



# Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

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## CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Law Director Benjamin Albrecht, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Police Chief Greg Jones, Public Service Director Mike Barker, Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, City Engineer Ryan Ohly, Planning Manager Steve Mayer, Economic Development Manager Sara Zeigler, 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 Wiltrout	A/P – arrived at 6:40 pm

## ACTION ON MINUTES:

Council adopted the 11/10/2022 Annual Budget Program and Capital Projects Update minutes by consensus.

Clerk Mason reported that she received 1 typo correction from Council Member Shull after distribution.

Council adopted the 8/15/2023 regular meeting minutes by consensus.

## ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

## HEARING OF VISITORS:

Proclamation Declaring September as Hunger Action Month – Mayor Spalding read the proclamation aloud. He noted the pantry’s education efforts through social media. Angela Douglas, Healthy New Albany Executive Director, thanked council for the opportunity to acknowledge the families who were struggling in many suburbs. The last 3 years had been challenging with food pricing increasing and inflation. The food pantry wouldn’t exist except for the collective concern – the school district provided space, the city provided financial and other support, individuals, families, and companies all came together. Hunger shouldn’t have a stigma anymore. The food pantry was a fun, hospitable space.

Proclamation Recognizing September as National Service Dog Month – Mayor Spalding read the proclamation aloud. Emily Bell, Executive Director of Canine Companions, North Central Region, said that the New Albany Canine Companions was home to the company’s 14-state Midwest territory. Since their 1975 founding, Canine Companions had successfully place more than 7,600 service and facility dog

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teams. A service dog could make a big difference to an individual who needed their support. Canine Companion dogs and follow-up services were provided free of charge for the life of the clients and the dogs. This mission would not be possible without the support of the community. She thanked everyone and the city for the honor.

Council Member Kist asked and Ms. Bell replied that DogFest was one of their signature annual fundraisers. It would happen at the New Albany Canine Companion campus on October 1 from 1-4pm. It was free to all. Pet dogs were welcome. There would be service dogs and puppies there, plus kids' events, games, food, drinks, and opportunities to learn about service dogs. They anticipated raising \$500,000 this year. They invited donations, but folks could also come, learn, and have fun.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Council Member Shull reported that the BZA approved a variance for 2 larger wall signs for Amgen. Amgen requested the larger size because they were so far off of SR 161. The signs would be visible from the front and side of the building and could be seen from the highway. He passed around a rendering.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Kist reported that the Student Leaders in Sustainability pilot grant program was live. Applications would be due at the end of October. The grants were open all New Albany students, regardless of school. The city's marketing office would spread the word on social media.

IDEA IMPLEMENTATION PANEL: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

Mayor Spalding noted that the New Albany Symphony offered a table for the "Get Happy" concert that coming Friday.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:**

NONE

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**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE O-91-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 24.362 +/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated this was an Expedited Type 1 annexation which was faster than a traditional annexation, and met the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code relative to conformance of boundaries. Council authorized the road maintenance agreement with Jersey Township via Resolution R-37-2021. Council authorized the February 9, 2023 annexation agreement through R-41-2022. The Licking County Commissioners approved the petition for annexation on June 15, 2023. The 60-day waiting period had lapsed and council could take action after the second reading of this ordinance.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the September 19, 2023 council meeting.

**ORDINANCE O-92-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE EXPEDITED TYPE 1 ANNEXATION OF 60.41 +/- ACRES FROM JERSEY TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY TO THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated that, like O-91-2023, this was an Expedited Type 1 annexation. All of the same standards applied relative to the Ohio Revised Code. This land was contiguous to the land O-91-2023. The annexation agreement was approved by Jersey Township in July of 2022. The petition for annexation was approved by the Licking County Commissioners on June 15, 2023. The 60-day waiting period had lapsed and council could take action after the second reading.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the September 19, 2023 council meeting.

**ORDINANCE O-93-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE 5.916 +/- ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 6455 WEST CAMPUS OVAL, FROM OFFICE CAMPUS DISTRICT (OCD) TO INFILL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (I-PUD) FOR AN AREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE “CENTRAL COLLEGE OFFICE ZONING DISTRICT” AS REQUESTED BY NDA OHIO LLC, C/O AARON UNDERHILL.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer stated this rezoning solely added uses to the property, there were no changes to the development standards. There was already a 46,000 square foot building and parking lot on site. It was currently zoned Office Campus District (OCD) which only allowed office and datacenter uses. This rezoning to Planned Unit Development (PUD) would add veterinary offices, veterinary hospitals that did

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not include outside boarding or exercising of animals, and research and development uses associated with veterinary hospitals. The proposed text did not allow large animals like farm animals. The text matched the use and development standards in the New Albany strategic plan. The Rocky Fork Blacklick accord recommended approval in August of 2023. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their August 21, 2023 meeting.

Council Member Fellows plans asked and Manager Mayer answered that the building on the property now was unoccupied and he understood that the proposed uses were for the existing building.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the September 19, 2023 council meeting.

**READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION R-36-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A FEE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF LEISURE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTERS 1165.06 AND 1187.18 ALONG HARRISON ROAD AS PART OF THE META DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

Planning Manager Steve Mayer said city code required leisure trail anytime new construction occurred. The expansion of the Meta campus triggered the trail requirement and Meta was requesting to pay the fee-in-lieu for approximately 2,150 feet of trail. Manager Mayer described the process for determining when a fee-in-lieu was appropriate. City staff and the engineer concluded a trail could be installed conventionally, except for a stream crossing, however, the property was located 5,895 feet away from nearest leisure trail to the north and an even greater distance to the south. Neighboring properties with no trail were not annexed, nor were they anticipated to be annexed at this time. The city's 2018 Leisure Trail Masterplan did not identify this as a priority corridor. The property owner worked with the city and provided 3 cost estimates. The city determined the estimate provided by EP Ferris & Associates for \$662,200 was appropriate. The estimated included the stream crossing and averaged out to ~\$300 per linear foot. This was consistent with current leisure trail pricing, including at Taylor Farm Park.

Council Member Fellows noted construction prices had gone up significantly. Council and staff discussed historic and current leisure trail pricing. Council Member Fellows asked and Manager Mayer answered, if built, this trail would be ½ mile long.

Council Member Durik asked and Manager Mayer indicated where the Meta property ended. It was next to unannexed property not owned by Meta. The city was not anticipating a connecting trail.

Council Member Kist asked and Manager Mayer answered that staff didn't anticipate annexation to the north any time soon. The land was in the strategic plan as part of the city's future annexation area, but there was flood plain and, further south, the land was mostly owned by the Jersey Baptist Church. Director Chrysler recalled discussions around planning water and sewer extensions. When staff looked at the Harrison Road corridor, they realized that the return on investment to extend infrastructure wasn't there.

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Cupertino Electric, Inc. was the current stopping point for the city’s ability to extend utilities without a significant project.

Council Member Wiltout asked and Director Chrysler confirmed that the Leisure Trail fund existed for future leisure trail projects. Since this was at the end of the city’s growth corridor to the south, there may be ways to partner with Jersey Township to connect trails. The road network would be developing south of SR 161. There could be a potential shift in the future. In the meantime, the city could invest the money in other leisure trails now.

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 Wiltout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-36-2023.

**RESOLUTION R-37-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND UPFITTING OF A NEW SHUTTLE BUS AND TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Public Service Director Mike Barker reported that the Central Ohio Transit Authority (CODA) had implemented Line 35, expanding service to/from their New Albany Park and Ride facility. That line would be available 7 days a week, from 5:45 am, hourly, until 11:45 pm each night. Therefore, the New Albany Smart Ride program was extending its schedule. The city owned 2 15-passenger shuttles which were nearing the end of their useful life. These buses were running 18 hours a day. The legislation would authorize the purchase of a 23-passenger shuttle to support continued growth of the business campus. The bus price was \$129,900. Staff was requesting to waive competitive bidding due to current economic conditions, supply chain constraints, and shuttle bus availability – which was mostly limited to what dealers had in stock. Staff solicited quotes from 18 vendors across 5 states. 4 vendors had shuttles on hand. Carpenter Bus Sales in Tennessee had staff’s preferred shuttle bus. There wasn’t much variety in pricing. Carpenter’s price was typical of the market. By waiving bidding, staff could make the purchase based on immediate need and the stock situation. The total cost of the bus and upfitting would not exceed \$140,000. Director Barker described the work to be done before deployment. Funding was available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

City Manager Stefanov added that operations funding for the Smart Ride program was partly going through the business park owners association. The city was awarded a grant for the purchase of a battery-operated COTA-style bus. City Manager Stefanov understood those buses were having reliability issues. That purchase was on hold until the bugs were worked out.

Council Member Shull asked and Director Barker confirmed that once the city received 1 new bus, an old bus would be taken offline. The other bus would serve as a back-up. The city wanted to make sure there were options if a bus broke down.

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Council Member Shull asked and Director Barker answered that a 23-passenger bus was preferred after breaking down the per passenger cost. The city could also revise routing, double up a route, or introduce new routes and scheduling as needed to serve demand. The city would collect information to provide a data driven response.

Director Chrysler noted that COTA’s Line 35 was new. The city saw great success with the Smart Ride program before the pandemic. The original COTA connection to New Albany came from downtown Columbus. This new route would start in the Northland area, pull from more densely populated areas, and include transit stops at Easton. New Albany would be marketing the Smart Ride program with new COTA line.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Barker confirmed that the shuttle buses were ADA compliant and had a lift.

Council Member Kist stated that the new COTA line was a huge win for business park employers. He asked and Director Barker replied that the shuttle drivers were contracted through Towne Park, LLC. Based on the extended schedule, Towne Park needed a minimum of 8 drivers to account for weekend and evening services. A CDL with passenger endorsement was required to drive anything with over 15 passengers. Council Member Kist observed that the pool of drivers with a CDL was more competitive. Director Barker agreed.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Chrysler answered that the city did not receive any fees from COTA for the Smart Ride program. The Smart Ride cost was offset by a per acre fee paid by business owners as part of their business park association fee. This way, the cost was spread equitably and business owners were motivated to promote the program. Director Staats stated the original program was on a trajectory to recoup the cost of the Smart Ride program. She wasn’t sure what the new extended service would do to those plans. Staff would work to see what needed to be adjusted for the new program.

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 Fellows seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-37-2023

**RESOLUTION R-38-2023**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW ALBANY JOINT PARK DISTRICT TO EXPAND THE DISTRICT’S USE OF SWICKARD WOODS PARK TO ACCOMMODATE ADAPTIVE SPORTS FACILITIES.

City Manager Stefanov described the initial lease for the Miracle League field next to the Early Learning Center and Plain Township pool. He estimated that the additional land in question was about 2.75 acres. If council approved this legislation, EP Ferris & Associates would do an official survey. This legislation would

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authorize the amendment of the existing lease with the Joint Park District (JPD) which would allow them to sublease to Adaptive Sports Connection to provided expanded programing for adults and children with disabilities and limited mobility. Potential improvements included a cycle track, soccer pitch, and a field house. The JPD would work with Adaptive Sports Connection (ASC) team to facilitate programming, same as they had done with the Miracle League organization. City Manager Stefanov proposed to modify the existing 20-year lease, of which ~2 years had passed, to 22 years so that the leases would end concurrently. City Manager Stefanov stated the draft lease could still see some changes, but the terms and conditions could be no less beneficial to the city, otherwise, he would bring it back to council.

Mayor Spalding recalled working with the school district and township to improve circulation around school campus. He wanted to make sure this lease wouldn't infringe on the city's rights to make roadway improvements to the north of the proposed site or heading south long the eastern boundary to improve the driveway to the township pool. City Manager Stefanov stated that was discussed and could be included in the lease. The intention was to preserve as much of the wood line against SR 161 as possible. Due to the size of woodland, there was an opportunity to put a driveway there. He'd seen some of ASC's conceptual designs and they showed a driveway from west to east, across the northern edge of the property.

Council Member Fellows stated this project was a great opportunity for the city. He couldn't think of a better use for that land and for that underserved community. Council Member Fellows noted all of the other amenities already available in the area.

Council Member Wiltrout asked and City Manager Stefanov answered this legislation would only authorize the lease and sublease. The approval process for ASC would be the same as for other projects, including going before the Architectural Review Board. The JPD would look at it, also.

Council Member Shull asked if ASC had met with anyone from township or schools to get feedback from them about the 137 pool parking spaces and/or the school parking lot.

Dr. Kevin Klingele, Chairman of the New Albany Miracle League, responded he hadn't had a formal meeting or face to face discussion, but had informal discussions. City Manager Stefanov said he had also not done that.

Council Member Shull stated he loved the concept and design presented at the prior council meeting. He believed it belonged at a New Albany location. He expressed concern that no one had sat down with the 2 neighbors to discuss the impact. He wanted to know the future plans for the pool - the types of parking arrangements, and the school's future growth needs. He would feel more comfortable with a sign-off from the school and township. He was open to continue talking about the project and seeing if Bevelhymer or other locations that wouldn't impact traffic flow and congestion were better.

Mayor Spalding noted the resolution authorized the city manager to negotiate the lease. This was an opportunity to provide Miracle League and ASC with some indication of the city's support. The lease hadn't been executed and there were a lot of details to be worked out. The issues Council Member Shull raised needed to be addressed before a lease was executed. Some council members expressed agreement.

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Council Member Durik stated he was also supportive of the program and in favor of negotiating the lease. He recalled an earlier presentation where he'd heard that a great deal was dependent on funding to complete the construction. He wouldn't want to lease the property for 20 years without something being built within a reasonable period of time. The lease could be effective upon funding and utilization.

Mayor Spalding recalled Dr. Edwards telling council that they needed support from city to help with fundraising. This legislation gave City Manager Stefanov the ability to negotiate the lease, but it may not get executed if it wasn't amenable to the city's partners or if there was sufficient funding.

City Manager Stefanov agreed to bring the lease back to council to make sure it checked all the boxes.

Council Member Shull understood the subject property was worth about \$250,000. If the lease terms weren't agreed to, would the land stay with the city? City Manager Stefanov said it would. Council Member Shull confirmed that if not leased, the city could use it for other opportunities that might appeal to more residents in New Albany. Council Member Fellows responded the city would always own the land, the city was just leasing it. Council Member Shull stated the use would be determined by the lease.

Dr. Klingele told council the project was a little over 60% funded - in the range of ~\$6 million. At a major fundraiser a week from Thursday – they were hoping to showcase this idea. There was a lot of money pending on moving forward with the lease arrangement – knowing that land was available. The ASC had the ability to move this back to Shawnee Hills – which he didn't want to happen. New Albany was where they wanted to showcase this and how they wanted to approach their donors. They were almost there. They had talked to multiple contactors, builders, etc. for in-kind work. There was a lot support to build on this potential site.

Council Member Shull recalled Dr. Edwards saying, with the large donors in the wings, the organization could get into \$8-9 million raised. Council Member Shull remembered the total cost being \$10 million and change. Dr. Edwards had said he was hopeful that the city, state, county, and other government public sources would help them reach the \$10 million. Dr. Klingele stated part of the remaining fundraising was grant proposals which were waiting to be submitted based on site location, part was state funding, part was national branch, and part was individual donors. Council Member Shull asked if this lease was the ask from New Albany. Dr. Klingele confirmed this was the initial ask. It would all depend on what they could get in-kind for site development and contractual fees which could reach up to \$3 million.

Council Member Brisk asked, if Dr. Klingele went to the upcoming event with a conditional approval on an unfinished lease, would that cost him donors at this event? Dr. Klingele answered, yes.

Council further discussed what commitment council was making with the resolution and/or attached lease and how to proceed.

City Manager Stefanov stated he had spoken to Dave Wharton at the JPD about the lease and he believed the JPD was happy to work with the city on a similar arrangement. City Manager Stefanov hadn't spoken



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to the township or school district. He could reach out to both entities that week. Maybe he could get immediate feedback or he may need more follow-up with their boards. City Manager Stefanov said he wanted to go over the concept plans and make sure the lease language reserved space for the east-west connector road. He heard the concern about parking and making the agreement subject to the adequate funding for the facilities. City Manager Stefanov said he could address most of the concerns with a few sentences in the lease amendment. The big one was what the neighbors thought.

Council Member Kist suggested getting the involved parties in a room together, the sooner the better.

Dr. Klingele asked for an outline of what adequate funding would mean. He assumed this lease would be no different than the current 20-year Miracle Field lease, just with a different name. To him, if council was on board with them using the site for adaptive sports, the lease was already in existence but changed only in name – the only thing they had to do on their end was determine which building went where. He knew the JPD was well on board. They'd been an excellent partner for the Miracle Field and would maintain the site the way they do now.

Dr. Klingele worried, when council discussed other sites being potentially better – the Miracle Field had an existing baseball field in this location. It was a \$1.5 million project and was completely synergistic with the proposed ASC project. No one wanted to lose that synergy. He couldn't see moving the baseball field because of the cost. He requested an expedited decision on whether they could put the ASC complex on the site.

Council Member Shull thought the new lease would have to be different based on the changed utilization.

Council Member Wiltrout noted the topography. She stated the proposed use affected the surrounding uses more than just extending the current use. She loved the project and wanted those conversations to have already happened before the city pushed forward.

Tom Rubey, Director of Planning, The New Albany Company (NACO), said that NACO was a partner in this project. 20 years ago, NACO donated these 45 acres to the community, split up between the school district, the township, and the City of New Albany. Dr. Klingele and Dr. Edwards presented this plan several years ago. The Miracle Field concept was endorsed and embraced wholeheartedly. Similarly, in a presentation by Dr. Edwards and Dr. Klingele for this expansion and new concept, one of the first steps was addressing NACO's deed restrictions. There had been nothing but excitement and enthusiasm on NACO's part. They certainly needed to go to the schools and township to talk about how this could interface with their adjacent uses. Mr. Rubey remembered the plan for this land from 20 years ago - for 80 single family homes at the site, which was eliminated, and the ground was donated. The land was a gem in the community. This project completed that.

Council Member Fellows restated his commitment.

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Council Member Brisk understood this legislation was for the lease. Council either had to approve the lease with some changes or not approve it. Law Director Albrecht agreed, with this legislation, council was approving the lease subject to slight modifications of a non-material nature.

Council Member Brisk said, when she arrived on council, the Miracle League field was in early discussions. She didn't love that site for that use because that land was right on top of the school campus and council was constantly seeing pressure about pedestrians and traffic around campus. This site was in the center of the campus. Should that area have been something different? She raised that same issue when the discussion was for pickleball courts there. Having said that, the city put the Miracle Field there and it was a fabulous amenity. There were only 5 acres left. If there was an opportunity for a showcase for New Albany, as she thought this was, she would support it - as long as the city had the opportunity for the connector road. It was important for city to put some condition saying that if funds weren't available by a certain time, then the lease goes away. She would vote for this with that condition. She still had concerns about the traffic and conditions in the area. In spite of that, the city had to make choices.

Council Member Fellows asked and Dr. Klingele responded that activity at the ASC site would happen almost entirely outside of school hours. Weekends and evenings were the main programming times. The summer schedule would depend on the programming at the indoor fieldhouse which accounted for about 20 adaptive programs. Those could run all year long. The clients were primarily school-aged. The addition of an adaptive soccer pitch – those would all be weekend and evening-type programs – same as the biking with mainly school-aged athletes.

Council Member Shull, understanding that council was voting on the use now, was more in favor of going back to original deed for a fieldhouse more generally for the public or other opportunities. It was a tough decision. He really liked the Miracle Field out there. He'd had feedback from residents who wanted to see something more open to city residents, too.

Dr. Klingele responded the proposed playground and fitness area would be public all-access, for everybody. Same with the bike path if they were to tie it into the leisure trail system. There was talk about potentially taking the trail through Safety Town.

Council Member Wiltrout said she liked this project because she thought people who came to the facilities would hopefully frequent local businesses and it would continue to raise New Albany's stature. It was a good use of the land. She, again, wished there were conversations that had happened before now, however, this was a project that would be supported and could be worked through.

Council Member Durik said his concern was about timing - building versus signing a lease. That was no different than a typical commercial development requirement. It was not intended to hinder the project. It left both parties an out going forward.

Dr. Klingele stated they had started piecing together a 9-12 month build plan. If all went as planned, zoning, etc., the plan was to break ground the weekend after the Miracle League ended next summer.

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Council Member Brisk recognized the volunteer hours, time, and effort already happening out there. What happened at the Miracle Field was incredible. If people in the city hadn't seen it - residents should go, watch, and enjoy. Adding on to the field would be great for the city.

Council Member Kist said, given Dr. Klingele's experience and partners, he was comfortable that the project would get done. Since the funding was still coming, instead of rewording the existing lease, the city could keep the leases separate. Council Member Brisk said the city could make the lease amendment void under certain conditions. Law Director Albrecht agreed. The city could make either approach work and protect the city's interest. The amendment was drafted because it was a more efficient approach. If council wanted 2 separate leases, it could be done.

Dr. Klingele said the only difficulty to 2 leases was that the concept plans put the fieldhouse over the current lease line. Many Miracle League fields across the country were ultimately absorbed either by parks, or local YMCAs, or adaptive sports – all became 1 entity down the road. He didn't want to prevent that from happening and didn't know if 2 separate leases would change that.

Council and staff discussed leases and subleases to a specific entity. City Manager Stefanov stated, if the resolution were approved, he would not sign the lease until addressing each of council's items. He would ask Law Director Albrecht to write in the amendments in a redline format and email those out to council. He couldn't address issue with the school district or township in the lease language, but he could reach out to both entities and share their feedback. If council wanted to put the brakes on, he was not obligated to sign the lease. Under this resolution, changes to the lease couldn't be more detrimental to the city. City Manager Stefanov offered that the legislation could also be tabled.

Mayor Spalding moved to amend R-38-2023 to read: a resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate and enter into an amended lease agreement with New Albany Joint Park District to expand the district's use of Swickard Woods Park to accommodate adaptive sports facilities. Council Member Fellows seconded.

Mayor Spalding stated his thought was to clarify the record, because there was an attached lease to the legislation, that council was amending the resolution and not authorizing the city manager to enter into the attached lease. Council was telling him to negotiate and, if he could come to terms that council discussed publicly that evening, then he could execute. Until he could achieve those goals, he didn't have that authority. Council Member Kist asked, would council need another resolution to approve the lease? Council Member Brisk also expressed confusion. Council Member Wiltrout asked if any reference to the attached lease should be stricken.

Clerk Mason called the roll on Mayor Spalding's motion to amend. Council voted with 3 yes votes and 4 no votes (Brisk, Kist, Shull, and Wiltrout) on the motion the resolution. The motion failed.

Council and staff further discussed procedural options.

Council Member Shull asked City Manager Stefanov what would happen if one of the entities said, "I absolutely do not want this as proposed here." City Manager Stefanov replied, in that case, he would contact

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each of the council members and tell them that 1 or more neighbors were opposed, get feedback, and council would likely be talking about this again at the next regular council meeting.

Council further discussed what authorizing the city manager meant.

Mayor Spalding moved to amend R-38-2023 to now read: a resolution authorizing the city manager to negotiate and enter into a lease agreement with the New Albany Joint Park District to expand the district's use of Swickard Woods Park to accommodate adaptive sports facilities. Council Member Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve the amendment. Council Member Shull expressed continued confusion at the time of his vote. Motion passed.

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the resolution as amended. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve Resolution R-38-2023 as amended.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. Safety Committee: No report.
- B. Public Utilities: No report.
- C. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.
- D. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.
- E. Administration Committee: No report.
- F. Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee: Council Member Shull reported the BTG Committee met and he distributed the notes and spreadsheet from the meeting to council members (See attached). The BTG organized and the elected officers stayed the same, Council Member Shull as chair, Council Member Brisk as vice chair, and Council Member Fellows as secretary.

The BTG kept the same grant criteria as for 2022 grants. Generally, for FY 2023, council awarded \$96,000 total to the successful applicants. For FY 2024, the total awarded was \$98,000.

*Clerk's note: Council Member Shull gave summaries of each of the grant applications and events which can be found in the attached BTG Committee meeting minutes.*

Founder's Day – The application met grant eligibility criteria. They requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000, same as last year.

NA Farmers Market – The application met grant eligibility criteria. They requested \$5,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$5,000, same as last year.

NA Walking Classic – The application met grant eligibility criteria. They requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000 in city costs and services, same as last year.

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NA Dance Festival – The application met grant eligibility criteria. They requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$2,500 based on previous guidelines for new applicants. The BTG Committee would continue to evaluate the event moving forward.

NA PT Historical Society – The application met grant eligibility criteria. They requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000, same as last year.

NA Symphony – The New Albany Symphony submitted 5 applications which all met the grant criteria.

- Symphony Series – They requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$5,000, same as last year.
- Chorus – They requested \$5,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$2,000, same as last year.
- Sensory Friendly Series – They requested \$5,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$5,000, same as last year.
- Independence Day 5K - They requested \$5,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$2,500 in city costs and services, same as last year.
- Summer Fun in Rose Run – They requested \$12,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$8,000, same as last year

JPD – The Joint Park District/Foundation submitted 2 applications which both met grant eligibility criteria.

- Summer Movie Series – They requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000, same as last year.
- Trunk or Treat – They requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$8,000, same as last year.

Pelotonia – The application met grant eligibility criteria. They requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000 in city costs and services, same as last year.

Project Hero/Ohio Honor Ride – The application met grant eligibility criteria. They requested \$8,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$5,000 in city costs and services, same as last year.

Thanks For Giving 4-Miler - The application met grant eligibility criteria. They requested \$5,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$5,000 in city costs and services, same as last year.

New Albany Food Pantry – the BTG Committee was requesting a separate motion to contribute to the food pantry from an alternate community support fund in the amount of \$3,000, the same as last year.

Council Member Shull noted nearly every recommendation was the same as last year with the exception of the New Albany Dance Festival which was a new applicant.

Council Member Durik asked the reason behind not going up to \$10,000 for the Trunk or Treat event given its exponential growth. Council Member Kist asked what that money went towards. Council Member Shull replied that Trunk or Treat was a fundraiser for the Joint Park District. The application showed a total revenue of around \$11,000 and listed expenses included decorations,

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battery cords, candy, generators, signage, entertainment, a hay ride, performers, demonstrators, a DJ, tables & chairs, and food truck minimums. Council Member Kist noted the costs were fixed, so even if the event brought in more people and trunks, he didn't see the expenses changing. Council Member Shull said the application showed total expenses at ~\$13,000, they were operation about \$2,000 in the red.

Mayor Spalding asked and Police Chief Greg Jones answered that there weren't a lot of traffic problems related to the event, but the city did have officers there. This year, the police department would be participating and helping out with traffic, if there was an issue.

Council Member Kist asked and Council Member Wiltout responded that people buy the supplies and set up their own trunks. Council Member Shull added local business sponsored trunks.

Council Member Wiltout observed that the majority of the event revenue was from the city and suggested that the JPD increase their participant pricing.

Council Member Shull stated that a number of grant applicants operated in the black. Council had had previous discussions about these types of organization when creating the grant criteria. Council Member Durik recalled an intent to get groups started and help them become self-sufficient. Council Member Brisk recalled discussion that, based on the new criteria, if something was successful and a good community amenity, brought people in, and supported local businesses - that council would continue to support it. Council Member Wiltout said Trunk or Treat was very well-attended and she wanted to continue to support it, but also wanted for it to sustain itself. Council Member Shull said he'd have that conversation with them.

Council Member Kist asked and Council Member Shull answered that all applications received were funded. He had met with Finance Director Staats and these recommendations were within the budget.

Council Member Brisk stated that clarifying the criteria made it easier for people to know when to apply and for the BTG Committee to evaluate the applications.

Council Member Shull moved to fund the following applicants, as follows,

- o Founders Day: \$10,000
- o Healthy New Albany Farmer's Market: \$5,000
- o Healthy New Albany Walking Classic: an amount not to exceed \$10,00 in city costs and services
- o New Albany Dance Festival: \$2,500
- o New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society: \$10,000
- o New Albany Symphony Series: \$5,000
- o New Albany Symphony Chorus: \$2,000
- o New Albany Symphony Sensory Friendly Series: \$5,000

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- o New Albany Symphony Independence Day 5K: an amount not to exceed \$2,500 in city costs and services
  - o New Albany Symphony Summer Rose Run Fest: \$8,000
  - o New Albany Parks and Recreation Summer Movie Series: \$10,000
  - o New Albany Parks and Recreation Foundation Trunk or Treat: \$8,000
  - o Pelotonia: an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city costs and services
  - o Project Hero/Honor Ride Ohio: an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city costs and services
  - o Thanks for Giving Charity Run: an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city costs and services
- for a total recommendation of \$98,000. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes and 1 abstention (Kist) on the motion. Motion passed.

Council Member Shull moved to continue funding the New Albany Food Pantry, through an alternate community support account that would be more appropriate for this type of request, at \$3,000. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to approve the motion. Motion passed.

**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 Kist reported that the school board discussed the state of Ohio preliminary report card for 2022-2023. NAPLS received 5 out of 5 stars across the board. They didn't yet know how they compared to other schools. The board discussed aspirational benchmarks for next year. The board discussed the chronic absentee issue. Absenteeism was 4-5% pre-pandemic, the number spiked during the pandemic, and had leveled off at 10%. Council and staff discussed the definition of chronic.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: No report.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

- A. Mayor: No report.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reminded council about the Monday, September 11 at 10 am Capital Projects Workshop at the Public Service Training Room.
- C. Finance Director: Finance Director Staats reviewed the July monthly report. The city was ahead in revenues and under budget in expenses. The General fund withholdings were primarily the same as last year, however, income tax was higher due to net profits and individual income tax. She

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pointed council to the fund summary, the investment summary, and the status of custodial accounts. STAR Ohio interest rates were at 5.64%.

D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov reported the administratively accepted easements as attached.

E. City Attorney: No report.

**POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE

**POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Mayor Spalding recalled the Symphony's offer of seats at their upcoming event. Council Member Wiltrout expressed interest. Council Member Brisk offered her 2 season tickets as she would be out of town.

Council talked about the great success of the Taylor Farm Park grand opening and Touch-A-Truck events.

Council Member Shull said he received feedback from a neighbor that Taylor Farm Park trash cans were overflowing quickly. People were coming from all over, eating lunch at the park.

Council Member Kist stated he saw people riding bikes and walking on the trail – headed to Taylor Farm. Whatever the city could do to expedite the pedestrian bridges and finish the accessibility projects would help. Director Barker replied that the mid-block crossing on Harlem Road by Greensward would be installed this year. Council and staff discussed various leisure trail connections to facilitate bikes and walkers. City Manager Stefanov stated the pedestrian-activated crossing signal installation at Dublin-Granville Road and Greensward and other leisure trail connections would all happen this year.

Council Member Shull asked about possible signage regarding left-hand turns from Taylor Farm onto Dublin-Granville Road. Dublin-Granville Road could be a busy. It was sometimes easier to turn right out of the park and go around the roundabout than make the left. Perhaps exiting Taylor Farm should be a right turn-only. Council and staff discussed non-compliant drivers. Council Member Fellows wondered if there should be a separate left turn lane.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Barker replied that he hoped to get handrails installed on the Taylor Farm boardwalks this year, it would depend on availability.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Spalding moved that council go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider appointment of public officials and pursuant to New Albany Charter 4.03(E) for economic development. Council may take action after. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes to go into executive session at 8:35 pm.





## Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

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Mayor Spalding moved that council come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 7 yes votes come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council resumed the regular meeting at 9:30 pm.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Kist moved to appoint Brad Griffith to the Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord for the term ending 6/30/2025. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes (Shull, Fellows) to appoint Brad Griffith to the RFBA for the term specified. Motion passed.

### ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Kist seconded to adjourn the September 5, 2023 regular council meeting at 9:31 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

  
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Sloan Spalding, Mayor

  
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Date

New Albany City Council - Annual Grant Funding for Organizations  
2024-2020

Organization	2024 BTG Rec.	c&s	2024 Request	2023 Award	2023 Request	2022 Award	2022 Request	2021 Award	2020 Award
Founders Day	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
HNA Farmers Market	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00				
HNA - Walking Classic	amt not to exceed \$10,000.00 in c&s	X	\$ 10,000.00	amt not to exceed \$10,000 in c&s	\$10,000.00	amt not to exceed \$10,000.00 in c&s	\$10,000.00	amt not to exceed \$10,000 in city c&s	\$10,000.00
NA Dance Festival	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 10,000.00						
NA PT Historical Society	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$8,000.00
NA Symphony - Symphony Series	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
NA Symphony - Chorus	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00				
NA Symphony - Sensory Friendly Series	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	See also Symphony Series		See also Symphony Series	\$2,500.00
NA Symphony - Independence Day 5K	amt not to exceed \$2,500.00 in c&s	X	\$ 5,000.00	amt not to exceed \$1,000 in c&s	\$2,500.00	amt not to exceed \$1,000.00 in c&s	\$2,500.00	amt not to exceed \$1,000 in city c&s	
NA Symphony - Rose Run Fest	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00	
NA Parks and Rec - Summer Movies (aka NA Parks District)	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Parks & Recreation Foundation	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	None	\$10,000.00		
Pelotonia	amt not to exceed \$10,000.00 in c&s	X	\$ 10,000.00	amt not to exceed \$10,000 in c&s	\$10,000.00	amt not to exceed \$10,000.00 in c&s	\$10,000.00	amt not to exceed \$10,000 in city c&s	amt not to exceed \$10,000 in city c&s
Project Hero/Honor Ride Ohio	amt not to exceed \$5,000.00 in c&s	X	\$ 8,000.00	amt not to exceed \$5,000 in c&s	\$5,000.00	amt not to exceed \$2,500.00 in city c&s	\$2,500.00	amt not to exceed \$2,500 in city c&s	amt not to exceed \$2,500 in city c&s
Thanks for Giving Charity Run	amt not to exceed \$5,000.00 in c&s	X	\$ 5,000.00	amt not to exceed \$5,000 in c&s	\$5,000.00	no request	no request	amt not to exceed \$5,000.00 in city C&S	amt not to exceed \$5,000.00 in city C&S
TOTAL	\$ 98,000.00		\$ 125,000.00	\$96,000.00	\$127,500.00	\$75,500*	\$90,000.00	\$87,500*	\$82,500**

***In 2023, the city appropriated \$225,000 for Donations and Contributions which includes \$65,000 allotted for the NA Community Events Board for Springfest/July 4th and \$72,000 for Octoberfest In 2022, Springfest cost \$25,376, July 4th cost \$51,978 (which includes \$19,318 in NAPD & NASD invoices pd), and Octoberfest cost \$71,026 (which includes \$11,244 in NAPD & NASD invoices pd).***

*Note 1. The New Albany Community Events Board's and New Albany Food Pantry requests for funding were handled outside the BTG program in 2022..*

*Note 2. HNA Senior Programming does NOT come out of the funds appropriated for Donations and Contributions.*

*Note 3. \*2020-2022 TOTALS includes amts to the NA Community Playhouse \$5,000 (2022) \$10,000 (2021) and \$5,000 (2020) who did not reapply*

*Note 4. \*\*2020 TOTAL includes \$5,000 to NA Eagle Backers who did not reapply*

## Grants and Non-Profit Funding (GNP)

### City Council Meeting 9/5/23

The GNP committee met on August 21, 2023. Council Member Shull was elected Chair, Council Member Brisk was elected Vice Chair, and Council Member Fellows was elected Secretary.

The City of New Albany Hotel/Motel Tax Grant was established to improve the quality of life for our residents, corporate citizens, and visitors. These funds are invested back into the community through designated activities and events that enhance visitor appeal and/or encourage overnight stays. The GNP committee reviewed the applications to make sure they met the following eligibility requirements, (1) applicant must be a federally recognized tax-exempt not-for-profit (include appropriate paperwork as part of application), (2) applicant must have ties to the New Albany community, (3) applicant must be in good standing from all prior funding applications, having paid all applicable fees and submitted all paperwork for all past activities/events, (4) application must be submitted prior to advertised deadline, and (5) availability of city funds.

Even if the eligibility requirements are met, the following are not eligible to receive funding, (1) individuals, (2) organizations that support political candidates, movement, and/or philosophies, (3) organizations whose primary purpose is to influence, promote or attempt to initiate legislation, (4) organizations desiring funding to travel outside of New Albany, (5) organizations that are for-profit, (6) organizations with budget deficits incurred prior to application, and (7) endowment funds.

Once eligibility has been determined, the applications must meet one or more of the following grant criteria, (1) beautification of public property, (2) improvements to and maintenance of historic property, (3) activities/events that appeal to a broad segment of New Albany residents, (4) cultural arts events, (5) to enhances New Albany's image/increased media coverage (local/regional/national), and (6) activities/events that bring customers to New Albany businesses.

The committee was unanimous in its recommendations for Council to consider:

#### **Founders Day - \$10,000**

The New Albany Founders Day application met eligibility and grant criteria. The parade usually takes place on the third Saturday in May. This year the event took place on May 20, 2023. Generally multiple events take place throughout the day. Estimated attendance is 8,000. In 2023 city event services rendered were \$10,188.73. They are requesting \$10,000. We recommend funding at \$10,000.

**Healthy New Albany Farmers Market - \$5,000**

The Healthy New Albany Farmers Market application met eligibility and grant criteria. The farmer's market is in its 14<sup>th</sup> season, hosting both summer and winter markets. The outdoor summer market runs every Thursday throughout the summer months and the indoor market occurs monthly on Saturday mornings in the fall and winter. An average of 1,000 people attend the outdoor, summer market each week. The indoor market attracts an estimated 300-400 people to each market. Customers have access to more than 80+ local farmers, producers, artisans, and food trucks each week. Fifty percent of customers surveyed attend the market because of the community atmosphere and proximity to home. They are requesting \$5,000. We recommend funding at \$5,000.

**Healthy New Albany Walking Classic – an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city cost and services**

The New Albany Walking Classic application met eligibility and grant criteria. The New Albany Walking Classic Event is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year and brings over 2000 participants, 1000 volunteers and spectators from within and outside of New Albany. The participants come from 150 zip codes, 15 states and Canada. In 2022 city event services rendered were \$20,766.72. They are requesting \$10,000. We recommend an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city cost and services.

**New Albany Dance Festival - \$2,500**

The New Albany Dance Festival application met eligibility and grant criteria. New Vision Dance Company created the New Albany Dance Festival. New Vision Dance Company is a New Albany based 501c3 and was granted nonprofit status in 2016. It was founded in Seattle in 2006, and locally since it relocated to New Albany in 2013. The Dance Festival takes place the last weekend of July. Next year they would like to expand the festival to 3 days with more free classes, performances, and seminars. The event will take place in the Hinson Amphitheater, and in case of rain, the McCoy. They are expecting approximately 1000 attendees over the 3-day event. They are requesting \$10,000. We recommend funding at \$2,500.

**Historical Society - \$10,000**

The Historical Society application met eligibility and grant criteria. The Historical Society is the only local institution earnestly trying to preserve the past for future generations, one piece of history at a time. The request for funding is for improvements to and maintenance of historic property. They are requesting \$10,000. We recommend funding at \$10,000.

**New Albany Orchestra Symphony Series - \$5,000**

The New Albany Symphony Series application met eligibility and grant criteria. They will perform four main concerts this year in both the Hinson Amphitheater and McCoy Center for the Arts. The New Albany Symphony Orchestra and Chorus is an organization made up of 175+ musicians. During FY24 the Symphony will present a 3-concert season and a Special Event Concert featuring Branford Marsalis. Each season approximately 10,000 people attend the New Albany events. They are requesting \$10,000. We recommend funding at \$5,000.

**New Albany Symphony Chorus –\$2,000**

The New Albany Symphony Chorus application met eligibility and grant criteria. The Chorus is an ensemble of approximately 90 singers ranging in age from 18-76. Estimated attendance is approximately 750 per performance. They are requesting \$5,000. We recommend funding at \$2,000.

**New Albany Symphony Sensory Friendly Series - \$5,000**

The New Albany Symphony Sensor Friendly Series application met eligibility and grant criteria. The Series is performed by the New Albany Symphony Orchestra and often joined by the Chorus. The Series consistently sells out at 1800 participants annually. They are requesting \$5,000. We recommend funding at \$5,000.

**New Albany Symphony Independence Day 5K – an amount not to exceed \$2,500 in city cost and services**

The Independence Day 5K application met eligibility and grant criteria. The New Albany Symphony Independence Day 5K will take place on July 4, 2023. The race raises money for the New Albany Symphony, with 25% of the proceeds benefitting the local non-profit performing arts groups including the New Albany High School Band, Choir, Orchestra, Theater, the New Albany Children’s Theater, New Vision Dance, and the New Albany Children’s Ballet theatre. The race attracts approximately 1200 participants. Local businesses can participate as a sponsor. In 2022, City event services rendered were \$2,809.87. They are requesting \$5,000. We recommend funding an amount not to exceed \$2,500 in city cost and services.

**New Albany Symphony Summer Fun in Rose Run - \$8,000**

The New Albany Symphony Summer in Rose Run application met eligibility and grant criteria. In 2024, the New Albany Symphony will present a week-long summer music and arts festival in June featuring a “Summer in Italy.” Healthy New Albany will be providing themed cooking classes, nature walks and dancing lessons. New Albany Public Library will offer featured literature on the composers and artists of Italy. The festival will include two performances by the symphony. Estimated attendance is 1200 people. They are requesting \$12,000. We recommend funding at \$8,000.

**Parks District (Summer Movie Series) - \$10,000**

The Summer Movie Series application met eligibility and grant criteria. The Summer Movie Series took place over the course of 3 months (6/24, 7/21, and 8/11). The first two are hosted in neighborhood parks and the final event at Thompson Park. Total attendance for all movie nights was approximately 575+. They are requesting \$10,000. We recommend funding at \$10,000.

**Parks & Recreation Foundation (Trunk or Treat) - \$8,000**

The Trunk or Treat application met eligibility and grant criteria. Trunk or Treat 2023 is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> and will again be held at Bevelhymer Park. Estimated participants are expected to be over 2000. They are expecting over 65 trunks participating in this year's event, with most of them being in New Albany or owned by a New Albany resident. They are requesting \$10,000. We recommend funding an \$8,000.

**Pelotonia - an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city cost and services**

The Pelotonia application met eligibility and grant criteria. Pelotonia's Ride Weekend 2023 took place on August 4-6 utilizing the Market Square/Rose Run/New Albany Schools area as a start and finish venue for both days of the ride. In 2022, Pelotonia participants raised over \$21 million for cancer research, bringing the fourteen-year total to over \$258 million raised. Estimated attendance over the course of the weekend is 8000+ individuals. In 2022, City event services rendered were \$32,468.57. They are requesting \$10,000. We recommend funding an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city cost and services.

**Project Hero/Honor Ride Ohio - an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city cost and services**

The Honor Ride application met eligibility and grant criteria. Honor Ride 2023 took place on May 27th. Next year's event will be the 10-year anniversary hosting the event in New Albany. The Ohio Honor Ride has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for injured Veterans and First Responders. The number of estimated participants in 2023 was 400-450. In 2023, City event services rendered were \$7,093.27. They are requesting \$8,000. We recommend funding an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city cost and services.

**New Albany Charity Run (Thanks for Giving 4 miler) - amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city cost and services.**

The New Albany Charity Run application met eligibility and grant criteria. The Thanks for Giving 4 miler happens every year on Thanksgiving Day in downtown New Albany. Last year, the race drew participants from 30 states. The event goal is to promote wellness, giving, and family on Thanksgiving Day. In 2022 city event services rendered

were \$6,645.28. They are requesting \$5,000. We recommend an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city cost and services.

### Council Recommendations

Founders Day - \$ 10,000

Farmers Market - \$ 5,000

Healthy New Albany Walking Classic – an amount not to exceed \$ 10,000 in city cost and services

Dance Festival - \$ 2,500

Historical Society - \$ 10,000

New Albany Symphony Series - \$ 5,000

New Albany Symphony Chorus - \$ 2,000

New Albany Symphony Sensory Friendly Series - \$ 5,000

New Albany Symphony Independence Day 5K – an amount not to exceed \$ 2,500 in city cost and services

New Albany Symphony Summer Rose Run Fest - \$ 8,000

Parks District Summer Movie Series - \$ 10,000

Parks & Recreation Foundation Trunk or Treat - \$ 8,000

Pelotonia - an amount not to exceed \$ 10,000 in city cost and services

Project Hero/Honor Ride Ohio - an amount not to exceed \$ 5,000 in city cost and services

Thanks for Giving Charity Run - an amount not to exceed \$ 5,000 in city cost and services

Total Recommendation - \$ 98,000

**Separate Motion-** Continue funding the New Albany Food Pantry through an alternate community support account that would be more appropriate for this type of request at \$3,000.



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**TO: Joseph Stefanov, City Manager**

**FROM: Ryan Ohly, City Engineer**

**DATE: September 5, 2023**

**RE: July 2022 - July 2023 Annual Easement Report**

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**Ordinance O-09-2020 authorizes the city manager or designee to accept specified easements including but not limited to, those for construction, utilities, drainage, fiber, streetscape, leisure trails, sidewalks, and other infrastructure installation and maintenance, provided that the purchase price for such easement has been budgeted or the easement is valued at or below \$50,000. The following is the required annual report detailing each easement per the ordinance.**



Identification	Description	Location
095-111744	Drainage	Amazon Smith's Mill Rd.
I.N. 201807200096730	Gas Pipe Line	Morse Rd. Booster Station
I.N. 201010070133771	Sanitary Sewer	Verizon- Souder Rd.
093-107490-00.0002	Sanitary Sewer	NA 525 Building Innovation Campus Way
095-112188-00.003	Sanitary Sewer	Mink Street, Clover Valley Rd Extension
095-111882-00.000	Sanitary Sewer	Beech Rd. S. of Johnstown Rd.
095-112200-00.004	Sanitary Sewer	Vantrust Phase II Jug and Harrison Rd.
220-01767-00	Stormwater Drainage	Avis Stream + Wetland Mitigation Project
095-112062-00.002	Stormwater Drainage	Vantrust Phase II Harrison Rd.
094-106740-00.003	Temp. and Utility	AEP Worthington Rd.
095-111744	Utility	Amazon Beech and Jug St.
095-111732-00.002; 095-111732-00.007	Utility	Clover Valley
095-111588-00.004	Utility	Clover Valley and Harrison Rd.
095-112080-02.000, Multiple	Utility and Streetscape	Jug Street
095-111756	Utility and Streetscape	Axium Plastics North of Jug St.
094-106740-00.00	Utility and Streetscape	Worthington Rd. Batch Plant
095-111408-00.004	Utility and Streetscape	Beech Rd. and Miller Rd.
IN 202203040005579	Utility and Streetscape	Harrison Rd. and Clover Valley
IN 202206130014670	Utility and Streetscape	Harrison Rd. and Clover Valley
IN 202110070030741	Utility and Streetscape	Harrison Rd. and Clover Valley
IN 202210100024492	Utility and Streetscape	Harrison Rd. and Clover Valley
IN 202210100024492	Utility and Streetscape	Harrison Rd. and Clover Valley
IN 202205310013418	Utility and Streetscape	Harrison Rd. and Clover Valley
095-111834-00.000	Utility and Streetscape	Clover Valley and Miller Rd.
095-112062-00	Utility and Streetscape	VanTrust Site B Clover Valley and Jug St.
095-112056-00.007	Utility and Streetscape	Jug and Clover Valley

Identification	Description	Location
093-107478-00.002	Utility and Streetscape	1825 Mink St.
095-112068-00.000	Utility and Streetscape	3089 Mink St.
095-111720-00.000	Utility and Streetscape	3356 Clover Valley Rd.
037-111744.02	Utility, Drainage, and Temp	Flint Grid LLC / Amazon Jug St.