



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

March 3, 2026

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of March 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Deputy City Manager Adrienne Joly, Law Director Benjamin Albrecht, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Police Chief Greg Jones, Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Planner I Sierra Saumenig, Public Service Director Ryan Ohly, Community Programs Administrator Abbey Brooks, Chief Marketing Officer Josh Poland, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Sloan Spalding	P
CM Marlene Brisk	A
CM Michael Durik	P
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	A
CM Andrea Wiltrout	P

Clerk Mason reported that Council Member Brisk and Council Member Shull could not attend due to travel and requested to be excused. Mayor Spalding moved to excuse Council Members Brisk and Shull from the council meeting. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to excuse Council Members Brisk and Shull from the council meeting.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Council adopted the February 17, 2026 regular meeting minutes by consensus.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

HEARING OF VISITORS:

Independence Day/America 250-OH Update – Abbey Brooks, Community Programs Administrator, distributed small gift bags to council containing George Washington wigs and presented the attached slides. She described the chronology of events for the Semiquincentennial/Independence Day celebration and pointed out Resolution R-07-2026 on council’s agenda.

Council Member Fellows asked and Programs Administrator Brooks replied that she didn’t know if it would be possible to include Juneteenth in the plans because they’d already set some of their plans. This year’s Juneteenth theme was “Everybody’s Invited to the Cookout.” She would check with the Juneteenth committee at their next meeting.

Council Member Fellows asked and Programs Administrator Brooks replied that the July 3 activities would be held at Rose Run Park. The New Albany Symphony would hold a patriotic concert at the same time as the festival events. Both events would end at 9:45 pm to coincide with the start of the drone show. The show would be coordinated with the symphony’s last song of the evening.

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Council Member Fellows asked and Programs Administrator Brooks replied that the Pre-Declaration Party would be decorated like the Oktoberfest celebration with lights strung across the green space adjacent to the library garden with tables to enjoy the festivities.

Programs Administrator Brooks stated that they were hopeful the Putt-Putt Processional would get more community members involved in the parade and festivities and would be pushed through the Community Connectors Program. The “Inclusivity Zone” was renamed the “Accommodation Station” to make the purpose clearer and align with city language. The fireworks grand finale would be doubled in size. She reviewed the proposed budget; everything was on track and in budget for this year’s celebration. The drone show and fireworks show were paid for out of the 2025 budget to contract their services early. The July 4 parade budget was the same as in past years and had never been fully spent.

Joel Topolosky, 6204 Calloway Square West, stated that that morning was the first day the roads had been closed. They lived on the corner of Calloway West and Nottingham Boulevard. They could see confused cars coming down the street and taking U-turns at the median break. There were several trucks that went around the block multiple times and had trouble getting out. He was hoping Nottingham Trace would get stop signs and portable speed limit signs. Fortunately, residents weren’t walking outside that day due to the weather. He wanted council to hear from the other Nottingham Trace residents present at the meeting as well.

Troy Johnson, 6357 Calloway Square East, stated he was very excited about fire station coming in. He was there representing the New Albany Walking Club. He explained the structure of the club and that they were starting satellite groups in various neighborhoods around New Albany, one of those being Nottingham Trace. The new fire station opened opportunities for walking trails. Currently, there was a nice continuous path for around 2 miles, but many trails led to nowhere. If the residents of Nottingham Trace wanted to walk on downtown trails, they would have to cross SR 605 and hope not to be hit by a car. With the development of the fire station and assumedly walking trails around it, that left a gap in front of the Nottingham neighborhood with no path. He explained, with the lot being divided, there would be another gap in trails beyond the fire station. What he wanted was one continuous path across all of these properties connecting to the downtown trails. This would allow Nottingham residents access to the new development on the old Discover site. In the future, when the hamlet was developed, it would also connect to these trails and create a straight shot to downtown New Albany. Mr. Johnson stated that he and his wife biked a lot and invited the council members on a walk or ride to experience their current situation. He was unsure who to address but wanted to put these ideas on the table for consideration, not only for the Walking Club, but for the community. Movement was health, and this initiative connected to the idea of a healthy New Albany.

Mayor Spalding thanked Mr. Johnson for coming to council and espousing a healthy lifestyle which was a community pillar. He asked Council Member Fellows, as the Parks and Trails Advisory Board liaison, to speak to Mr. Johnson’s request.

Council Member Fellows agreed with everything Mr. Johnson said. The community needed to be connected. He believed the New Albany Company (NACO) owned the property. Typically, they would not create walking trails until the land was developed, but there could be alternative solutions to create trails for the residents.

Director Chrysler noted the 2026 budget contained money to plan the streetscape and trail connections from Walnut Road to the Hamlet at Sugar Run project and to evaluate Central College Road from SR 605 West to New Albany Road East. The city was underway with the planning for that and could potentially come back to council around mid-year with a full streetscape plan to be implemented in 2027. The biggest constraint with this plan was



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property ownership. So as long as the city was able to obtain necessary easements and right-of-way from owners, these plans could be implemented. The city was also trying to make the walking experience from Nottingham Trace down to the Village Center more meaningful with street trees and crosswalks. Council authorized this in the capital budget.

Council Member Fellows added there would be walking trails on the new Athletic Campus on the former Discover site.

Jody Vinsel, 7773 Westcross Drive, stated that she was also asking for a safe walking path as seniors. As people got older, they were less stable. Sometimes, it hard to turn right out of Nottingham Trace. She asked when the trail project would start. Director Chrysler replied that the planning was already underway and staff were reviewing recommendations from the engineers and planning teams to understand right-of-way and pavement logistics. Director Chrysler was hoping to return to council with a proposal at mid-year or at the capital retreat in September 2026. Ms. Vinsel understood and believed Nottingham Trace residents would be very excited about that. There were 200 homes already in the neighborhood, and there would be 240 when it was finished, so there were many seniors to accommodate. The residents were also thrilled about the fire station.

Tom Rubey, Director of Planning, The New Albany Company (NACO), stated that NACO owned several pieces of that land and would be willing and active participants with the city.

Mayor Spalding stated that Public Service Director Ryan Ohly and Police Chief Greg Jones were actively collaborating with the Franklin County Engineers on the roundabout project. The city learned a lot from the last 2 roundabout projects and would make sure that enforcement stepped up as traffic increased and would make sure the speed trailers were appropriately placed. The mayor observed that commercial vehicles usually only made a bad turn once before learning a better route. He understood that it was a burden on communities living next to a construction site, but council appreciated their patience. He urged residents to continue communication or come to a meeting with concerns.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB): No meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB): No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA): Council Member Kist reported that the BZA approved a variance for an underground fence in a buffer zone since it was not invasive and did not change the nature of the property.

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD (SAB): No meeting.

INCLUSION DIVERSITY EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPLEMENTATION PANEL (IDEA): No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB): Clerk Mason reported that the CRAB heard a presentation from Deputy City Manager Joly regarding progress on the Rose Run 2 plans. They shared their excitement and appreciation for the project but also expressed concern for the lack of enclosure

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around the historic cemetery. This was part of their 2017 recommendation to council. They wanted the cemetery to have a visible demarcation and an entrance so that people who visited were there respectfully and purposefully. They didn't want the public walking through it on their way to the creek or running into it to catch a frisbee. The headstones were fragile and there was already one down, despite a lack of visitors. Founders were buried there and the cemetery was renovated at significant cost. At Deputy City Manager Joly's request, the CRAB unanimously passed the following motion. "Member Jacobs moved to communicate to staff that the Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board was asking for the New Albany Cemetery to be enclosed using, for example, shrubs, rope with stanchions, a low fence, or other means of demarcation, and to have an entrance; and requests that the designers/consultants present ideas for the board's consideration." The board reiterated they were flexible about the type of surrounding.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-05-2026

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 6.350 +/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 605 AND NEW ALBANY ROAD EAST FROM ITS CURRENT ZONING OF "L-GE" LIMITED GENERAL EMPLOYMENT TO "CF" COMMUNITY FACILITIES AS REQUESTED BY SCHORR ARCHITECTS C/O NATHAN GAMMELLA.

Planner I Sierra Saumenig stated this legislation rezoned 6.35 acres of a 12.72-acre parcel from Limited General Employment (L-GE) to Community Facilities (CF) to allow for a Plain Township fire substation. Surrounding uses included the Nottingham subdivision to the north and office/commercial uses to the east, west, and south. The Rocky Fork Blacklick Accord and Planning Commission both recommended approval, and the Architectural Review Board (ARB) approved a Certificate of Appropriateness. The application contained a Final Development Plan, which was required for the CF zoning districts. The site plan demonstrated compliance with required setbacks, building height limitations, and screening requirements. The proposed lot coverage was 18.8%, well below the maximum 75%, and the application met all landscaping requirements, including parking lot landscaping, screening, and general site and street tree standards. Section 8 of the city's design guidelines were applicable to this site. The primary entrance was oriented towards the street, and the architectural materials, roof form, and primary massing were consistent with the character and function of a civic building. While the strategic plan identified the site as an employment center, the plan did not establish specific standards. These types of uses were intended to be integrated throughout the community, and the proposed rezoning was consistent with this intent.

Council Member Fellows asked and Planner Saumenig answered there was one ingress/egress off of SR 605.

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 ordinance. Council Member Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-05-2026.

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Mayor Spalding thanked the Plain Township partners for their efforts in locating this project, The New Albany Company (NACO) for making the land donation, and Schorr Architects for finding the right design. He was thrilled that community members were supportive of having the fire department located on their doorstep. New Albany was able to function through partnerships, and this project was a great example of that.

Nathan Gamella, Schorr Architects, stated the project was scheduled to commence in June, lasting 10-11 months, depending on the contractor schedules. Just an estimate. Council Member Kist noted that this could integrate well with the city’s plans to develop a trail system.

Plain Township Trustee Jill Beckett Hill thanked council on behalf of the Board of Trustees. They were very excited that this was finally coming together after a long process and were pleased that Tom Rubey was there so they could thank him publicly. This project could not be done without the land donation from NACO. Trustee Hill thanked council for their support and collaboration, as well as the residents of Nottingham Trace for their support. She felt that the spirit of this project was best reflected in their mission statement: together we serve. They served lives through engagement, education, and emergency services. The Board of Trustees was excited to continue giving the best services to the community through substation 122.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

NONE

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-06-2026

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO AND OHIO LIFE SCIENCES (OLS) INSTITUTE.

Development Director Jennifer Chrysler stated this resolution authorized the city manager to execute an agreement between the city and the Ohio Life Sciences (OLS) Institute for the development of a biomanufacturing workforce training center. The training center would serve as a statewide resource and would anchor an eventual statewide network of training locations with consistent content, utilizing universities, community colleges, technical schools, and local school partners. The training center represented a significant public-private partnership built to satisfy Ohio’s growing demand for skilled talent in biotechnology and pharmaceutical manufacturing. Over the last several years in central Ohio, there had been 20-25 announcements of biotech facilities located in the area. Over one-third of those were in New Albany, including the expansion of Amgen and American Regents. The city was proud to be an OLS, JobsOhio, and state of Ohio partner and create what would hopefully be the first of many institutes to support and grow this industry in Ohio. OLS would operate the training center and collaborate with industry, higher education institutions, community colleges, and technical schools to expand training across the state. The city’s total commitment was \$5 million over 5 years for the development and long-term success of the training center. The city’s investment complemented JobsOhio’s \$30 million investment to seed and scale the initiative. There were benchmarks for OLS to meet for the city to continue investments at each benchmark year. The city would have a seat on the board to assist with decision-making and growing this opportunity.

Mayor Spalding asked and Director Chrysler responded that the facility would be located at the CVG facility on Walton Parkway. It was already zoned for Research & Development (R&D), and it was a great use within the zoning category. CVG still utilized the office portion of the facility. The original R&D building was located to

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the right of the site walkway and was eventually phased out. The planned portion of the facility had been vacant for many years, and this would be a fantastic reuse. The location was near the bus station, US 62, the hamlet resources, and the Village Center. Biotech companies across central Ohio were informed of the location and had supported it for easy access along the SR 161 expressway, helping them to get trained workers to the city and back out to the system.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Chrysler replied CVG was still at the site. OLS would be a co-tenant. The facility could appear to be vacant, but it was a 36,000-40,000 square foot building. Council Member Fellows stated it was a good amenity for the city.

Council Member Wiltout noted that the city's commitment was \$5 million over 5 years, but that was not the only funding for the project. Director Chrysler confirmed JobsOhio's \$30 million commitment and stated that OLS was doing additional fundraising for \$5-10 million to launch the center. In talking with American Regents, Amgen, and Pharmavite, the city found that they loved doing business in Ohio, central Ohio, and New Albany, as evidenced by the increased community participation and the expansions by American Regents and Amgen. Their top concern was workforce development, and whether there was enough of a talent pipeline in Ohio to support their operations and continue to grow. Amgen had another 50 acres to expand within the Business Park. There were a lot of great opportunities to support existing businesses and to attract new biotech industries into this space.

Council Member Wiltout asked and Director Chrysler responded that staff had found, in their research on other areas with successful programs, the project developers were meeting with schools, tech schools, and colleges to share their vision and plans. This needed to be a systematic approach to bringing biotech into all levels of education to prepare the future workforces. This was similar to what Honda had done with manufacturing integration in Marysville, Ohio schools. There was integration into the K-12 school system to prepare young engineers and designers and get them excited about these careers, and that was the same goal as the OLS project. Council Member Wiltout agreed it sounded like a promising project.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Chrysler answered the curriculum was still being developed. Eventually, to have a successful program, it would integrate all grades, but at this time the current target was preparing high school graduates to enter these fields without a specific college degree. Businesses would eventually have input in the study tracks. There were many opportunities and populations of people this would reach.

City Manager Stefanov stated city funding came from the Economic Development fund, which was set up for projects like this one, as well as investment and infrastructure to support development opportunities.

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

Council Member Durik moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve Resolution R-06-2026.

RESOLUTION R-07-2026

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DISTRIBUTE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL FUNDS APPROVED IN THE 2026 BUDGET FOR ARTS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT CELEBRATE THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL AND TO ENTER

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INTO CONTRACT AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROGRAMS.

Community Programs Administrator Abbey Brooks stated the city had committed to celebrating the nation’s Semiquincentennial throughout 2026 and had allocated up to \$100,000 in the 2026 budget to support arts and educational programming by local organizations. Funding requests had already been received from the New Albany Symphony Orchestra and the New Albany Youth Theatre, with additional requests anticipated. Allowing the city manager to distribute these funds, enter into contract agreements, and execute all necessary agreements related to the implementation of these programs for the Semiquincentennial celebration would provide the community with unique and memorable experiences that aligned with the city’s foundational pillars.

Council Member Kist expressed excitement for the events. Regarding decorations for Rose Run, he asked and Programs Administrator Brooks confirmed the barrels, poles, and lighting were provided by Soap+Water. Council Member Kist suggested turning those into a fixed lighting package that could stay up year-round. The same lighting was used for other events like Oktoberfest, and it was a lot of labor to take the lights up and down for each event. He referenced the lights on Raines Crossing as a positive example. City Manager Stefanov responded that staff could price that out and come back to council with a proposal.

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

Council Member Wiltout moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to approve Resolution R-07-2026.

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: City Manager Stefanov reported MORPC posted a press release announcing the publication of their 2025 air quality report, which was located on their website.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Park District (JPD): Mayor Spalding observed the recreation center construction appeared to be progressing on schedule for a December opening.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany-Plain Local Schools (NAPLS): Council Member Wiltout reported that the board discussed Memorial Grove naming rights, updates to the campus master plan, and the baseball fields. The board showed a video about e-bikes and e-scooters and anticipated seeing more of these vehicles in better weather. Council Member Kist described the NAPLS K-2 groundbreaking with kids who would be in the building in “20 Months” which was the theme.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported the township had completed hiring for the new fire station. The trustees were looking to add another fire inspector to staff to keep up with development.

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REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor Spalding: Mayor Spalding reported that One Columbus and Columbus Partnership announced their new president and chief economic development officer, Jonas Peterson.
- B. Clerk of Council: No report.
- C. Finance Director: Finance Director Bethany Staats reported that auditors would be in city offices this week. She encouraged council to fill out their fraud and related party questionnaire and return it to the auditors. Finance was compiling a final budget for 2026 this week and would submit it to the printer. She reviewed the January finance report with council. Income tax withholding was up at 27.4%. Expenses were at 6% She reviewed the investment activity report and the expenditures transferred out for other projects to give a comprehensive picture of the carry-over balance history. The last two pages of the report comprised the January fund balance activity.

Mayor Spalding referenced the General fund cash balance chart. Director Staats agreed that the trend was dramatically lower because it was only one month into the fiscal year. She confirmed that these were actual totals, not budget totals. Director Staats recalled lapsing 12% in appropriations.

- D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov reported that Jersey Township appointed the township representative to the JEDD boards which were comprised of 3 representatives: 1 from the city, 1 from the township, and 1 from the water-sewer district. Once development began, the boards intended to expand and add 1 business representative and 1 employee representative. He asked council to appoint Deputy City Manager Joly to the JEDD boards as the city’s representative, in part, because he would be retiring at the end of the year.

Mayor Spalding moved to appoint Deputy City Manager Adrienne Joly as the city of New Albany’s representative to the Jersey Township JEDD boards. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to appoint Deputy City Manager Adrienne Joly as the city’s representative to the JEDD boards.

- E. City Attorney: No report.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Discussion of Hamlet at Sugar Run and city aesthetics

Council Member Fellows asked for an update on the hamlet project. There didn’t seem to be any activity thereafter it was fenced off. The fencing was starting to look degraded, and nobody appeared to be working on the lot.

Director Chrysler replied that city staff had been meeting with the developer on a regular basis for the last 9 months, refining development plans, and going through engineering approvals and necessary permitting for construction. The developer had a realignment of their ownership structure finalized at the end of 2025.

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They had gone out to bid and selected general contractor. The city had been meeting with that general contractor and expected them to be mobilized in March to begin staging for the work. There had been much work done on engineering review and permit review. New Albany was having a community-wide issue with fencing and scrims due to the severe weather. The city was working with all sites on scrims and erosion control measures.

Council Member Fellows asked about the hamlet commercial property. He had heard talk about potentially putting in a hotel. Director Chrysler stated that they'd been focused on public infrastructure and the residential components. There were a few high-level conversations about the commercial piece. The parking lot would be the first thing built because it would be an access point to Sugar Run Park. Nothing was definitively decided for the commercial business side.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Chrysler answered that the Final Development Plan was done and no changes to it had been requested. The plan that was approved by the Planning Commission was extensive and on the city's website dashboard or via a link on the city's webpage. This was one of the largest mixed-use projects the city had done and included the work on SR 605's streetscape. The developers would be making their own improvements, and there were utility burials. Much of the past few months has been coordinating with utility companies, ensuring the city had the right plans and alignment, and getting streetscape correct.

Council Member Fellows referenced the old Lion's Club building across the street from the hamlet site. It was currently up for sale. There was junk in the yard, old mattresses sitting out, it looked very bad. Whoever owned it wasn't keeping it up. Mayor Spalding asked and Director Chrysler answered that building was in New Albany's city limits. Weather had been a big factor in city aesthetics. Perhaps fencing from previous improvements had come down. Staff would take a look at it.

Director Chrysler stated that the public service and community development departments worked together on soil and sediment control, mud on the roads, and erosion control. For the first time in her memory, the city sent emails with enforcement procedures to all property owners with private site developments, contractors with right-of-way permits, and all contractors running capital improvement projects. The city also forwarded that email to owners of properties and buildings. It was a firm email that was the first step towards enforcement so the city could act quickly when they did have violators. City staff anticipated a wet spring, perhaps even more so than usual. The city had taken the most stringent proactive measures in 20 years to ensure people were put on notice. This way, if staff had to issue violations, they'd already set the stage.

Council Member Fellows recalled going through a carwash where a statement on the dirty car in front of him said "thank you New Albany development," as a reference to mud on the streets.

New Albany Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Council Member Kist thanked the New Albany Police Department (NAPD) and Sergeant Kelly. Polar Plunge was the past Saturday, and it was a lovely day with a good turnout. The kids were excited to participate. The NAPD did a fantastic job with all community outreach, events, and engagement.

Police Chief Jones agreed that Sergeant Leland "LA" Kelly did a great job in spearheading the plunge. The day after the Polar Plunge was the Special Olympics basketball game and the NAPD lost for the 10th year

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in a row. Council Member Kist stated that LA would soon be doing his “super plunge” every hour for 24 hours in Hilliard, and people could go online to donate and support him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Spalding moved that council go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) for discussion regarding appointment of a public official. Council Member Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to go into executive session 7:47 pm.

Mayor Spalding moved that council come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Fellows 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 7:59 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Wilttrout moved to appoint Matthew Freedman to the IDEA Implementation Panel (IDEA Panel) to complete an unexpired term ending June 30, 2028. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes to appoint Matthew Freedman to the IDEA Implementation Panel for the term specified.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Durik seconded to adjourn the March 3, 2026 regular council meeting at 8 pm.

ATTEST:


Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council


Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor


Date

SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL TIMELINE

**June
26-27**

1776 the Musical

New Albany Youth Theatre presents *1776 the Musical* at the Hinson Amphitheater



July 3

Pre-Declaration Party & NASO Concert

Patriotic concert in the Hinson Amphitheater

Ice Cream Social at Rose Run Park

Drone and fireworks at 9:45 p.m.



July 4

5k race, parade & fireworks

NASO 5k in the morning

Parade at 11 a.m.

Fireworks at 10 p.m.



Aug. 16

Songs at the Center Concert

PBS's Songs at the Center presents Ohio songwriters and musicians at the Hinson Amphitheater



Nov. 10

Veterans Day Breakfast

Our annual Veterans Day Breakfast at the New Albany Country Club with a historic spin



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PARTY LIKE IT'S 1776

JULY 3 – PRE-DECLARATION PARTY

Join us for a free, family-friendly celebration in Rose Run Park that mixes classic Americana with an entertaining nod to history.

JULY 4 – PARADE and FIREWORKS

The annual parade and fireworks will include your past favorites along with some new additions:

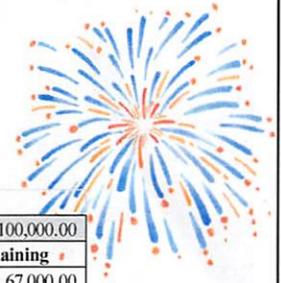
- Putt-Putt Processional
- Accommodation Station
- Fireworks grand finale x 2!!!




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 BUDGET



Semiquincentennial Budget				
<i>Community Support</i>			Total Budget	\$ 100,000.00
Agency	Date	Requested	Granted	Remaining
New Albany Symphony Orchestra	2025	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ 67,000.00
New Albany Youth Theater	2025	\$ 27,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
<i>July 3rd Pre-Declaration Party</i>			Total Budget	\$ 19,855.00
<i>July 3rd Drone Show with Firework Finish</i>			Total Budget	\$ 69,250.00
<i>July 4th Parade</i>			Total Budget	\$ 72,000.00
<i>July 4th Firework Show</i>			Total Budget	\$ 54,000.00

