



## Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

April 7, 2020

### CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of February 18, 2020 at 6:35 pm at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Police Chief Greg Jones, Public Service Director Mark Nemecek, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason. Staff tele-present were Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Engineer Ed Ferris, Deputy Development Director Mike Barker, Planning Manager Steve Mayer, 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 – tele-present
CM Marlene Brisk	P – tele-present
CM Michael Durik	P – tele-present
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P

### ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the proposed March 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Hearing no changes, Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the March 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve the March 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

### ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Spalding moved to amend the agenda to shift Poll For Council Comment to after Hearing of Visitors for the sake of the public attending the meeting electronically. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to amend the agenda.

### HEARING OF VISITORS:

NONE.

### POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Mayor Spalding reiterated that he moved this item up to give an opportunity to talk to the public early in meeting. Mayor Spalding thanked council for their flexibility and willingness to stay engaged in this unique environment. Mayor Spalding thanked City Manager Joseph Stefanov and city staff for rolling up their sleeves and being creative to make sure that the city's citizens were being served. Mayor Spalding highlighted the Public Service Department for their continuing operations. The city had been asking the Police Department to do things they'd never done before and in "the New Albany way."



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He appreciated the police force’s efforts to making sure the city’s citizens were safe during this pandemic. He thanked Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Scott McAfee and Public Information Officer Josh Poland for their Engage New Albany video series. Mayor Spalding thought the community stood out in its efforts to keep information flowing to the public in a positive way. Mayor Spalding again complimented all city staff for their hard work.

Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov answered that no services had been put on hold in response to COVID-19. Development continued to do plan reviews and inspections. Public Service continued to prepare for road maintenance. Basic maintenance items were being taken care of. Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that road maintenance was, for the most part, on schedule. The city would have to adjust the contract schedule to reflect the virus-related delays.

Council Member Brisk expressed appreciation for the city’s bike paths. Council agreed that they were getting use from residents and people outside New Albany.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

NONE.

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

#### **ORDINANCE O-04-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT ORDINANCE  
AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND TO AMEND  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING  
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

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Finance Director Bethany Staats told council that events occurring after the first reading prompted changes. There was an excess reserve, above the recommended 60%-65%, of \$8.6 million. Staff proposed to make a transfer for expenses. Director Staats reminded council that they granted authority for the city manager to spend up to \$100,000 on health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, she added an appropriation of \$100,000 to General Administration to cover expenses related to the pandemic.

Director Staats stated that transfers out of the General Fund were reduced to \$750,000 to the Water and Sewer Fund for the Blacklick Creek Trunk Sewer, phases 2 and 3, and their engineering costs, and \$250,000 for the pavilions at the school district playground. Therefore, the city was only using \$1.1 million of the \$8.6 million in excess of the reserve. The rest would be kept in the General Fund until the city could determine what would be needed. Amounts could be transferred out at a later date.

Director Staats told council that \$15 million was being appropriated for the Blacklick Creek Trunk Sewer, part 2B. The Ohio Water Department Authority (OWDA) board had approved that project funding and the city was in the process of closing the OWDA loan. City Manager Stefanov applauded Director Staats credit for strenuously negotiating the 2.5% OWDA loan rate. This would save the city a significant amount over the term of the loan.

Director Staats requested a floor amendment for higher fiber costs in 2020. These were mostly related to public projects relocating fiber assets that were in public right-of-way. In 2020, there had been significant relocations and the \$50,000 typically budgeted had already been spent. The city anticipated more projects, including the Franklin County Engineer's bridge project along Dublin-Granville Road, a new MECC facility, and traffic signal interconnections and maintenance. Staff was requesting an additional appropriation of \$150,000 in for these fiber costs.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Staats answered that the city had not yet incurred significant expenditures directly attributed to COVID-19. Finance staff was putting in place measures to track COVID-19-related expenses. The city wanted to be prepared for any available grants.

City Manager Stefanov explained that the city was similar to a utility in that it owned fiber next to other utilities. When road projects occurred outside of the city's jurisdiction, it was required, along with the other utilities, to relocate its assets. The city's fiber extended outside the city limits. It was necessary to connect to the rest of the central Ohio system in order to have a working fiber optic network.

City Manager Stefanov did not know what the negative impact of COVID-19 would be. The city's initial revenues and expenses for early March were on par with prior years. With businesses laying off and furloughing workers, the city anticipated it would see decreased income tax withholdings and corporate profit revenues. The timing of all this was unclear. Corporate filing deadlines had been pushed out. Revenues the city typically saw in May would happen later in 2020. He expected to better understand the situation in 30-60 days and, then, perhaps the city could start the recovery process.

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Council Member Fellows asked how many employees in New Albany had been laid off or furloughed. Council Member Kist observed that this would be a fluid number. Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler stated that city staff had reached out to all of the manufacturers and companies in the Personal Care and Beauty Campus. Only two businesses had suspended operations. The rest were either fully operational or had ramped up production. There had been coordination with One Columbus to repurpose some businesses to be able to provide manufacturing support for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for frontline workers and the hospital and safety fields. The biggest area of vulnerability was the potential for an employee or employee’s family member to become sick and be quarantined.

Busy manufacturers were struggling to hire employees. Some had requested help from One Columbus to attract employees to New Albany’s Business Park.

Development staff had reached out to major employers throughout the rest of the Business Park. Some companies reported that about 60% of their workforce was working from home. Many retail workers were furloughed since stores had closed. Abercrombie & Fitch e-commerce was still fully operational and top level staff had taken pay reductions to help manage payroll through this pandemic. Less active divisions had their workload reduced. The city could see some impact from those changes. The situation changed day by day.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Chrysler responded that the city had not seen a big interruption in new construction work. Inspections and permitting continued. Some sites reduced their construction shifts to around 50 people per shift, depending on what they were working on. Some sites remained fully operational, but they had smaller crews. Contractors had been accommodating and flexible with new operating methods, like virtual inspections. City staff would be bringing electronic plan review software to council in the next budget cycle.

Council Member Brisk asked and Director Chrysler answered that a few companies had suspended operations during the pendency of the state-wide emergency order.

Council Member Fellows asked Director Chrysler answered that it was too early to know which New Albany businesses would be in trouble due to COVID-19 restrictions. Development staff was working to keep local businesses aware of the help available on state and county levels. Staff had broken the industry clusters into smaller groups and were doing concentrated outreach. One Columbus was following New Albany’s lead, organizing incentive programs by industry cluster. Council and staff agreed there would be interesting discussions at the 2020 Tax Incentive Review Council meetings. New Albany was trying to transition incentive programs over to a revenue generation per square foot formula which allowed companies to make a pilot payments. This situation was a great example of why that option was needed.

Council Member Kist asked and City Manager Stefanov replied that the city’s Smart Ride program, where employees transferred from COTA buses to city shuttles to get to work, was currently suspended. COTA reduced its routes to suburbs due to lack of ridership. New Albany was seeing one

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to three riders before the New Albany route ended. Other lines closing impeded people from getting to the 45 line. New Albany's COTA route was the last to close. Council Member Kist expressed concern for the businesses that needed employees. Director Chrysler concurred and that the Business Park partners were engaged in trying to keep momentum going with COTA. The city was talking with COTA about a point-to-point type service.

Mayor Spalding asked and Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler answered that she did not know if Accel, Inc. provided transportation services. She said she would reach out and follow up. Mayor Spalding thanked Development Staff for their hard work.

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

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-04-2020.

*Clerk's note – council took this ordinance back up after Resolution R-18-2020.*

Mayor Spalding moved to reconsider Ordinance O-04-2020. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to reconsider the ordinance.

Mayor Spalding moved to amend Ordinance O-04-2020 to include additions for the cost of fiber relocation as proposed by Finance Director Staats. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to amend the ordinance to include additions for the cost of fiber relocation.

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

Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the amended Ordinance O-04-2020. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-04-2020 as amended.

**ORDINANCE O-05-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT FOR TWO SINGLE FAMILY LOTS ON 5.28 +/- ACRES FOR THE "TIMMONS SUBDIVISION" LOCATED AT 5055 JOHNSTOWN ROAD.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler explained that this plat would create a two lot subdivision at 55 Johnstown Road. The second lot was permitted in the zoning text which was adopted in February of 2015. The proposed plat met the requirements of Codified Ordinance section 1187 with the exception of the installation of street infrastructure and parkland dedication, which were addressed at the last council meeting. Planning Commission approved the plat at its December 2019 meeting.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-05-2020.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

NONE.

**READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION R-16-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE AND SIGN AN AMENDED & RESTATED CONSOLIDATED AGREEMENT WITH ANOMATIC CORPORATION RELATED TO INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE OAK GROVE II COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council this resolution was for an existing business that was doing well, expanding, and investing \$68 million into a new facility to grow their presence in New Albany. Scott Rusch, CEO of Anomatic Corporation, was tele-present to answer questions. Anomatic was a contract manufacturer specializing in anodized aluminum and metalized components located in the Beauty Campus. They had been a fantastic tenant in the Business Park. They constructed their first 75,000 square foot manufacturing and office facility in 2011. They expanded by another 70,000 square feet in 2014. Anomatic’s management team was local. Anomatic was one of the first believers in Healthy New Albany. They supported the city’s four pillars through their philanthropy and their physical presence on boards.

Anomatic’s proposed expansion was for a new, 250,000 square foot facility located on 22.9 acres. Council and staff discussed the current and future locations. Anomatic would be diversifying their business model which would help diversify the Business Park. This Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement would wrap in Anomatic’s original CRA and use the revenue generation per square foot formula that the city had been using successfully with manufacturers. This CRA would increase the payroll benchmark for the existing facility from around \$2.7 million per year to over \$5 million per year. Anomatic’s total benchmark would be \$13 million, meaning the business would end up creating 140 new full-time jobs with an estimated annual payroll of about \$3.2 million.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Chrysler answered that Anomatic hoped to break ground on the new facility in May and be operational in mid-2021. Council Member Kist stated that construction was considered an “essential” business activity by the state.

Director Chrysler told council that the consolidated CRA allowed for a 100% tax abatement for 15 years for the new facility. The CRA did not change the abatement for each phase of the existing facility. The

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owner was required to build an ECOS advanced building, as part of the city's green building program, in order to receive the full incentive.

Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler read a brief statement of gratitude to the city from Mr. Rusch. Mayor Spalding thanked Mr. Rusch for Anomatic's commitment to New Albany.

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-16-2020.

**RESOLUTION R-17-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE, AWARD BIDS AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE 2020 CITY OF NEW ALBANY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Public Service Director Mark Nemec explained to council that the city performed a pavement condition inspection rating annually. He presented a color-coded map (attached). The pavement condition rating considered cracks, potholes, wearing surface, and other defects that occurred over time. The city's objective was to maintain a road system at "good" or "very good." "Fair" roads would be targeted for repaving or more aggressive improvement. "Good" roads often received preventative maintenance, like crack sealing and rejuvenation.

Council Member Fellows asked Director Nemec replied that he was hopeful that construction prices would be going down, following the trend of gas prices. Council and Director Nemec discussed treatment of specific roads.

Director Nemec noted that the city would fix curbs and upgrade the handicapped ramps where repaving was done. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec confirmed that New Albany had handicapped ramps in most places where they were needed. The engineer's estimate for the entire project was just over \$1 million, within the 2020 budget. A few municipalities had gone out to bid and Director Nemec would see what prices were coming in.

Director Nemec displayed a map of the planned sidewalk replacement (attached) in Hampstead Heath. Tying in sidewalk replacement with the street improvement helped the city get the best pricing for the work. Council and Director Nemec discussed the pending sidewalk policy. Council budgeted \$200,000 for sidewalk repair. This project was estimated at \$165,000. Director Nemec discussed the criteria used to rate the sidewalk panels, all based on root growth underneath.

Council Member Fellows asked about other areas of the city. Director Nemec said all sidewalks were the responsibility of the property owner. The Public Service Department could offer residents guidance and tell the homeowner what companies the city had used, but could not recommend specific contractors. The

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Development Department kept a list of licensed contractors in the city. Council Member Shull noted that homeowners in Hampstead Heath had had sidewalk work done on their own. Director Nemec told council he hoped to open the street and sidewalk improvement bids in May.

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

Council Member Briscoe moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-17-2020.

**RESOLUTION R-18-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACT (018-21).

Public Service Director Mark Nemec reviewed the road salt usage in prior years with council. The city had 269 lane miles. New Albany had 12 inches of snowfall and used 1,100 tons of salt in the 2019-2020 winter season. Director Nemec anticipated salt prices would be down for the coming season. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec answered that Public Service kept the barn, which held around 5,000 tons full. In addition to the city, Franklin County, Plain Township, and New Albany Schools used the stored salt. The city measured and charged for salt using a truck scale purchased a few years prior. Roughly 2,000 tons of salt was used by all parties in the last season.

Council Member Fellows observed and Director Nemec confirmed that the salt barn needed to be painted. City Manager Stefanov stated that the wood on the south side of the barn had deteriorated due to wear and weather conditions and may need replacing.

Director Nemec reviewed the snow plow removal route with council. The city had eight routes, eight trucks, and two crews for morning and evening shifts.

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

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-18-2020.

**RESOLUTION R-19-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FYDA FREIGHTLINER COLUMBUS INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TANDEM AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS UNIT AS SET FORTH IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM INVITATION NUMBER 023-20 AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$104,000.



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Public Service Director Mark Nemec told council that the city had two tandem axel trucks and five single axel trucks. The city needed to replace its 2006 International tandem axel dump truck which was nearing the end of its useful life. Mechanics had welded additional metal in the floor of the cab. The main purpose of the tandem trucks was snow and ice removal and they also hauled stone and gravel. They were not used every day. The replacement cost was budgeted. Using the Ohio Department of Transportation’s contract, the city evaluated five available trucks based on the same specifications. All of the city’s single axel trucks were Freightliners. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec confirmed they were built in Ohio. The Freightliner dealer was local. Freightliner’s warranties and recall work were reliable. Parts were easy to purchase and many were interchangeable between the single and tandem axel trucks.

Director Nemec stated that the quoted price was for the cab and chassis only. It did not include the dump body, hydraulics, plow, hitch, spreader, or other components that completed the truck. He would be coming back to council with another resolution for these add-ons which were sourced from a different company. As part of the truck purchase, the city would put in around \$8,000 for the extended drive-train warranty and to upgrade components to combat salt corrosion. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec replied that Public Service had a plate that shot water upwards and hand-held wands to clean the underbodies of the city’s trucks. The final price on the truck would not exceed \$104,000.

Director Nemec expected to get 13-14 years out of the truck. The current truck had 52,000 miles, but the running time was greater. The salt had a significant impact on the truck’s longevity. The old truck would likely be auctioned off. Mayor Spalding asked and Director Nemec said he would check if the township or schools could use the vehicle. Normally, they didn’t operate tandem axel vehicles.

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

Council Member Briscoe moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-19-2020.

**RESOLUTION R-20-2020**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST AND ACCEPT THE SUM OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,570,000.00) FROM THE NEW ALBANY COMMUNITY AUTHORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND INCENTIVES.

Finance Director Bethany Staats stated that this resolution represented the city’s first withdrawal from the New Albany Community Authority (NACA) in 2020. The city would be seeking approval for \$2,570,000 in projects. This request was similar to requests made in 2018 and 2019. Director Staats reviewed the requests delineated on Exhibit A of the resolution. The city was trying to keep money in its Economic Development fund for future projects.

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Council Member Briscoe asked and Director Staats answered that the city's shuttle program cost approximately \$150,000 in 2019. The city anticipated its cost would be \$170,000 in 2020. The city had added to its shuttle uses. For the first time, the city would be splitting its cost between General Fund and the Economic Development Fund. The city was receiving roughly \$45,000 in reimbursements for the cost of the program.

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. Mayor Spalding seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-20-2020.

**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: No report.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported that the township was preparing the pool for the summer season, but had not determined if or when the pool would open. The township would follow the state guidelines. The township had deferred lease payments on two of its properties. The money would have to be paid in full by the end of the term of the lease. There had been more fire than EMS runs. An auxiliary fire station was established which allowed the fire department to split their workforce and reduce infection risk. One firefighter was out for 15 days and they were still waiting on his test results.

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**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding reminded everyone to do their part, stay positive, and fight the fatigue of staying at home. He appreciated everyone’s efforts.
- B. Clerk of Council: No report.
- C. Finance Director: Finance Director Bethany Staats stated that she emailed out her March report. It was too soon to see the impact of COVID-19. The city was ahead in income tax revenues and in line with its expenses. The breakdown of income taxes was shown in the report and the current numbers were in line with the past three to five years. She received an email from the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) with a loose projection of revenues. The corporate net profit tax deadlines had been moved out and the city should see that money in August to November. RITA projected a \$3.1 million loss of withholdings. Director Staats wanted to look further into that projection. Director Staats reviewed the city’s current unencumbered cash balance. So far, the city looked good for 2020.
- D. City Manager: Law Director Mitch Banchefsky had advised that the city manager could declare a state of emergency per the Charter. Many neighboring communities had already done so. Health professionals were projecting that the next two weeks to be the peak of the event. Declaring a state of emergency allowed the city manage to quickly take action to implement emergency policies. City Manager Stefanov had been relying on the state’s emergency declaration thus far, but that could change depending on circumstances.

Police Chief Greg Jones told council that an officer had cited an individual for violating the state’s order regarding distancing. The state had requested “soft enforcement” which the police had done based on complaints and feedback. Chief Jones was asking officers to step up enforcement a bit more. He preferred to warnings and education. For more egregious violations, the city would issue citations. Officers had latitude and were new to applying some of these laws in this fashion. The Police Department had received a memo of applicable laws, mostly from state code, not municipal code. They would continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as needed.

- E. City Attorney: No report.

**POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council Member Brisk stated that Bill Ebbing, President of The New Albany Company, sent out an email complimenting City Manager Stefanov and city staff for their work and how smoothly city operations had continued. Council Member Brisk echoed that appreciation.



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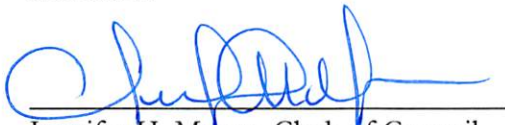
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City Manager Stefanov asked, since the state had given full authority to use electronic means to conduct meetings, if council desired to return to its regular schedule. Director Chrysler preferred to return to as normal a schedule as possible or fix a routine for better predictability and consistency. Council Member Brisk asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that all council members could attend remotely. Council supported returning to a regular schedule.

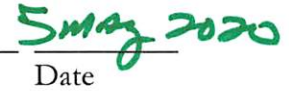
**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Shull seconded to adjourn the April 7, 2020 regular council meeting at 8:16 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

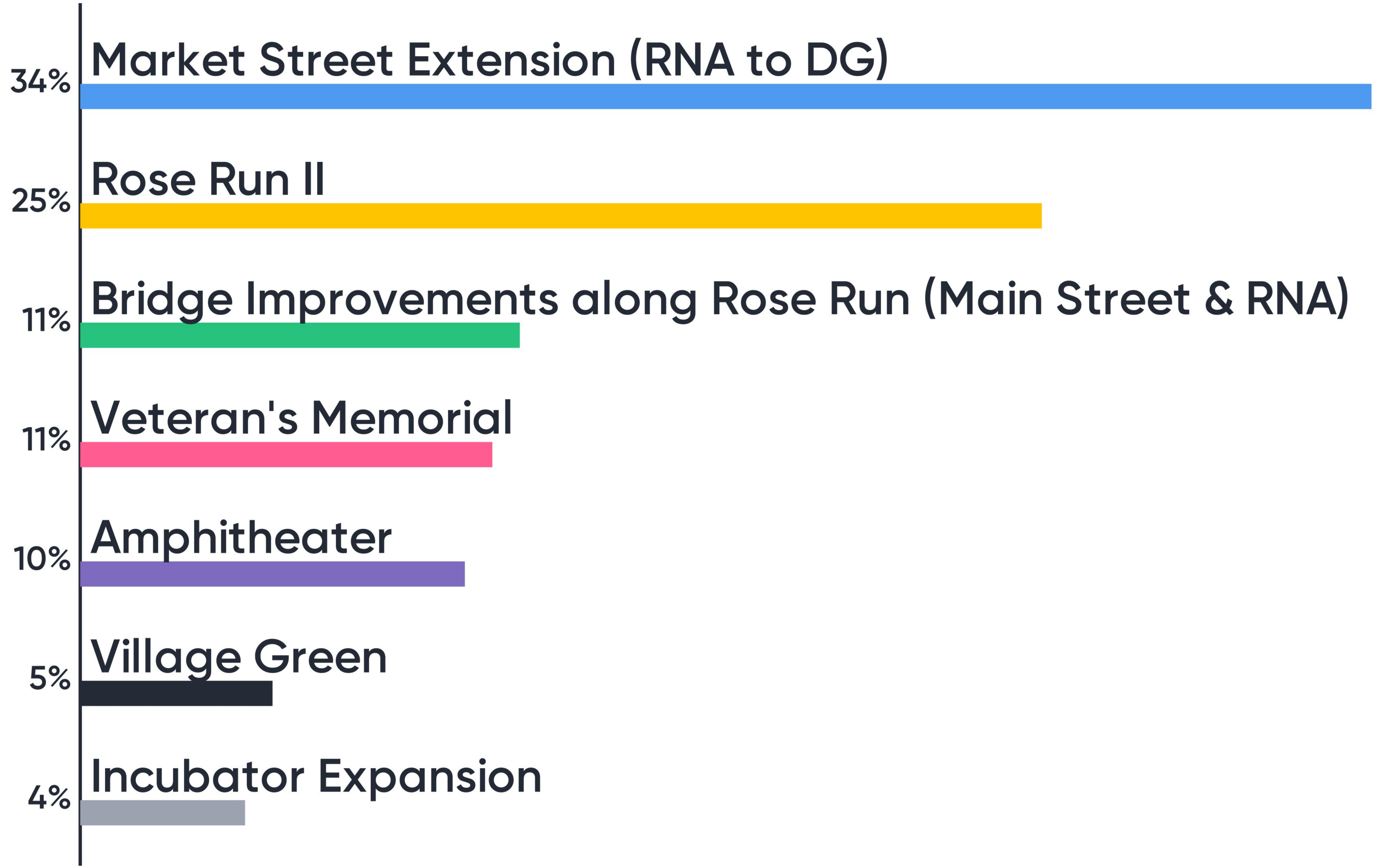
  
Sloan Spalding, Mayor

  
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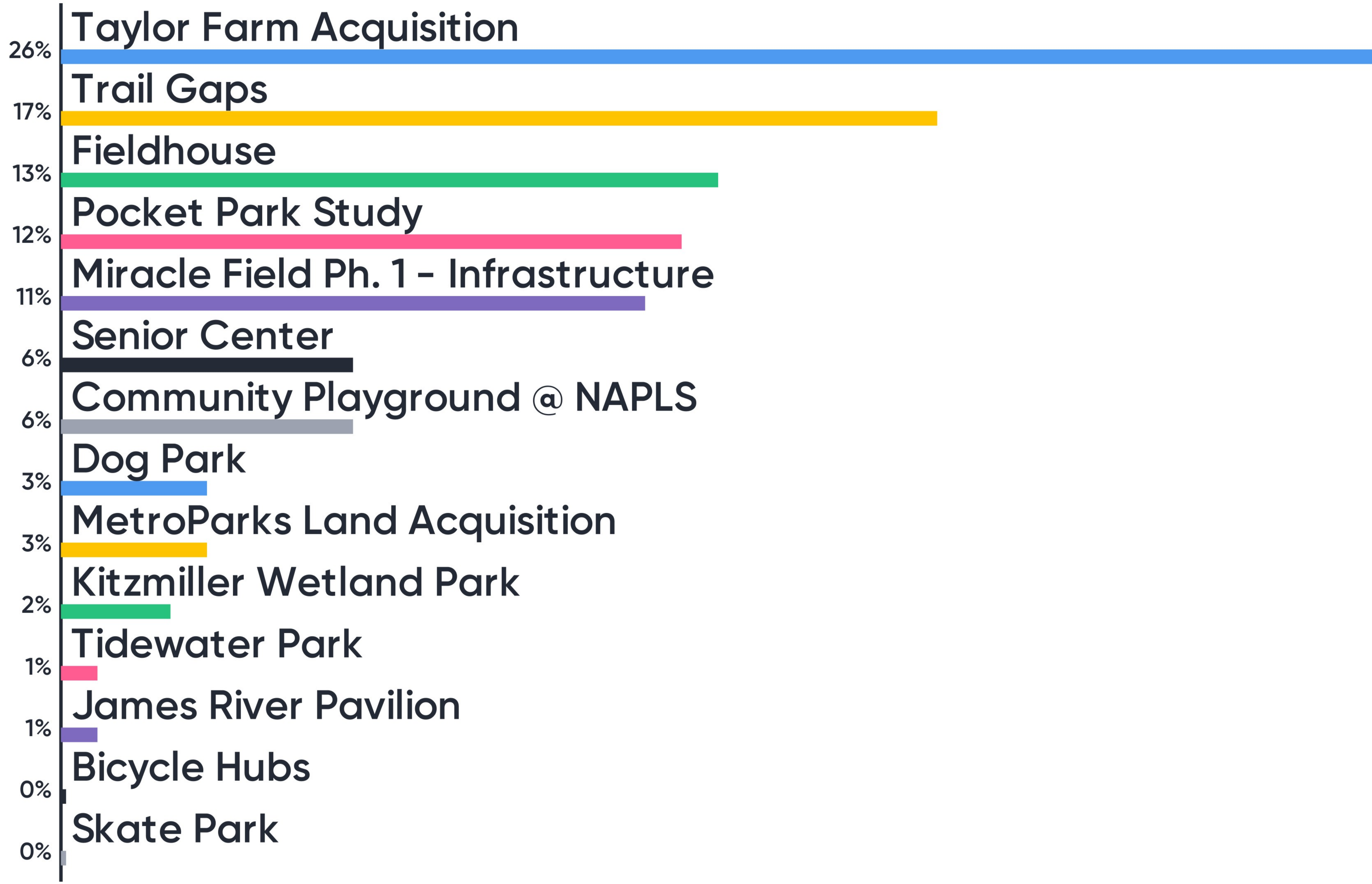
# What are the top three priorities the city should focus on in the next five years?



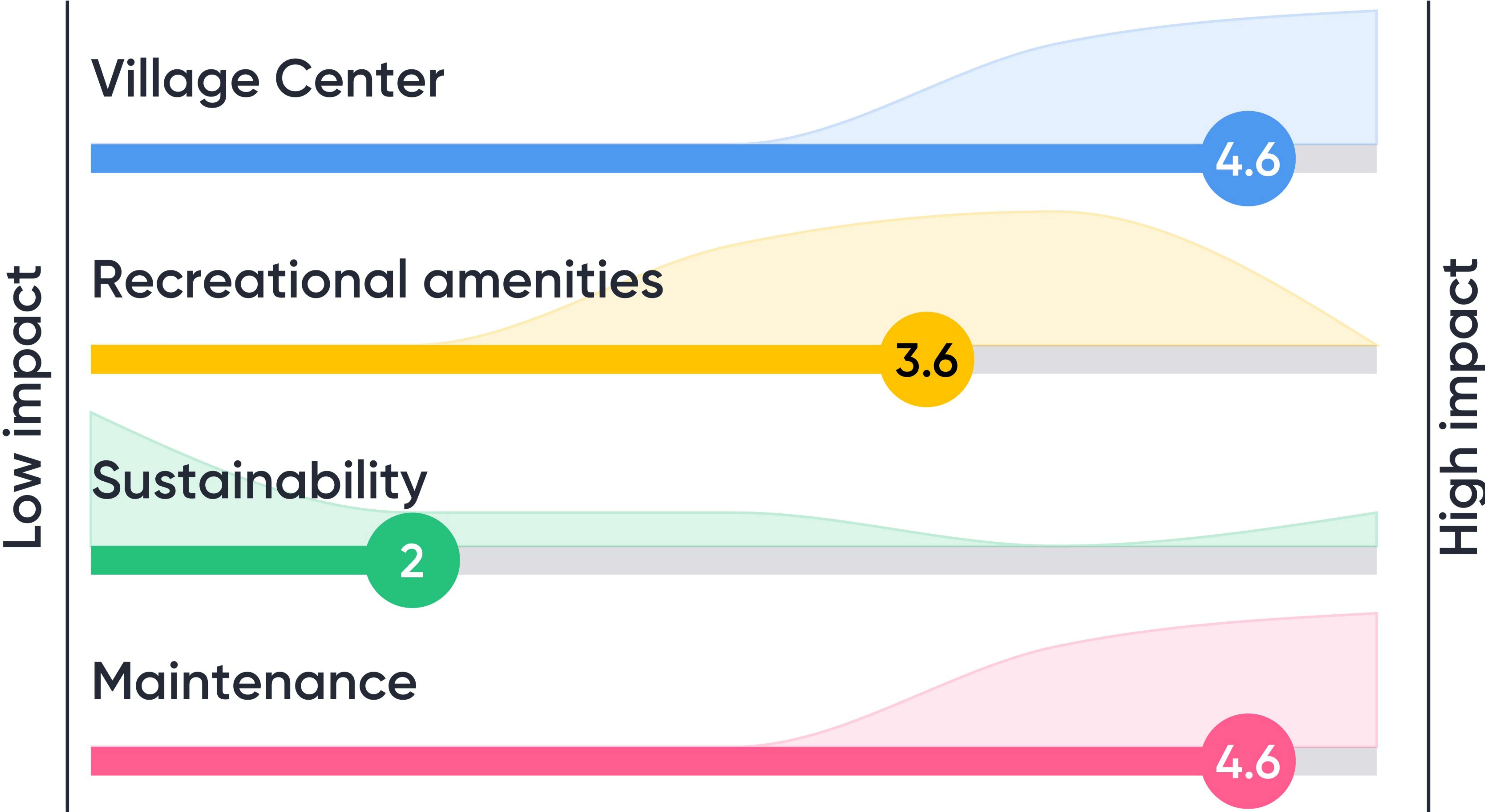
# Prioritize Village Center Projects



# Prioritize Recreational Amenity Projects



# Rate the impact each Council Priority will have on the community?







# COUNCIL WORKSHOP

September 13, 2019



## AGENDA

- Introduction
- 2019 Capital Project Update
- Word Cloud Results
- Council Priorities
- Lunch
- 2020 Proposed Projects
- Project Ranking



## WHAT WE'VE DONE THIS YEAR?

- Projects
  - 11 capital projects in design/construction
  - \$25 investment in facilities, trails, sidewalks, roads, parks and utilities
- Studies
  - Three studies completed/in progress to understand annual maintenance needs



## ROSE RUN PARK

- Road opened 4.5 months ahead of schedule
- Construction complete by end of 2019;  
grand opening Spring 2020



## STREETLIGHT CONVERSION

- 896 LED streetlight conversions done
- 70% complete
- Estimated completion December 2020



## STREET NAME SIGN STANDARDS

- Assessment completed
- Quotes are being obtained
- Fall 2019 start with project completion in 2020



## TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERCONNECTION

- Bid January 2019 by ODOT and project awarded in April.
- Underground conduit began in June
- Estimated completion December 2019





## MILLER AVENUE SECOND STREET EXTENSIONS

- New school drive and parking complete
- Lighting and striping complete
- New waterline on Miller Avenue
- Work on Second Street started



## MAIN STREET OVERHEAD UTILITY BURIAL

- Underground work will be completed by end of 2019
- Private utility re-location done Spring 2020



## US62/SR161 COMPLETE STREET

- X% COMPLETE
- Engineering/Design/Right-of-way  
February 2020
- Bid Advertisement & Award March 2020
- Construction November 2020



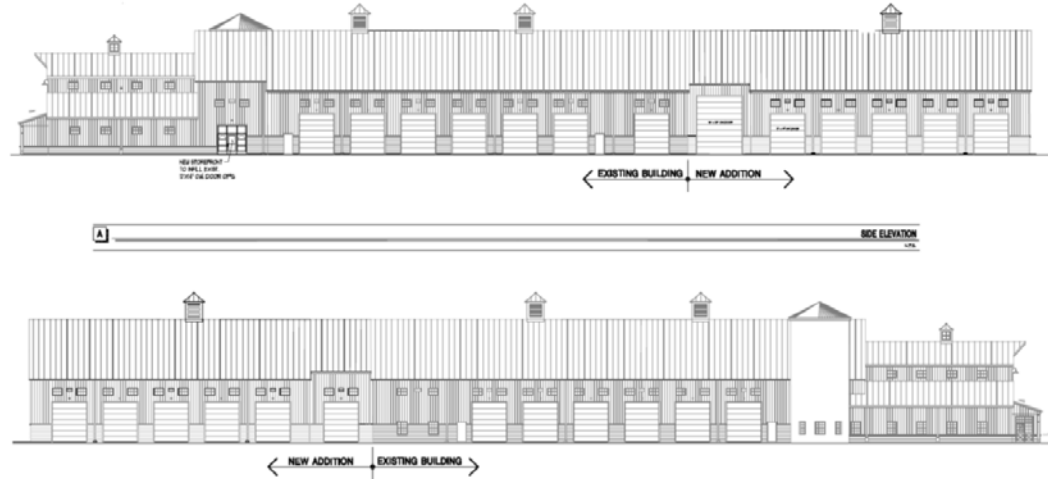
## TRAIL GAPS/PTAB PRIORITIES

- Harlem Road
- Prairie House
- Estimated completion November 2019



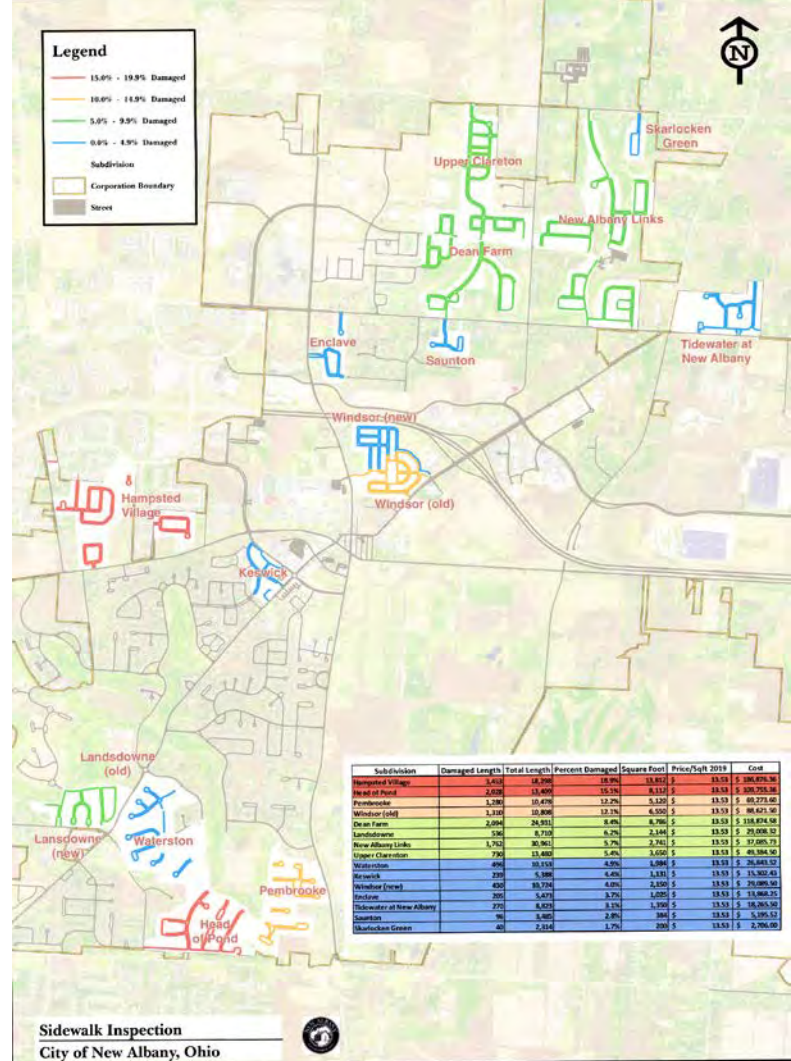
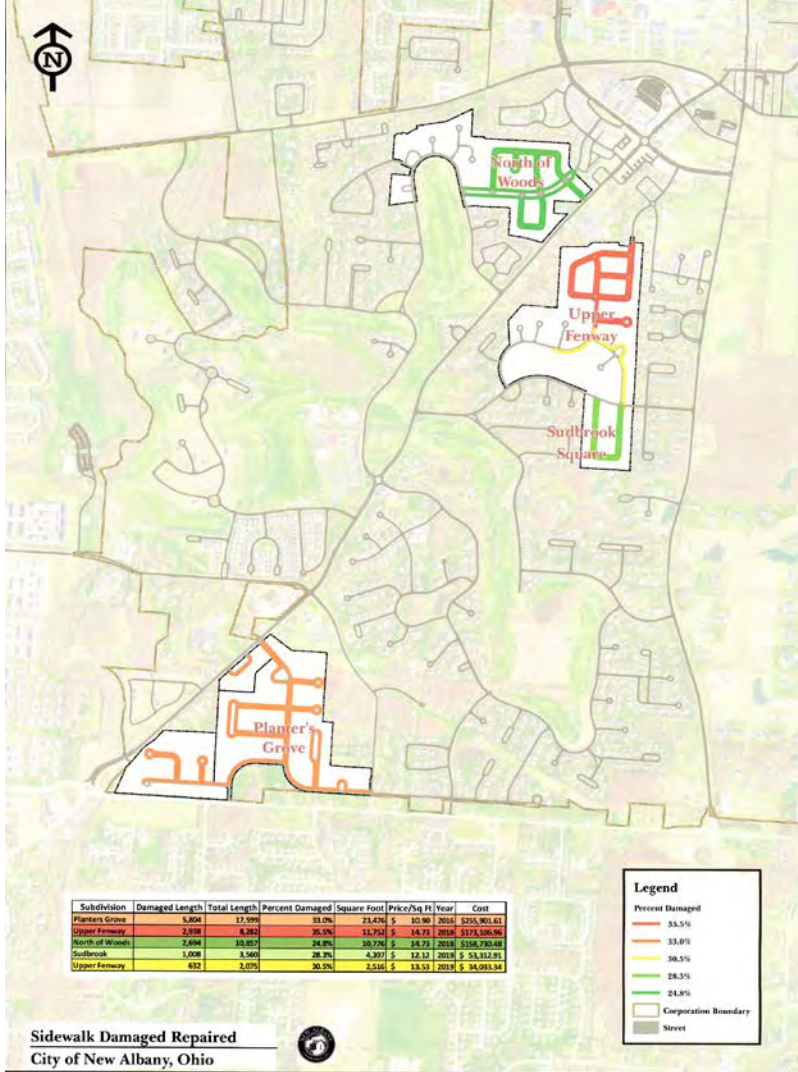
# SERVICE DEPARTMENT EXPANSION

- Contract award in September
- Expected completion October 2020



## NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

- Comprehensive evaluation of sidewalk condition within neighborhoods.









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Evelyton



James River



Lambton Green



Rose Run

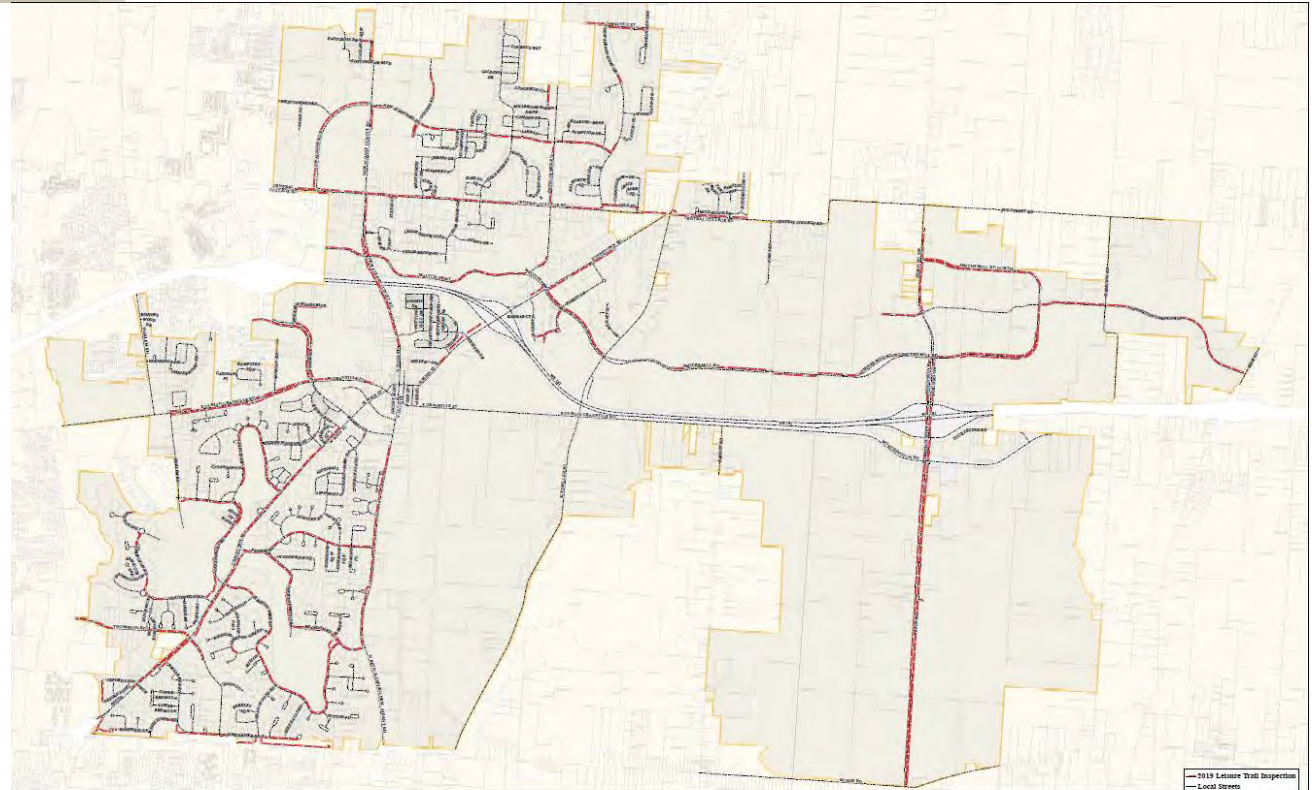


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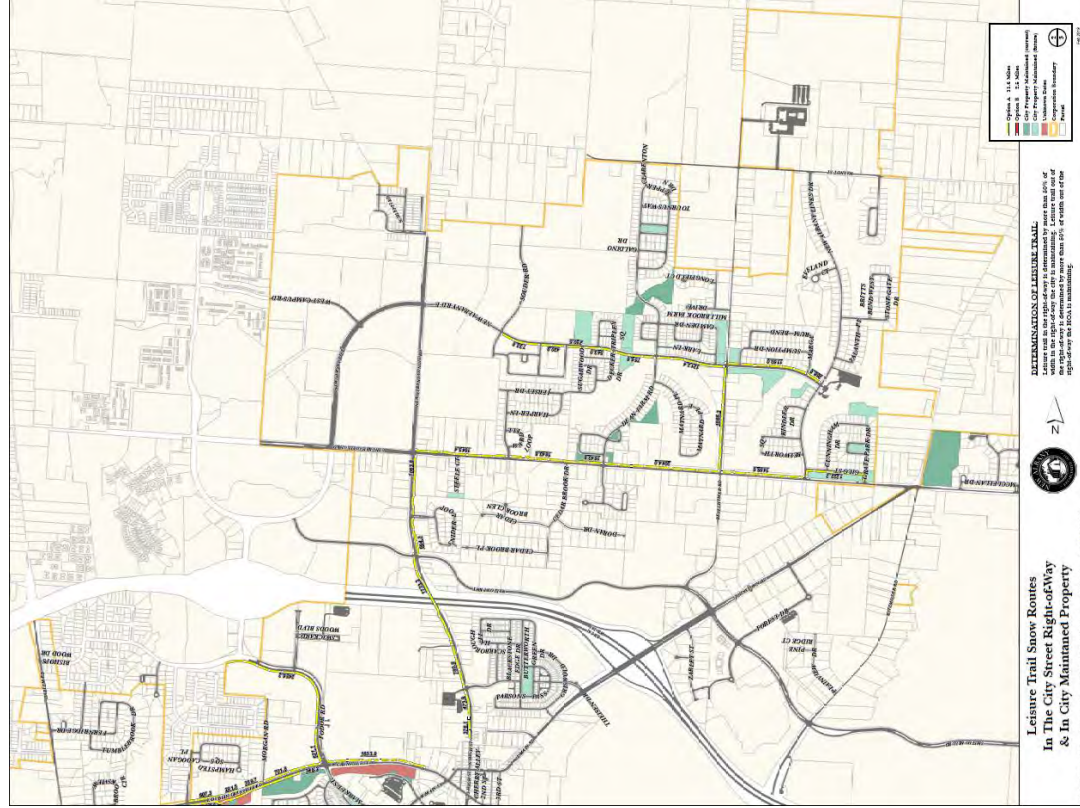
# TRAIL ASSESSMENT



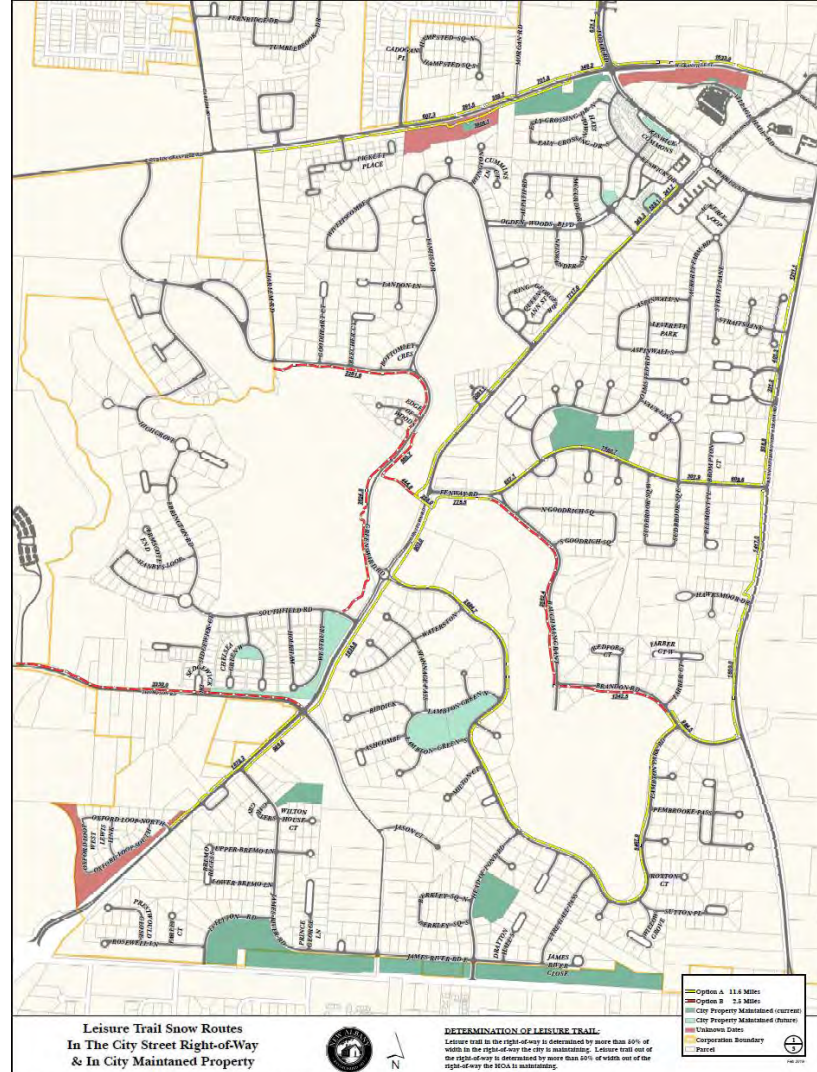
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New Albany Ohio



## SNOW REMOVAL



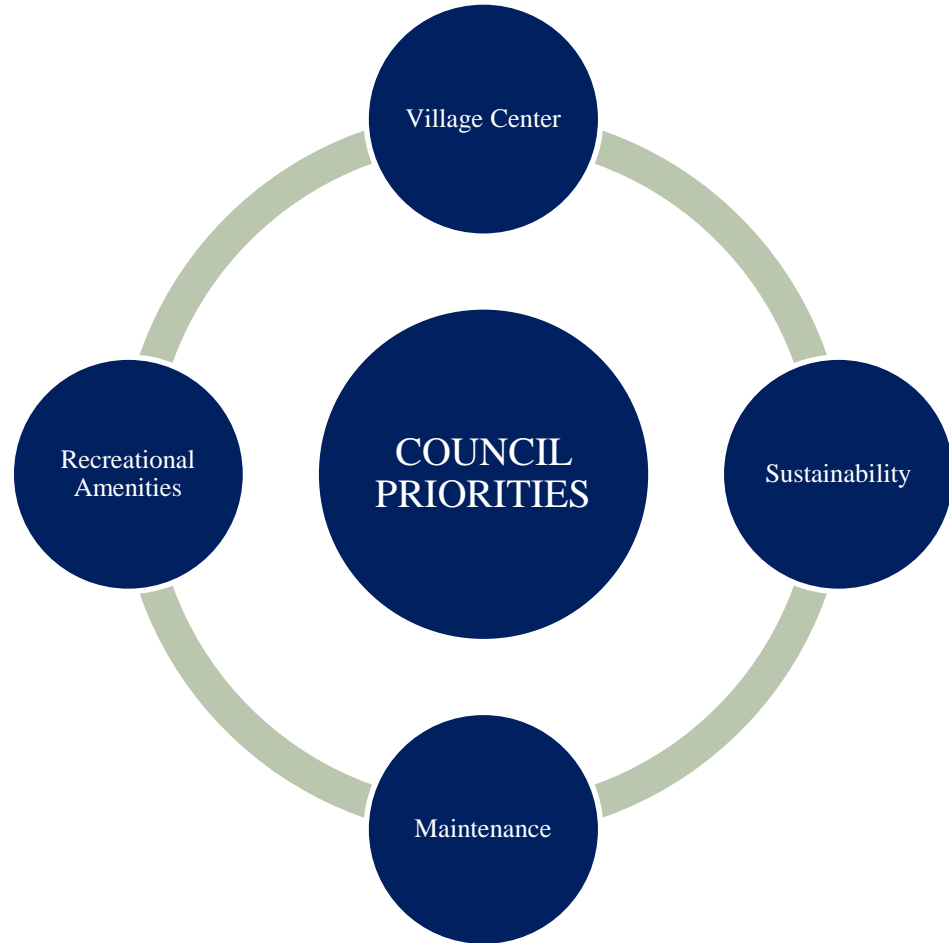
## SNOW REMOVAL



# What are the top three priorities the city should focus on in the next five years?







## VILLAGE CENTER

- Market Street Extension
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- Veteran's Memorial
- Village Green Commons
- *Rose Run II*
- *Incubator Expansion Study*
- *Bridge Improvements along Rose Run (Main Street and RNA)*

## RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

- Kitzmiller Wetland Park
- Dog Park
- Tidewater Park
- Bicycle Hubs
- MetroParks Land Acquisition
- James River Pavilion
- Trail Gaps
- Senior Center
- Field House
- *Pocket Park Study*
- *Community Playground @ NAPLS*
- *Miracle Field Infrastructure*
- *Taylor Farm Acquisition*
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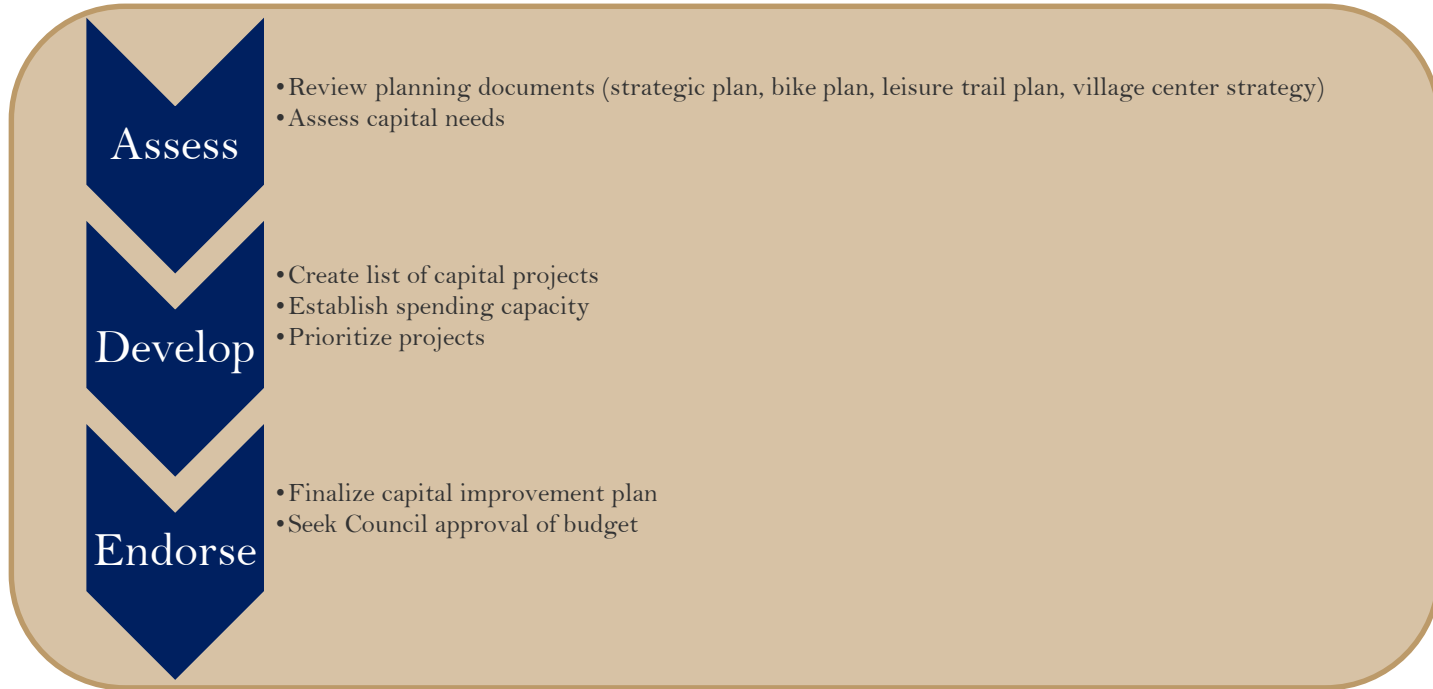
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- *Renewable Energy – Solar Field*

## MAINTENANCE

- Upgraded Trail Maintenance
- Snow Removal on Trails
- Sidewalk Replacement

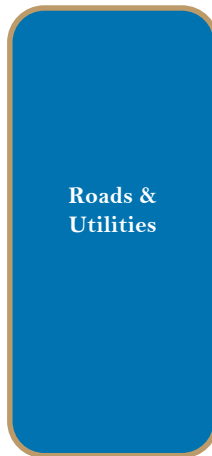
# Process



# Capital Funding



## City Capital Funds



## Community Authority



# Distribution of Revenue



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# Rose Run II

Founder's Grove - \$2.1M

Wall & Walk - \$1M

Dublin-Granville Rd - \$1.9M

Stormwater Ponds - \$1.2M

Locus Square - \$1M

Parking Improvements - \$2.3M

Covered Parking - \$600K



# Incubator Expansion

Evaluate the old high school building as an incubator

Approx. \$50,000 to assess condition of building, code compliance evaluation, hazardous material assessment and preliminary space planning/building programming





# Bridge Improvements (Main & RNA @ Main Street and RNA)

Make improvements to the bridges over Rose Run at Main Street and RNA Rd to make them safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Unknown cost



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# Pocket Park Study

Comprehensive study of  
the city's park system

Needs assessment of  
surrounding neighborhoods  
and plan for redevelopment

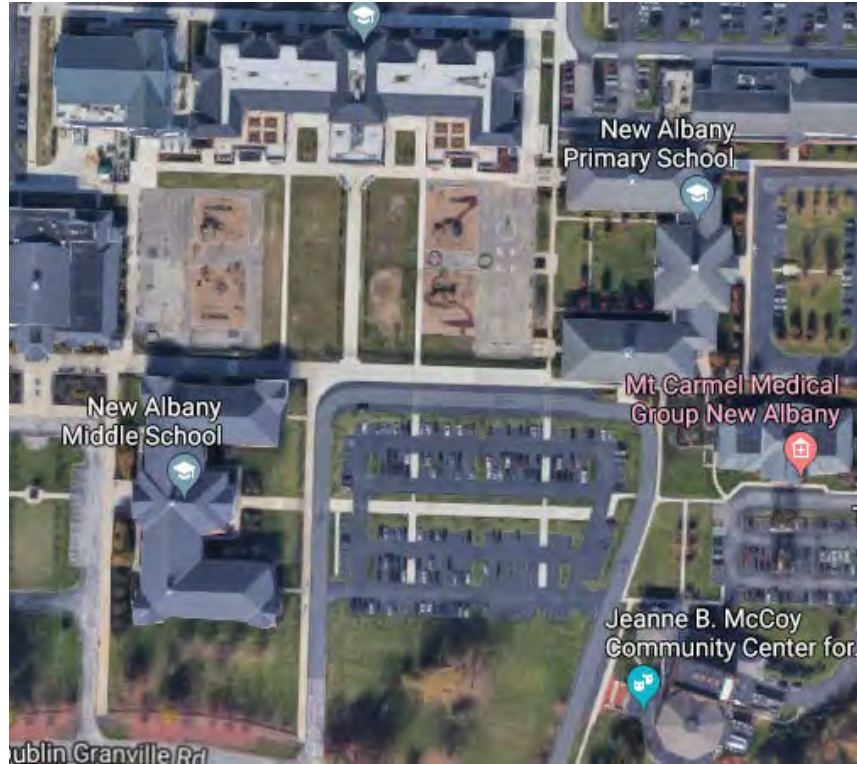
Operating budget expense



# Community Playground

Re-designed playground on the NAPLS campus

Partnership with the schools - approximately \$750,000 city contribution



# Community Playground



# Miracle Field Infrastructure

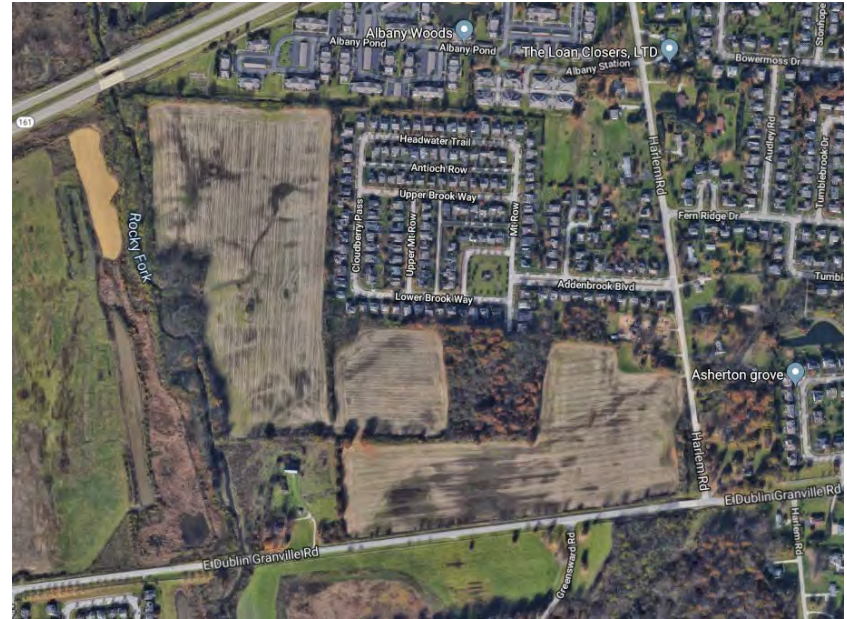
Approx. \$250,000 in in-kind  
services/work



# Taylor Farm Acquisition

City awarded \$857,250  
from Clean Ohio Grant

Approximate cost is  
\$1,500,000



# Skate Park

No location identified at this time.

Undetermined cost





## SUSTAINABILITY

- Renewable Energy – Solar Field

# Renewable Energy - solar field

Options - 5 MW solar field

Partnership in facility within  
Ohio - \$2M cost over 20  
years

New Albany Facility - \$6M  
cost over 20 years



## SUSTAINABILITY

- What are the city's goals related to sustainability?
- What other projects could be in this category?

## MAINTENANCE

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# Upgraded Trail Maintenance

# Snow Removal on Trails

Two mile radius of the Village Center.

Approx. \$80,000 in start-up costs

Approx. \$70,000 annually

# Sidewalk Replacement

Continue annual sidewalk replacement program?

Options:

- One time city replacement for tree related damage?
- Cost sharing with homeowners?

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