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CALL TO ORDER:

President Pro Tem Shull called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of May 6, 2025 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, Deputy Director of Finance Morgan Joeright, Police Chief Greg Jones, Public Service Director Ryan Ohly, Deputy Public Service Director Steve Mayer, Planning Manager Chris Christian, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Josh Poland, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Sloan Spalding	A
President Pro Tem Matt Shull	P
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	P
CM Chip Fellows	A
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Andrea Wilttrout	P

Clerk Mason reported Mayor Spalding could not attend due to travel for a family obligation and Council Member Fellows could not attend due to work travel. Both requested to be excused. President Pro Tem Shull moved to excuse Mayor Spalding and Council Member Fellows from the council meeting. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to excuse Mayor Spalding and Council Member Fellows from the council meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Council adopted the April 15, 2025 minutes by consensus.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

President Pro Tem Shull moved to remove the community grants discussion under Council Subcommittee Reports. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to remove the community grants discussion.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Proclamation Declaring May 11-17, 2025 as Police Week and May 15, 2025 as Peace Officer Memorial Day – President Pro Tem Shull read the proclamation. Chief Jones recalled the recent mass shooting incident and expressed care for the people who were killed or injured and their families. He was consistently impressed with his staff who were value-based and mission-focused. He stated the police department was fortunate to work in a community supportive of law enforcement.

President Pro Tem Shull thanked Chief Jones and his team for their courage and daily commitment to keeping the community safe. Council honored those who gave their lives in the line of duty and recognized their daily sacrifice. Council Member Kist recalled going through the Citizens Police Academy. He commended the officers' professionalism and was proud to support them. Council Member Wilttrout agreed the city's police responded to serious events with professionalism. She was impressed with their ability to maintain connection to the

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density for the North Mill Gateway District was 3 units per acre. Tidewater subdivision residents expressed concern about proposed changes to Kitzmiller Road, which design included a cul-de-sac. MKSK agreed to take another look at that design and propose another solution. Council Member Wilttrout encouraged more ideas.

President Pro Tem Shull asked and Council Member Wilttrout answered that the concerned residents wanted to maintain connectivity at the “5 points intersection.” They were concerned that Tidewater would get cut off from the rest of the city. Council members discussed proposed connections. Council Member Shull recalled he and other council members being involved in the US 62 Interchange Focus Area planning process alongside residents.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No report.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA): No meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD (SAB): Council Member Kist reported on the successful Earth Day e-waste and hazardous household waste collection event. Traffic was stopped in multiple directions with cars lined up to drop off items. He thanked the public service department and council members who volunteered. Last year they had 200 cars drop off items over 4 hours and this year’s event saw 500 cars in the first hour. People waited in line for over an hour and some were turned away at the end, causing some upset. Council Member Kist commended the community for taking the time to recycle and dispose correctly, and for their patience regarding the unexpectedly large turnout. They would take the lessons learned this year and apply them to next year’s event. Overall, it was a very positive event.

Council Member Kist asked and Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly stated the city did not have the final numbers yet, but the paper shredding truck was full. There were 33 gaylords of e-waste, as compared to last year’s 18, and 2 trucks filled with big screen TVs. There were no statistics on the hazardous household waste collection yet. The contractor told them they had never seen a turnout like that before.

Council Member Wilttrout described the teamwork and positivity the volunteers displayed. She thanked Council Member Kist and the SAB for the event. President Pro Tem Shull stated the volunteers and staff who worked at the event did a phenomenal job.

President Pro Tem Shull described the busy Arbor Day event, with residents, council members, and local children planting more than 300 trees in Rose Run Park.

IDEA IMPLEMENTATION PANEL: Council Member Brisk reported on the “A Train Near Magdeburg” documentary project. City staff was working towards a memorandum of understanding which would be brought to council. The New Albany Community Foundation Board of Trustees awarded \$10,000 grant for the author’s event on Friday (9/12) morning. New Albany Schools’ orchestra classes, film students, and art students would be involved with the violins, the art, the film makers, and survivors’ descendants from the documentary. There would be a panel discussion with liberators and descendants at the McCoy Center with movie highlights, and a reception after with the violins. On Saturday (9/13), there would be a designated day at the Veterans Museum in Columbus for the movie. On Sunday (9/14), there would be a Columbus Symphony event and possible world premiere of the movie. President Pro Tem Shull thanked Council

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Council Member Wilttrout moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-16-2025.

ORDINANCE O-17-2025

President Pro Tem Shull read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1154 “TMD TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT” OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Planning Manager Chris Christian stated this legislation amended Codified Ordinance Section 1154: TMD Technology Manufacturing District (TMD) which was originally created and adopted in 2022. The 2 main goals of the ordinance were to clarify residential setback requirements between primary and flagship projects and provide development standards for advanced fabric structures.

President Pro Tem Shull opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

President Pro Tem Shull moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-17-2025.

ORDINANCE O-18-2025

President Pro Tem Shull read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE 15.504+/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF JUG STREET AND WEST OF CLOVER VALLEY ROAD, FROM IT CURRENT ZONING OF INFILL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (I-PUD) TO LIMITED GENERAL EMPLOYMENT (L-GE) FOR AN AREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE “CLOVER VALLEY EXPANSION ZONING DISTRICT” AS REQUESTED BY EDGECONNEX MCN, C/O JACK REYNOLDS.

Planning Manager Chris Christian stated this legislation rezoned approximately 15 acres in Licking County from Infill Planned Unit Development (I-PUD) to Limited General Employment (L-GE), similar to the surrounding zoning districts. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their April meeting. The rezoning would allow the Kennel Club USA to continue. The kennel club property was sold to the applicant and the applicant requested L-GE uses on the site. The zoning and zoning text were consistent with the permitted uses and development standards in the surrounding area. The proposed rezoning was also consistent with the strategic plan.

President Pro Tem Shull opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Wilttrout moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-18-2025.

Jack Reynolds, attorney for the applicant, thanked council.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-19-2025

President Pro Tem Shull read by title AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT AND ACCEPT RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR GANTON PARKWAY WEST PHASE 3B AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

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2024. Columbus City Council the amended map early in 2025 and Columbus executed the water and sewer service area agreement in April.

The R-17-2025 Exhibit A map showed current service areas and future growth zones and expansion areas for both cities. The revised map adjusted boundaries to permit New Albany to annex and provide water and service to the designated areas. City Manager Stefanov described the 2008 annexation agreement between Columbus, Plain Township, and New Albany. That annexation agreement had been in effect without changes since a 2009 amendment. To maintain consistency between the 2008/2009 annexation agreement and the new water and sewer service area agreement, the annexation agreement maps needed updated for the new service and growth area maps.

City Manager Stefanov described R-17-2025 Exhibit B areas as designated by color. This new map showed changes to the New Albany and Columbus expansion and growth zones. It reflected New Albany's purchase of 73 acres on Bevelhymer Road which would be annexed to the city. An unincorporated area along US 62 was now in New Albany's growth zone and could be annexed to New Albany in the future.

President Pro Tem Shull asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that the Columbus Expansion Area to the north stopped at the Franklin County-Delaware County line. The existing 2008/2009 annexation agreement didn't reflect all the land more recently annexed to New Albany in Licking County. These 2 exhibits brought the 2008/2009 annexation agreement up to date and made it consistent with the water and sewer service agreement with Columbus.

City Manager Stefanov and council further discussed New Albany and Columbus future planning. Columbus had plans to annex, per the terms of the annexation agreement, and bring a large portion of their expansion area into the City of Columbus.

Council Member Durik asked and City Manager Stefanov confirmed that the City of Columbus would still preserve the metro park. He believed terms of the annexation agreement stated Columbus couldn't annex for either 10 years or until the parties achieved a 1,200-acre park. Both of those requirements had been met.

President Pro Tem Shull opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve Resolution R-17-2025.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: No meeting.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Park District (JPD): President Pro Tem Shull reported that the JPD discussed possible school ballfields at Bevelhymer Park and approved New Albany Parks Director Dave Wharton to work with the school district on field designs. They were looking at the park-designated "Purple" and "Red" areas. Plans were to upgrade all the fields there. One field would

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk Mason read the attached April 28, 2025 memo to council regarding board and commission reappointments into the record. Council Member Kist moved to reappoint the board members for the terms specified. Council Member Wiltout seconded and council with 5 yes votes to approve the motion. Motion passed.

Council Member Kist stated council had conducted Clerk Mason's annual performance review. Council Member Kist moved to award Clerk Mason an annual merit bonus and an additional 32 hours of personal leave. President Pro Tem Shull seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, President Pro Tem Shull moved and Council Member Kist seconded to adjourn the May 6, 2025 regular council meeting at 8:33 pm.

ATTEST:


Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council


Matthew E. Shull, President Pro Tem

5/20/25
Date



TO: New Albany City Council

FROM: Jennifer Mason, Clerk of Council

DATE: April 28, 2025

RE: 2025 Board and Commission Mid-Year Reappointments

This memo details those willing to be reappointed to board and commission positions.

New Albany East Community Authority

2-year terms

- Council Member Mike Durik is willing to be reappointed as the local government representative to the term 5/17/25-5/16/27

IDEA Implementation Panel

3-year terms

- Marie Alvarado-Colon is willing to be reappointed to the term 7/1/25 – 6/30/28
- Connor Berry is willing to be reappointed to the term 7/1/25 – 6/30/28
- Dr. Taru Saigal is willing to be reappointed to the term 7/1/25 – 6/30/28

Sustainability Advisory Board

3-year terms

- Open position
- Laura Gallo is willing to be reappointed to the term 7/1/25 – 6/30/28