. There would be more discussion at a future council meeting. City Manager Stefanov was getting community partner selections for their representative. Finally, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Scott McAfee had contacted the health department about safety standards for an event like Oktoberfest. The requirements would be the same as those for a restaurant. Customers would have to be seated when eating and drinking, open congregant areas would require social distancing and follow specific sanitation requirements, common areas would have to be cleaned after every use, health checks were recommended, hand washing and sanitizing would be available in common areas, and standardized COVID-19 signage would be placed conspicuously. The Community Events Board was continuing to gather information and would likely make a decision around the beginning of August.



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E. City Attorney: Law Director Mitch Banchefsky referenced the Buckeye Institute suit against the City of Columbus. If successful, employees working from home would be taxed where they lived versus where they worked. New Albany was monitoring closely and would report back to council. Council discussed possible implications of the lawsuit.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Brisk reported that she and Mayor Spalding were tagged in a social media post which featured signage a resident had spotted in Washington, DC and thought a good idea for New Albany. The signs encouraged mask wearing in a positive and humorous way. Council Member Brisk forwarded the message via email to council. She wanted to discuss something similar in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Spalding moved that council go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider appointment of a public employee, and pursuant to New Albany Charter section 4.03(E) for economic development. Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to go into executive session at 7:25 pm.

Mayor Spalding moved that council come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council resumed the regular meeting at 8:49 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan: Land Use and Parks

Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly introduced Chris Hermann from MKSK. She briefly reviewed the prior Strategic Plan presentation topics including Sustainability and Community Wellbeing and Mobility.

Mr. Hermann emphasized that what was being presented was a draft and he encouraged council to share their thoughts. Mr. Hermann presented from the PowerPoint slideshow attached. Clerk's note — council members questions and discussions are reflected below.

Council Member Briscoe didn't recall reading a study that showed New Albany anticipated a population of 25,000. Mr. Hermann responded that the estimate came from a prior projection made in 2001 and was meant as a caution against unplanned growth.

Council Member Durik asked about potential impact to the school system when an area was blocked out for residential development. He was interested in the numeric range of potential new students. Developers would not likely wait 20 years and would be very motivated to start building. Council discussed older zoning plans and the recent commercial development. Council Member Shull did not think it was a bad idea to at



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least consider residential zoning areas. Council Member Durik thought, if council considered residential zoning, it should have corresponding projections for the schools - whether they would need capital projects to handle the population which would result in tax increases. The city was already at a high tax base in Franklin County. Dual school campuses would be very expensive. Council Member Fellows recalled these same discussions 10-15 years ago.

Council Member Brisk asked and Mr. Hermann confirmed that a pocket retail area was planned near the 55+ housing developments. She liked the concept of little neighborhood retail areas, particularly near senior housing. Council discussed other areas for housing and retail. Director Joly assured council that New Albany Schools Superintendent Michael Sawyers was part of the discussion.

Mr. Hermann talked about potential mixed-used developments at the county line. Council discussed the potential of putting kids in the Licking County schools. Mayor Spalding asked City Manager Stefanov to walk council through the history of the city's development in Licking County. He acknowledged it had been a while since the last conversations about this topic. Council should disuss residential areas versus mixed use developments on the Franklin County side, and how each would impact schools. Mayor Spalding thought a more holistic approach would help before making those kinds of decisions. Licking Heights School District was one of the fastest growing districts in Ohio, partly due to funding from New Albany. If there was pressure for development, council should reevaluate where the districts stood now. Historically, council worked hard to keep community kids together.

Council Member Briscoe recalled an old proposal for a high-density development in Licking County which didn't go forward in part due to school impact. Council Member Briscoe was less concerned with residential development on the county lines, she was more concerned with a rush to build. She liked the idea of quality mixed-use which allowed for more options. Mayor Spalding spoked about mixed-use areas in Dublin. He agreed with Council Member Briscoe that he was less concerned with the location and more concerned with good quality. City Manager Stefanov suggested that, if a residential project went in, that it complement the commercial buildngs. It was a good idea to look at traffic patterns and what kinds of developments would add to traffic on State Route 161. Council Member Durik noted that Dublin's Bridge Park brought in a lot of retail traffic at all hours.

Council Member Briscoe wondered about how working from home would impact everything from income, to traffic, to economic development. This made it harder to know how plan. Several council members agreed. Mr. Hermann responded that the city would want to capture how people were working from home. Residential development could get interesting.

Council discussed around 112 acres of land currently zoned agricultural around Ganton Parkway. Council Member Fellows recalled a former residential plan. Council Member Shull liked residential land there more than the Beech Road area. It felt like it was more part of the community. Council Member Briscoe would not want the entire area to develop as single family homes. Several council members agreed. Council Member Durik expressed concern for the number of families that would put kids in the schools. Council Member Shull thought that the city should pause on the development of 55+ housing. Council Member



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Briscoe was concerned adding more traffic in that area. She preferred to leave it agricultural, except for maybe putting something around the edges, at this time.

Council Member Kist asked what mixed use meant. Mr. Hermann answered that, in the Village Center, mixed use would look like walkable office employment, first floor retail likely on the corners, townhomestyle and front porch-walkable residential. Council Member Kist asked how many students the Market & Main apartments had added to the school district. Mayor Spalding estimated it was around 20 students, but staff could check. Mayor Spalding gave the example of the Grandview Yard as mixed-use. Mr. Hermann said the number of kids in this style of living was lower than most expected. Mr. Hermann said that they would do some projections on various options to show what the school impact would be.

Council Member Brisk asked if the city should reserve areas for municipal use - like a field house or recreation center. Council Member Fellows supported that idea. Council Member Briscoe posited that was a good reason to leave the Ganton Parkway area agricultural. Director Joly brought up the housing bank. Mayor Spalding preferred offices closer to the roadway with parking around back. He didn't like big parking fields surrounding buildings.

Mr. Hermann told council that staff was surprised at how much they heard about parks during the Engage New Albany process. Many parks were built by the developers, maintained by the Home Owners' Associations, and due to their age, were about to be turned over to the city. Council members had heard that people drove 15-20 minutes to visit better parks. Council Member Fellows pointed out that New Albany Schools was putting in a big playground that would have many new amenities. Mr. Hermann said that feedback requested playgrounds for all age groups, shade structures, restroom facilities, access to water, social spaces, and varied equipment to keep kids interested – someplace a family could go for a few hours. Council discussed the Wexner pavilion area. Mr. Hermann stated residents wanted upgraded parks with better design.

Council Member Brisk stated it was important to get the message out that people could use parks in other neighborhoods, not just their own. She thought that varying the parks could help make that point – similar to how the basketball courts drew kids from all around.

Council Member Brisk asked and Mr. Hermann answered that there would be more details about the Village Center in the draft Strategic Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Briscoe seconded to adjourn the July 21, 2020 regular council meeting at 9:53 pm.

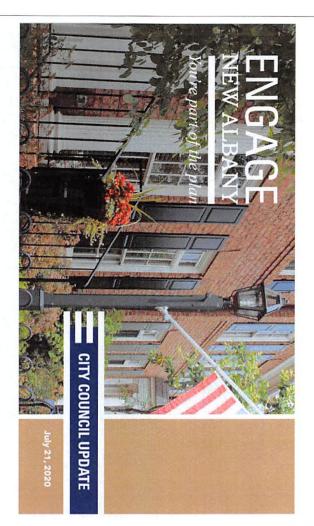
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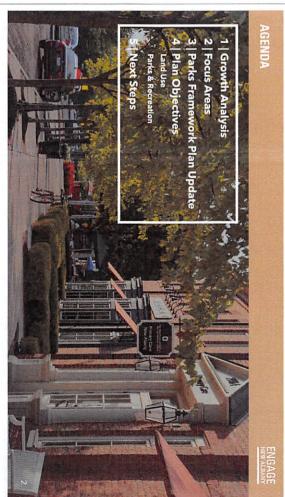
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Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

Sloan Spalding, Mayor

Date



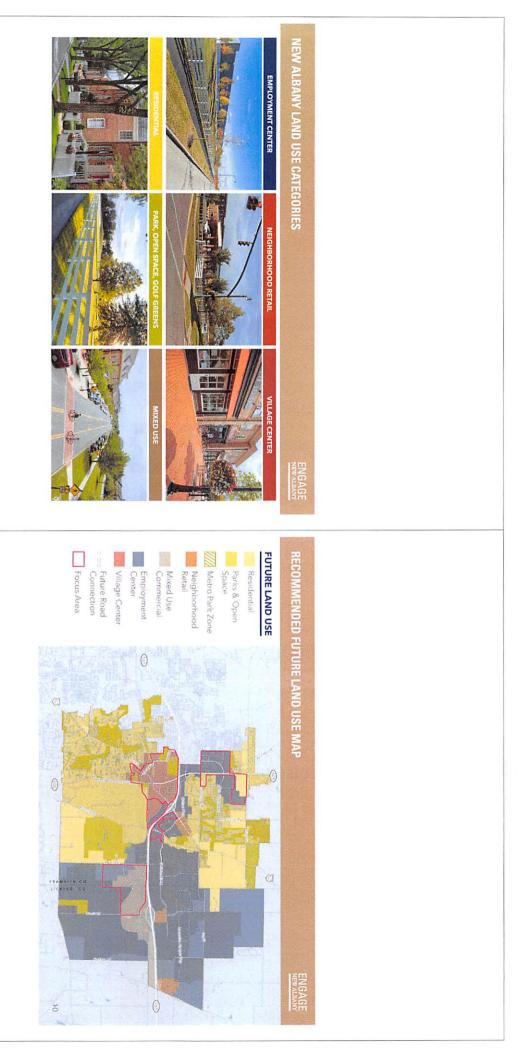


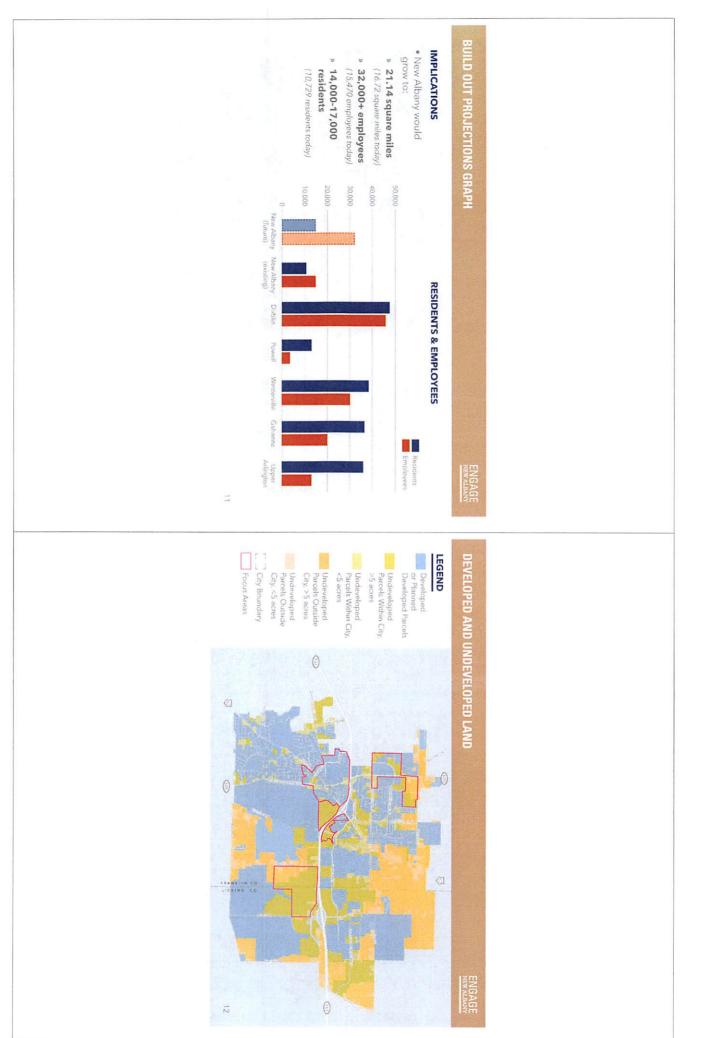




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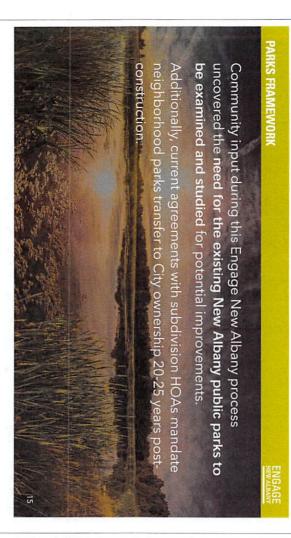


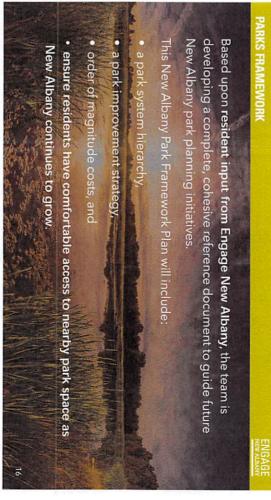




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FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS | ISSUES

- Lack of creature comforts (shade, seating, picnic tables).
- Play equipment is aging, lacks variety, is not accessible for people with disabilities, serves a limited age range (3-5 yo).
- Parks do not feel welcoming for all people, they are located. they feel exclusive to neighborhoods where
- Lack of active recreation options (skatepark, basketball courts).
- Desire for special amenities in parks, but limited due to park sizes and lack of parking.







FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS | ISSUES

ISSUES:

ties to enjoy destination playgrounds and parks that offer more variety and experiences for a wider age range. Residents are traveling to nearby communi-









FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS | ISSUES

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Enhance and upgrade neighborhood parks

- Play equipment for broad age range
 Accessibility and inclusive play
 Seating and gathering spaces for all
 More shade
- Build a destination park so residents don't have to leave the community
 - Add basketball courts and skatepark to provide active recreation for teens
- Complete leisure trail connections
- Enhance mid-size parks with more





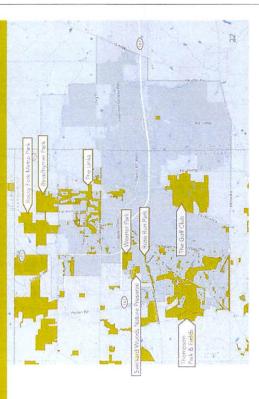




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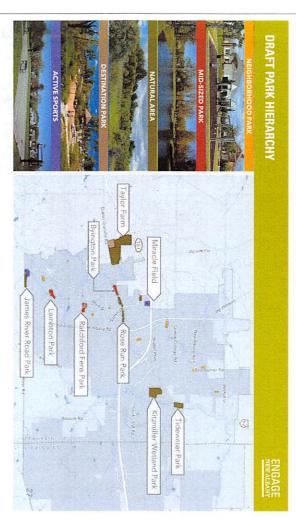
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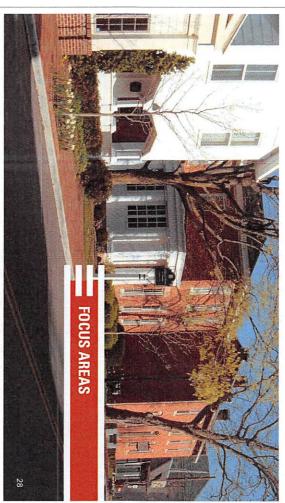
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 - Corporate Boundary
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 - Rivers & Streams

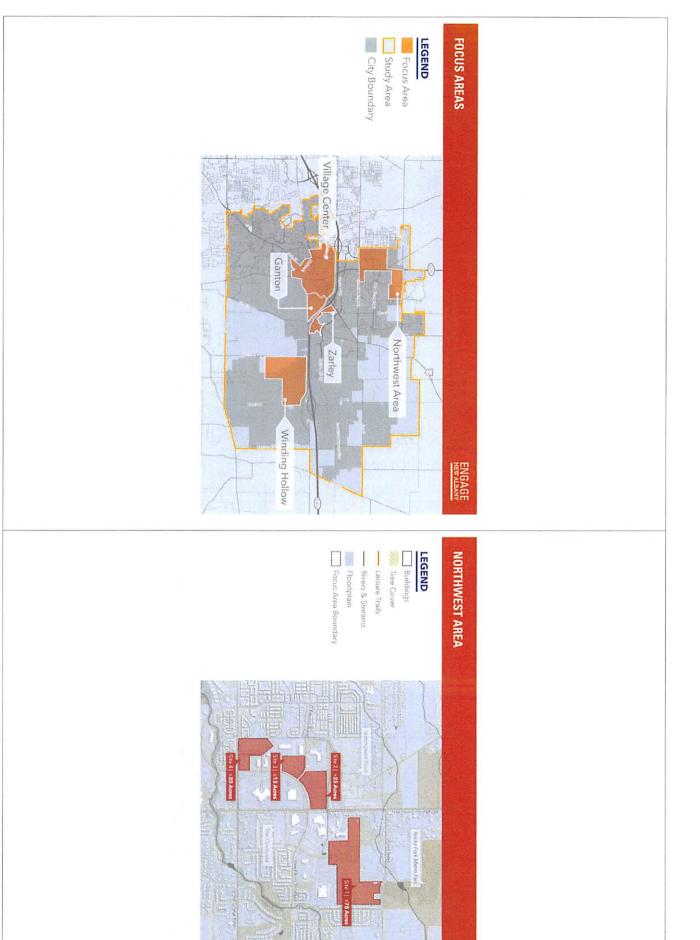




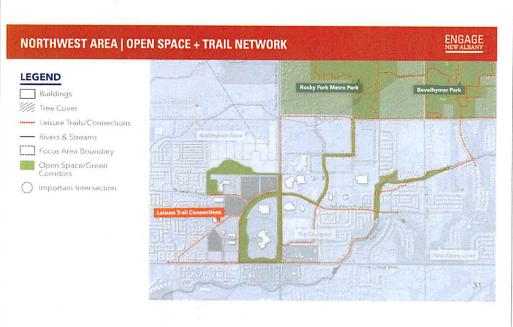


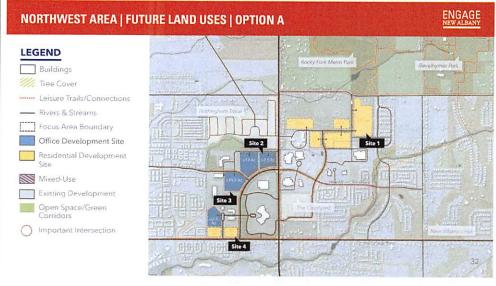


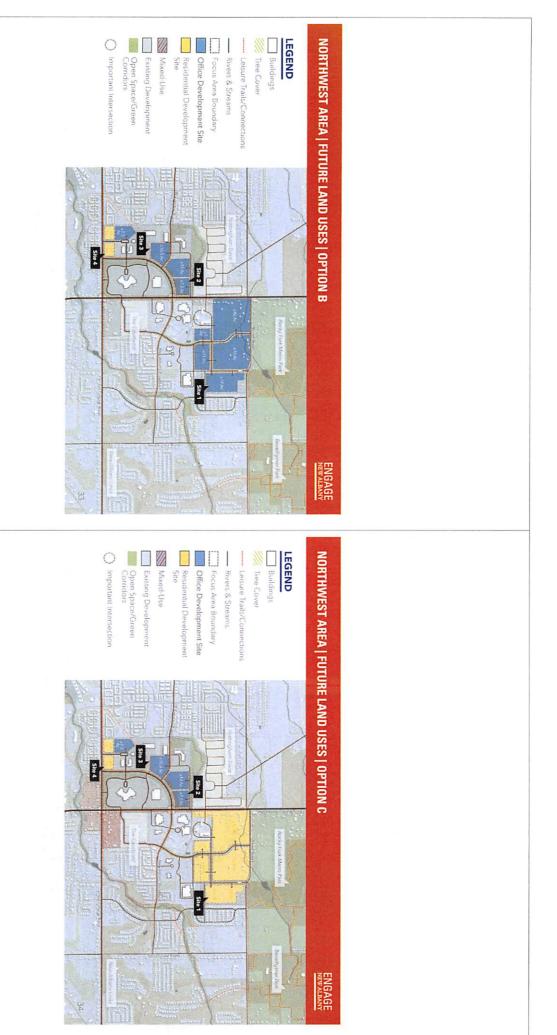




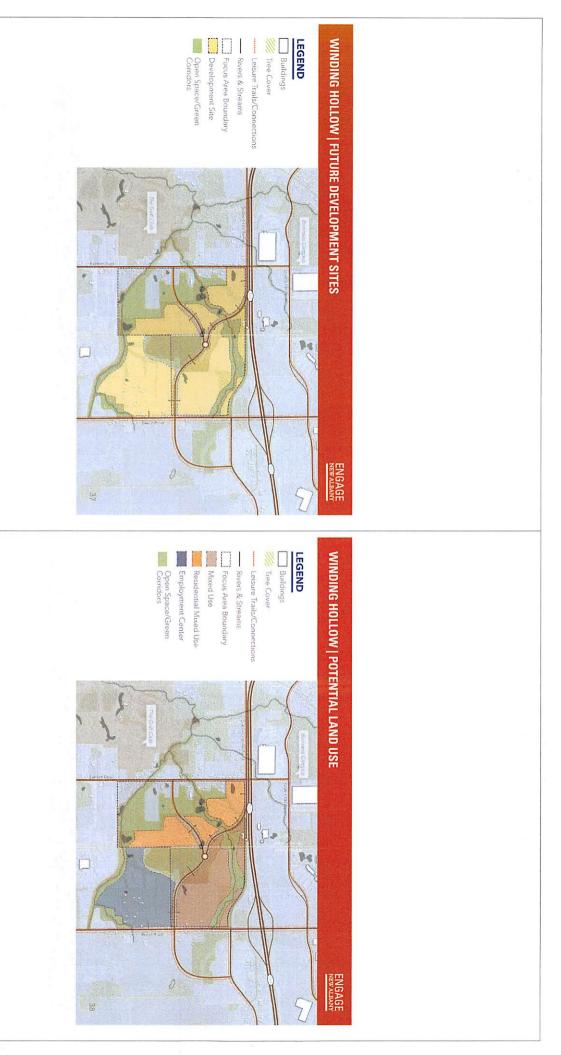
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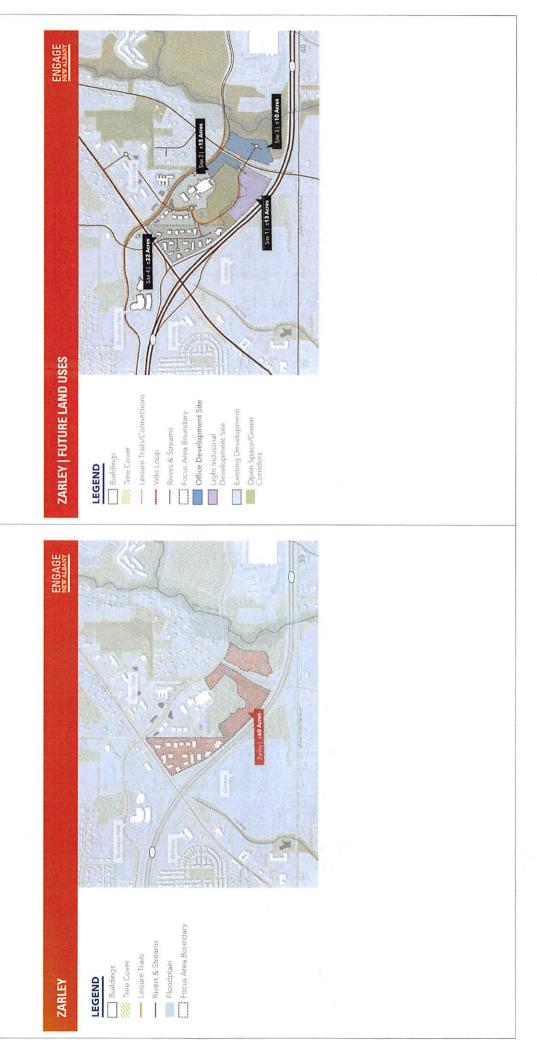












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LEGEND Buildings

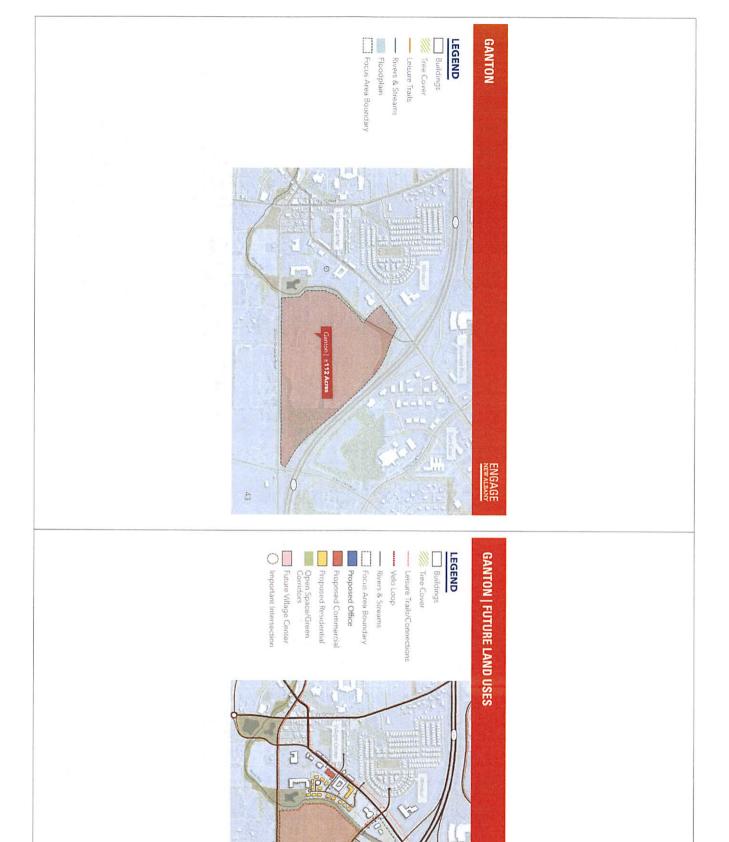
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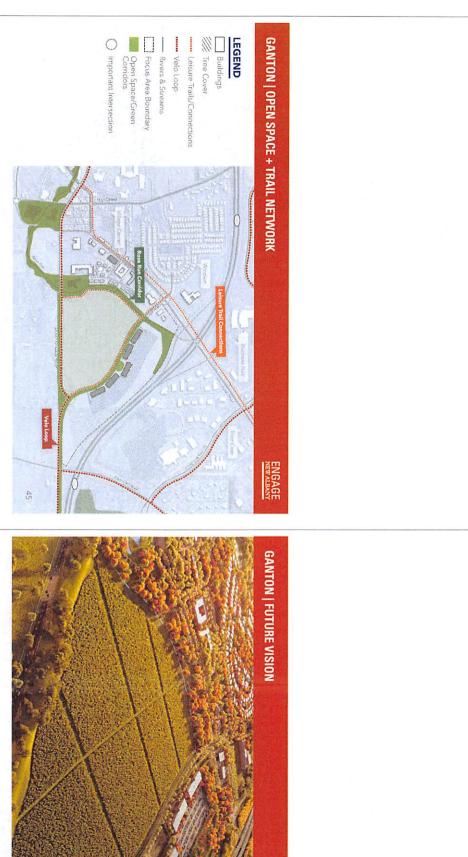
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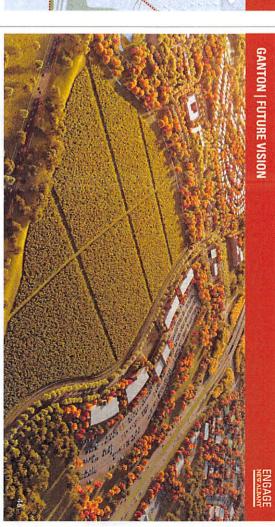


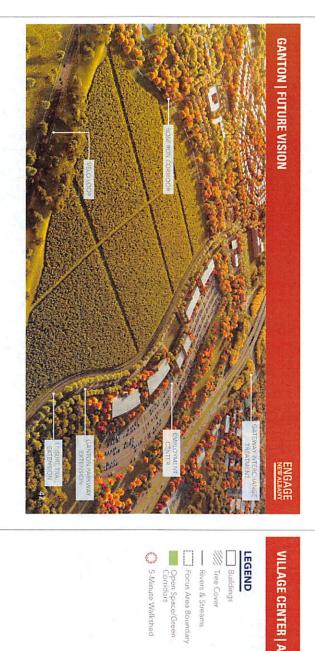




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VILLAGE CENTER | A WALKABLE MAIN STREET







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LEGEND Buildings

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Velo Loop - Rivers & Streams

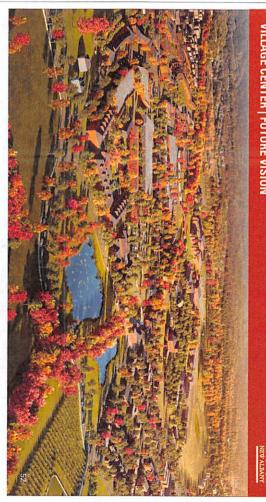
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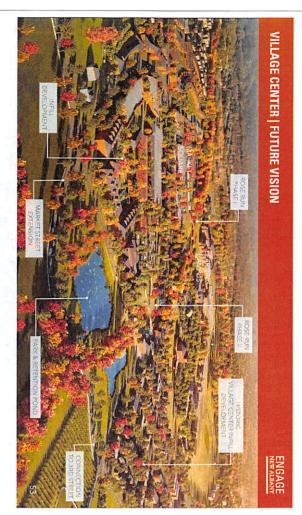














LAND USE | WHAT WE HEARD

What type of land uses would you like to see more of in New Albany? (n=179)*

Dining and retail 48% when, recreation, 8 open space 32%			15%	Single family residential
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	48%			Dining and retail



Agriculture 1% Mixed-use 1%

Should New Albary strive to be a life-span comm can live their entire lives within the city if they so o the housing types to make this possible? (n=159)



Multifamily

3%

Office

Residential 2% (generally) Industrial 2%

LAND USE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Balance land uses within New Albany to achieve the City's vision.

Objectives:

- Balance residential, employment, and retail growth to appropriately meet the community's
- Encourage a broader range of housing options of New Albany's existing neighborhoods. for all life stages to facilitate aging-in-place within the community while preserving the desirability
- Maintain one, top tier school district.
- Continue to support and encourage the New Albany. development of dynamic employment centers in
- Serve the needs of the residents and workers of New Albany with appropriate retail and service development.
- Maintain the commitment to a high standard of the built environment.
- Invest in the supporting infrastructure of the City residents and businesses. to continue to provide high quality services to
- Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions periphery. and regional entities to manage the quality and intensity of growth along New Albany's

PARKS & RECREATION | WHAT WE HEARD

What types of additional programming would you like to see in the

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What is the top parks & recreation improvement you would like to see in the New Albany community? (n=197)*



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FOCUS AREA RECOMMENDATIONS

Village Center Goal:

- Continue to add a diversity of housing types in the Village Center (understanding density supports desired retail)
- Continue to program a diversity of community events in the Village Center.
- Consider programs to support and attract desired tenants.

Continue to develop the Village Center as a walkable, mixed-use development that is the heart of the community.

Village Center Strategies:

- Increase the vitality of the Village Center.
 (and take advantage of its desirable, walkable, mixed-use village environment)
- Integrate Market Square and the historic Village Center to create a seamless core of the city.
- Address parking and traffic concerns in the Village Center.

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PARKS & RECREATION RECOMMENDATIONS

oal:

Enhance the quality of life and health in New Albany and connect residents with the outdoors through parks and recreation.

Objectives:

- Protect and improve the existing network of parks, natural open spaces, stream corridors, and trails.
- Provide for a high quality and diversified park system to meet the recreational needs and enhance the quality of life for existing and future residents.

 Findage with numbers to create a regional need open.
- Engage with partners to create a regional park, open space, and trail system that benefits New Albany residents and businesses.
- Create a continuous network or linear parks, paths, walks, and trails, thereby enabling the public to travel by non-motorized modes throughout the New Albany community.
- Create year-round recreational opportunities











NEXT STEPS

- Complete Strategic Plan Draft
- August/September 2020 Plan Adoption

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In Addition:

Direct Outcomes of this Strategic Plan effort:

- Rose Run Phase 2 Implementation
- Parks Framework Plan kicked-off
- Village Center Parking Plan kicked-off



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