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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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community. Council Member Durik stated the city was fortunate to have outstanding officers and dispatchers, not just for emergencies, but every day. The officers' community involvement set them apart. Citizen surveys repeatedly identified the police department as the highest rated city department. Council Member Brisk also went through the Citizens Police Academy and commented on the hard situations and great pressure officers experienced daily. She saw officers engaged all around the city and observed that they were teaching the community's youth that officers were friends and allies.

Officer Leland Kelly stated the Cops and Bobbers event would take place on July 19 at Bevelhymer Park. There was no registration. Attendees would need to bring a fishing pole and hot dogs would be provided.

Proclamation Recognizing the 2025 Dr. Glyde Marsh New Albany Founders Day Parade Grand Marshal Richard "Dick" Fisher – President Pro Tem Shull read the proclamation. President Pro Tem Shull spoke of the great impact Dick Fisher made on the community and how he was admired by many. Council Member Brisk recalled fond memories of Mr. Fisher serving as head of security while her children attended school. He dedicated much of himself to the community and helped to shape what it had become.

Founders Day organizer Beckie Knore accepted the proclamation on behalf of Founders Day and the Fisher family.

Proclamation Recognizing New Albany Special Olympics as the New Albany Founders Day Community Connections Honoree – President Pro Tem Shull read the proclamation. President Pro Tem Shull recognized Amy Thomas from Special Olympics. Council Member Shull stated New Albany Special Olympics reflected the spirit of the community, valuing inclusion, determination, and unity. He thanked them for making New Albany a stronger and more connected city.

Officer Leland Kelly thanked council for the proclamation and credited Amy and Paul Thomas for starting the New Albany Special Olympics. He had been involved with Special Olympics fundraising through the police department since 2005, and they hosted the Torch Run and Polar Plunge.

Amy Thomas thanked Officer Kelly for organizing events every year and thanked council for the proclamation.

Council Member Brisk invited Ms. Thomas to join her, Council Member Wilttrout, and the IDEA Panel, which was working on accessibility issues and wanted to connect with the New Albany Special Olympics.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): Council Member Wilttrout reported the PC heard from Tamara Davies about the Haines Creek project causing water drainage on Ms. Davies' property. The PC approved the AEP substation application. The board discussed the legal criteria, need for the substation, and how to make it better for the neighbors. The PC didn't have much ability to change the project so long as the 3 criteria were met. AEP agreed to restrict lighting to emergencies and discussed additional screening and a possible sound wall. The PC approved the Engage New Albany US 62 Interchange Focus Area plan. Leading up to this, there had been immense community involvement. Consultants with MKSK reviewed the 4 proposed subareas. The North Mill Gateway District, comprised of 270 acres, was the subject of much discussion. It was the center of the residential growth area. It was designed to be denser around the commercial district and disperse as it broadened out to rural areas. The density at full build-out was 7 units per acre. The gross

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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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Member Brisk for her efforts in support bringing the film to the community and collaborating with the schools and other organizations for these events.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No report.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: Clerk Mason reported the regular PRC meeting was being rescheduled to June 3.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-15-2025

President Pro Tem Shull read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO TO PROVIDE AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC NEW ALBANY CITY CODE SECTIONS 301.53, 301.54, 303.01, 333.01, 333.07, 335.04, 337.26; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason stated this legislation would amend and update the city's Codified Ordinances to reflect amendments in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). These updates were recommended by Municode, the city's codifier. David Moser, Law Director Albrecht's law partner, and Chief Jones reviewed the proposed changes for both this ordinance and O-16-2025. Ordinance O-15-2025 addressed changes to the state's traffic code. In addition to maintaining consistency with the ORC, enacting these amendments would facilitate police department operations when issuing citations by having the city code match the state code.

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 ordinance. Council Member Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-15-2025.

ORDINANCE O-16-2025

President Pro Tem Shull read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO TO PROVIDE AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL OFFENSES NEW ALBANY CITY CODE SECTIONS 513.01, 513.13, AND 525.05; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason stated this legislation would amend and update the city's Codified Ordinances to reflect amendments made by the state legislature to the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Ordinance O-16-2025 addressed changes to the state's general offenses code.

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

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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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Planning Manager Chris Christian stated this plat would extend Ganton Parkway West in Licking County, providing additional connectivity throughout the business park and serving additional development sites. It consisted of almost 4 acres of new right-of-way and 100 feet of right-of-way width on Ganton Parkway West.

During the rezoning process, residents asked for additional street and landscape renderings. After the Planning Commission (PC) meeting, the renderings and additional information were provided to the public to a positive response. Staff would continue to stay in contact with residents.

Council Member Kist asked and Manager Christian answered the new Babbitt Road/Ganton Parkway intersection would be a roundabout. Mr. Ohly stated the section of Babbitt Road that would be skipped over by the new design could be vacated or area used for stormwater retention. Council Member Durik asked and Director Ohly stated there were 3-4 residents connected to that section of Babbitt and The New Albany Company (NACO) also owned some parcels there. Staff had been in communication with those property owners. As long as people lived there, the city would maintain roadway access for them.

Council Member Kist asked and Manager Christian answered that the Babbitt Road/Dublin-Granville Road intersection was currently a stop condition. Director Ohly stated the plan was to make it a signalized intersection. City Manager Stefanov added there was some consideration of another roundabout there or other alternative to a signalized intersection.

Council Member Durik asked if Babbitt Road, going south, would be a 2-lane road. Director Ohly answered that the current plan was to expand 1,400 feet of Babbitt Road going south to a 3-lane road, then to continue with a 2-lane section further south. Council Member Durik asked, after development, what kind of traffic would be using the 2-lane Babbitt Road and if would Babbitt need 3 lanes in the future. Director Ohly expected Babbitt to narrow from 3 to 2 lanes to allow for a turn lane into future sites. The city would encourage commercial truck traffic to come from the north. Manager Christian stated, on east side of Babbitt, that zoning district allowed the same uses as the International Business Park. Ganton Parkway should carry the heaviest amount of commercial traffic to Worthington Road alongside SR 161. The proposed zoning text allowed for curb cuts on Babbitt going into eastern portion of site. City Manager Stefanov stated there were unannexed properties along Babbitt - not all of the road was under the city's jurisdiction. As the area developed out, the city could widen the road to accommodate additional traffic. Right now, the city didn't see a need for 3 lanes all the way down to Morse Road. Director Ohly added that the city was working with the county on anticipated traffic load and impact.

President Pro Tem Shull set the ordinance for second reading at the May 20, 2025 council meeting.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-17-2025

President Pro Tem Shull read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT BETWEEN PLAIN TOWNSHIP, THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO REFLECT AND BE CONSISTENT WITH THE RECENTLY AMENDED SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY MAP IN THE WATER SERVICE AND SEWER DISPOSAL CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.

City Manager Joseph Stefanov stated this legislation was "housekeeping." New Albany City Council approved an amended map for the New Albany's water and sewer agreements with the City of Columbus at the end of

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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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have to be significantly reworked to be a varsity field. The JPD proposed to move 2 soccer fields to the west side of Bevelhymer Road. The architect would create plans next. Restrooms, locker rooms, the fieldhouse, and more were discussed. City Manager Stefanov was involved with those discussions. The fieldhouse was on track and on budget.

- C. Council Representative to New Albany-Plain Local Schools (NAPLS): No report.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported the pool would open on May 24.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: Clerk Mason reported that Mayor Spalding would be missing the May 20 council meeting for an economic development trip.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reminded council about the upcoming Friday, May 16 Goal Setting Work Session. Clerk Mason asked council to RSVP to the July 18 at 2 pm tour of the Rumpke Recycling & Resource Center. Council Member Kist stated the Sustainability Advisory Board was also planning field trip there.
- C. Finance Director: No report
- D. City Manager: No report.
- E. City Attorney: No report.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

President Pro Tem Shull stated a New Albany high school junior contacted him about hosting a pickleball fundraiser for non-profit organization Buddy Up. President Pro Tem Shull asked council if they were supportive of allowing event. He understood from prior council discussions that not all courts would be reserved for a fundraiser. Council indicated their support. It was a good cause for a local non-profit and student initiated. President Pro Tem Shull stated he would follow up with the student.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Pro Tem Shull moved to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) for discussion regarding appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee and/or official(s) and specifically the appointment of a community member to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to go into executive session at 7:54 pm.

President Pro Tem Shull moved that council come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council resumed the regular meeting at 8:30 pm.

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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