

THE NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 AT 6:45 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 100, NEW ALBANY CITY HALL, 142 E. MAIN STREET.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Mr. Dickey, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Applegate and President Collier.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Stein, Mr. Gibson, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Moeller, Mr. Hall, Police Chief Bailey, Assistant Police Chief Fudge, Major Popp and Mrs. Glotzbach

President Collier called the public hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. She asked if anyone would like to speak on the following:

G-23-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY MAKING A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE BETWEEN CITY AND NEW ALBANY BUILDING CORPORATION, APPROVING FORM AND EXECUTION OF LEASE, AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF LEASE RENTAL REVENUE BONDS BY THE BUILDING CORPORATION, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. James Matoni, 2202 E. Elm Street, stated that he has been a resident here since 2008 and he has come to really love New Albany. He said he has seen its ups and downs in that time, especially in his neighborhood where he has seen some crime on and off, so he is all for whatever we can do to make New Albany a safer place. He stated that he has seen the current New Albany Police Department and it is time for an upgrade.

Mr. Michael Wildt, 1020 Falcon Court, stated that he is here in support of the police department and that means we have some waiting time to get a state-of-the-art facility for the police officers. He said that he understands that the selling of the hospital was like \$70M so the issue is not the lack of money. He stated that in regards to property taxes, you are looking at one of the lead people regarding property taxes in this community. He said that when it came to the remonstrance back in 2000-2001, it was an \$80M project plus interest and at that time, interest rates were 8% - 8.5 %. He stated that during the fight, the interest rates fell to 4.5% - 5% saving the community about \$30M. He said that he is standing before them today saying that he is the only one that can say that in this whole community. He thanked the council for their service as well as the police officers and firefighters and he just thinks that as we have expanded our roof counts, we have more demands and loads on the police department, and we shouldn't skimp on anything for our police department or fire department. He stated that if they need it, if it is not a new building, it better be state-of-the-art. He said that is the only thing he can wish for and hope for because if you look at the palace at New Albany High School and the palace at Floyd Central High School, it is time that our police and fire departments have the best that is available to them. He stated that there is a statue in the Smithsonian that is a woman holding up another woman and he believes it is called "Justice Supporting Freedom" and without justice, there is no freedom. He then said that he is a former banker, a former instructor of public finance, former math teacher and a former physics teacher so if there are any questions, he yields his time for questions.

Mrs. Kim Glotzbach, 2520 Glenwood Court, stated that she has been a resident of this area her whole life and has resided at 2520 Glenwood Court for about 30 years now. She said that she is here to speak on behalf of her whole neighborhood because many of them couldn't be here tonight so they ask her to represent them. She stated that they want to request that the council support this project, because moving to a public owned facility versus having a lifelong lease seems to make sense, not to mention having additional support. She said that we have been very fortunate over the years to have support whenever we need the police department and they want to show their support for them and ask for the continued support of the leadership in the area.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Jennie Collier, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk