

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Common Council of New Albany, Indiana, will hold a Committee Meeting of the Public Health & Welfare Committee meeting to discuss the process/procedure for receiving submissions from organizations within the substance abuse and recovery community prior to allocating funds from the opioid lawsuit settlement revenue on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room at New Albany City Hall, 142 E. Main Street, New Albany, Indiana 47150. Should you have any questions about this meeting, please see the City Clerk in Room 114.

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Albany City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss A-26-01 Ordinance for Appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. in Room 100, New Albany City Hall, 142 E. Main Street. Should you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact the City Clerk 812-948-5336.

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk.

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL HOLD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER, CENTERING OR REFLECTION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

MEETINGS OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED AND APPROPRIATE:

REPORTS – COMMITTEES, EXCLUDING ORDINANCES ON 2ND READING (WHICH SHALL BE MADE DURING CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES ON 2ND READING) OR OTHER OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL:

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

Action Taken: Referred to the Budget & Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: A-26-01 Opioid Settlement Appropriation

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: A-26-01 Opioid Settlement Appropriation

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INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

ADJOURN:

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO MAY REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETINGS MAY MAKE THEIR REQUEST KNOWN BY CONTACTING THE CITY CLERK IN ROOM 114 OF THE NEW ALBANY CITY HALL OR BY CALLING 948.5336

New Albany City Council Members

Jennie Collier; Member; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
Adam Dickey; President; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
Greg Phipps; Member; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
Chris FitzGerald; Member; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
Louise Gohmann; Member; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
Scott Blair; Member; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
Stefanie Griffith; Member; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
Elaine Murphy; Vice President; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027
Don Unruh; Member; Appointing Authority: Elected; Term: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2027

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY,
INDIANA, HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER AT NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19,
2026 AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Phipps, Mr. FitzGerald, Mrs. Gohmann, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Unruh and President Dickey.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Glotzbach

President Dickey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2026, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor with the exception of **Mr. Unruh** who abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:

Mr. Unruh stated that he attended the ribbon-cutting on Tuesday at the new Chick-fil-A restaurant in the Charlestown Road corridor and it was a very nice event. He added that the opening was crowded and he heard that this morning's opening was over the top crowded, which is a great thing. He thanked owner Zach Flanagan (a New Albany resident) who put his time/effort/funds into making an additional choice for our community, and for also giving back to the community and staying involved. He reported the following events for the parks department: Kid Cooking Class ages 7-12 on February 24 at 5:00 p.m. at Griffith Recreation Center (cost is \$8 per child), a community celebration luncheon celebrating Black History Month on February 21 at Griffin Recreation Center, (cost is free but requires a reservation that can be made at 812-949-7275.)

Mrs. Murphy stated that she attended the New Albany Main Street committee meeting on Wednesday, where they talked about the "Burgers on the Brick" event which takes place February 22-28. She explained that there will be nine different downtown restaurants selling gourmet hamburgers for \$8 apiece and invited everyone to go to the New Albany Main Street website to enter for restaurant gift cards. She added that this is a good way to shop and eat local

Mrs. Griffith added that she believes there will also be voting for your favorite burger, which includes and trophy, and you can download the app and vote that way. She stated that she thinks this is going to be a something fun that they're starting and a way to support the downtown businesses. She reported that Cesar Foundation joined Vinson's University, Prosser Career Education Center, and Clark Regional Airport to celebrate the announcement of the Southern Indiana Aviation Technology Center which is a major investment and something to be excited about. She explained that it will expand the training opportunities and help prepare the next generation of aviation professionals right here at home, and hopefully keep them here. She added that the Cesar Foundation committed \$500,000 to get that ball rolling, and while it is not completely in Floyd County. the people that attend Prosser will be able to take advantage of this. She stated that she thinks this will be great for our community and be able to train and keep pilots local. She reported that Caesars has their spring grants are open now until March 31 and encouraged them to spread the word to get people into register for those and their small business loans.

Mr. Blair stated that right before this meeting he had the opportunity to attend the 1st Meet Your Local Representative and the City of New Albany was well represented at the meeting. He explained that he, Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Dickey got the opportunity to introduce themselves and speak a little bit about what's going on in New Albany, and it was a nice event. He asked if anyone knows what the progress is of redoing that intersection by the new Chick-fil-A at Charleston Road and Cameron Miller as it is obviously going to put a lot of stress/traffic on the way it is configured now

Mr. Dickey stated that redevelopment has been working with some of their engineers regarding the issue, but he will defer to Claire to Johnson give a better update.

Mrs. Gohmann reminded the council that St. Mark's is hosting their neighborhood health fair on Friday, February 28. She stated that it will include vision testing, eye glasses, blood pressure, immunizations, flu shots, and haircuts. She added that they will have a bilingual and ASL interpreters for the event.

Mr. FitzGerald stated that he joined the last meeting via zoom and thanked those that spoke up as it was hard to get a hold of the time delay. He explained that as he was listening in he noticed that it is difficult to hear council members on the dais as well as those speaking at the podium from the audience, if they are not speaking into the microphone, and asked that everyone be more intentional regarding this.

Mr. Phipps reminded the council that Tuesday was the New Year on the Chinese New Year calendar, and they also had the beginning of Ramadan for Muslims, and the beginning of Lent for many Christians with Ash Wednesday. He added that he hopes both Ramadan and Lent are meaningful experiences for those who observe. He gave a shoutout to the students from New Albany High School who walked out in protest of the gross civil violations that are taking place in our country today, adding that he was only disappointed that there weren't more. He stated that there was quite a bit of criticism on social media about the event saying that it was political, but what they were actually doing is standing up for human rights, and human rights are not political. He added that he is very proud of them and feels comforted knowing that they will be the future leaders of our nation. He stated that it shows that social studies courses and public schools are teaching them what democracy is about and that democracy always has to be carefully guarded for its preservation.

Mr. Dickey reminded the council that on Saturday, February 28 the parks department is hosting the Silver Street Social at Silver Street Park. He stated that the event will include putt-putt, a go-cart track, an obstacle course, sports darts and more. He added that this is free event aimed at adults 21+. He stated that on Saturday, March 28 the parks department will host their annual Easter Egg Event at Silver Street Park 9:00-11:00 a.m. He reminded everyone that this is a free event with games, music, and the Easter Bunny but the time slots for egg hunting are correlate to children ages. He reported that a couple members were at the Veteran's Court Graduation this week and expressed appreciation for that program and the work that they are doing. administration. He explained that several members have been talking with the administration about technology improvements, pointing out that they have a third TV in the room today, which was installed this week as part of additional equipment to more easily relay presentations and programs. He stated that in addition, they are looking at options with a new microphone that is bendable for the podium and some other pieces such as a display countdown clock.

COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:

COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

MEETINGS OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED AND APPROPRIATE:

Mr. FitzGerald moved to approve the first reading of Bill A-26-01, Mr. Unruh second, all voted in favor

Mrs. Collier stated that in yesterday's committee meeting they had to offer an amendment for the Life Springs appropriation. She explained that they originally requested that the \$3000.00 go to their residential treatment program, however when Mrs. Manning was putting together that appropriation bill, they realized that they did not have a facility in New Albany or Floyd County. She stated that it would be very difficult to ensure that the money went directly to help New Albany residents only, so they decided that it would be best to amend the appropriation to go toward the Life Springs Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program. She explained that the appropriation for Our Place and Liberty Place, is the same as discussed at the last meeting at the last meeting with \$5,000 for Liberty Place to go towards their residential treatment and just under \$4000.00 for Our Place to fund their ROC program.

Mr. Dickey stated that the main purpose of this particular agenda item is to review it from a budget and finance standpoint.

Mrs. Collier stated that they do have \$85,565.11 in the unrestricted balance for those funds and she has sent off an email to get the balance for the restricted, but I haven't received that figure yet. She added that to the best of her knowledge, they haven't received this year's amount that they normally get on an annual basis, which will be offset some by whatever receive later this year.

Mr. FitzGerald asked if they needed to make an amendment for this.

Mr. Dickey replied no and explained that what Mrs. Collier is describing is a change that went into the original legislation as filed, but it was a change from what was originally discussed in the committee report last time.

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- Public Health & Welfare Committee Report – Collier

Mrs. Collier reviewed the following report:

In Attendance: Jennie Collier, Committee Chair, Stephanie Griffith, Committee Member, Elaine Murphy, Committee Member, Corrie Manning, Legal Counsel

The committee discussed an amendment for the \$3,000 appropriation designated to Life Springs for their residential treatment program. Prior to the committee meeting, Mrs. Manning informed Mrs. Collier that Life Springs did not have a residential treatment facility in New Albany or even in Floyd County, and would therefore be difficult to ensure the appropriation would be used exclusively to benefit the residents of New Albany. The committee unanimously agreed to amend the appropriation bill to be used for the intensive outpatient program offered by Life Springs at their facility in Floyd County, in the amount of \$3,000 to be earmarked for residents of New Albany, Indiana.

The committee realizes the need to have a process to efficiently determine recipients for each round of opioid settlement fund allocations. There was a discussion about how to solicit presentation submissions and what should be conveyed to the public when advertising that the committee will be accepting requests for funding. It was unanimously agreed that a cover letter and presentation template be drafted to ensure uniform submissions that the committee can easily compare to one another. The presentation

template will ask the organization to provide the following information: Name, contact information, point of contact person, requested funding amount and a description of the program that they are requesting funding for. The cover letter will include a couple of items specific to the funding opportunity and a list of requirements that must be met by each organization that asks for funding, with a signature line agreeing that they meet the following requirements:

- 1) List any type of project/program that will not be considered, if any
- 2) Maximum amount for funding request
- 3) Organization must be in compliance with all applicable state and local laws, including but not limited to: background checks, etc. (list to be updated at the next committee meeting)
- 4) Organization must be a registered 501(c)3 and operating as such for at least 2 years and in compliance with their 990 filings if applicable
- 5) Organization must be operating using "Best Practices":
 - A) Independent auditing - bi annually
 - * will determine approximate cost before making final decision on this item
 - B) Have conflict of interest policy in place and being used

Not a complete list, other items may be added at a future committee meeting

- 6) No pending litigation
- 7) Funds must be earmarked for residents of New Albany, Indiana

The committee welcomes any suggestions to this initial list of conditional items.

Mrs. Manning agreed to draft a cover letter and presentation template for the committee to review at their next meeting, scheduled for 1:00 PM at City Hall in the Council Conference Room on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

For future allocations from the opioid settlement funds, the committee plans to receive submissions over a one-month period. The committee will meet approximately 2 weeks after the deadline for submissions has passed to review what was received and make an initial determination of which programs/organizations will receive funding for the current round of allocations. Final recommendations for allocations will be given to the council as a whole after the committee has received responses to any questions they might have, completed site visits if appropriate or finalized any follow-up the committee feels necessary.

Once a decision has been made and approved by the council as a whole, letters will be sent to each organization to let them know the status of their funding request, to confirm whether or not they will be receiving funding.

The committee feels this process is important to be able to efficiently and effectively determine recipients for the opioid settlement funds since this is currently an active and ongoing matter for the Public Health and Welfare committee. Once finalized, the committee will ask the council as a whole to approve the process for future appropriations for all nonprofits.

The chair provided the account balance for the restricted portion of the opioid settlement funds, \$85,565.11. The committee requested that the chair get the current balance for the unrestricted funds in the opioid settlement account as well as determine whether or not these funds, both restricted and unrestricted can be held in an interest-bearing account. E-mails have been sent to request this information.

The committee unanimously agreed that this is a good start to forming this process and asks the council as a whole to confirm/approve this report so the committee can move forward with the process.

Mr. FitzGerald thanked the committee for coming up with the process of allocating the funds. He added that the homeless service appropriation is still tabled and one of the reasons was to try and figure out the process, so he is thankful for the work.

Mrs. Collier stated that they did discuss that this could be used as a process for any item that was for the council as a whole.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the committee report, **Mrs. Murphy** second, all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

A-26-01 Ordinance for Appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds Collier 1

Action Taken: Referred to the Budget & Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC: A-26-01 Opioid Settlement Appropriation

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONER: A-26-01 Opioid Settlement Appropriation

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Mrs. Collier introduced **Bill A-26-01** and moved to approve the second reading, **Mr. Phipps** second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Collier stated that this is an appropriation ordinance that the Public Health and Welfare Committee has met and determined that should be granted in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Liberty Place for their residential program, \$3875.00 for Our Place Drug and Alcohol Services' ROC program, and \$3000.00 for Life Spring Intensive Outpatient Treatment in Floyd County.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING:

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Richard Essex, reporter for WDRB stated that he has met most the members over the past year and a half, has emailed all more than once, and has heard back from three members. He explained that after doing 16 stories on the Providence Mill Dam on Silver Creek they have not been able to get from this body or from the mayor's office how much money has been spent on legal fees or construction/deconstruction of that project. He added that they have also done stories on how some of the council members have been closed out by the mayor's office, and haven't gotten those answers either. He stated that he knows they typically don't engage in public comment, but asked if they have gotten any answers from the mayor's office.

Mr. Dickey stated that this is for comments from the public, it is not a dialogue.

Mr. Essex stated that nothing in Indiana law prohibits them from dialogue. He added that they have filed a couple of open records requests with the mayor's office and all of them have been ignored so they are coming to this body, likely for the last time, for that one

answer. He asked how much money has been spent by New Albany on this project adding that he can wait until after the meeting for the answer if they have it.

Samantha Baumgart-Reeves stated that she was raised in New Albany, born into a family that has lived here for four generations, owns a home here, and plans to die here so her roots run deep. She explained that she is coming to them as a concerned citizen and as a member of Hoosier Action's transparent and accountable government chapter to continue to ask them, as elected members, to hold the mayor accountable for his handling of the Silver Creek Dam and to ensure transparency in how public funds have been spent. She stated that at a public event last fall, several members noted that they couldn't pass the budget without the information on the Silver Creek Dam, but in October the budget was passed without that information being provided to the public. She added that she has door knocked and spoken to all of your constituents who have the same frustrations that she has and they have the same questions, "How has the public money been spent?". She stated that she wants to know what projects, services, or community needs have gone unmet because allocated funds were spent on unapproved work, unnecessary lawsuits, and losing appeals. She explained that since January 1 they have been requesting a meeting with the mayor and he has not responded to their repeated outreach and this non-responsiveness/ refusal to engage with constituents is undemocratic. She stated that their chapter's goal is not only to get answers for the members in the community about our tax dollars, but they also want to hear the mayor's vision for the future, to know what that looks like for our city and for the Silver Creek Dam. She added that they want to be a part of a positive and collaborative vision of the future for all Hoosiers but collaboration requires trustworthy leaders, representatives who engage with the public, who tell the truth of the work they're doing about how tax money is being spent, and who can admit when they have let the community down while taking genuine steps to repair trust. She stated that she believes that the trust has been broken but that this body has the power to begin to repair that trust with the Hoosier Acton TAG chapter by facilitating a meeting between them and the mayor and to rebuild trust with the community by releasing the full and complete information regarding public spending and litigation related to the Silver Creek Dam.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Adam T. Dickey, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk