

Common Council Meeting – April 4, 2023

Present: President Andrea Shaut, Barbara Graves-Poller, Elisa Tinti, Janet K. Higgins

Aldermen: Carl Frankel, Reynolds Scott Childress, Rita Worthington, Naimah Mohammed, Michael Olivieri, Anthony Davis, Steve Schabot, Michele Hirsch  
Barbara Hill attended by Zoom but could not vote

**IN PERSON** Public Speaking:

Cheryl Schneider: Any process that involves tenants is questionable

Jean Jacobs – speaking for residents of Stony Run and humanity – you work for the residents – Resolution 58 should go back to Committee

Bruce McLean – after effects not being realized - City should inspect all units

Scott Denny – speak for Stony Run residents – Aldermen have not visited property – lack of transparency by the City – focus on residents – delay any votes this evening and gather your facts

Rebecca Martin – Council has heard from tenants – Council to do more Committee work

Theresa Misasi – live at Stony Run for 30 years – spend a week in my apartment before you do this Agreement – these landlords are the worst ever

Jenna Goldstein – event organizer For the Many

Mary Million – Stony Run resident for a number of years – Aker does not make necessary improvements – sewage backs up on the ground – delay authorization of this Resolution

Charles Sanchis – support Stony Run – tenants are backbone of City

Jonathan Kaufman – tenants should be able to be part of conversations – add in amendments put in by Tenants Union

**MOTION** by Reynolds Scott-Childress, second by Rita Worthington to extend public speaking period by another 30 minutes

Shayne Gallo – Who does the Council work for – Assessor and Corp Counsel – not working for the tenants – you heard what is going on with investors – start to enforce code

Barbara Altomare – tenant in Stony Run – please listen to us – who does Resolution benefit – please do not vote on this until you review five things tenants want – constant struggle to get anything repaired – visit Stony Run – Mayor and Council and meet with tenants before decision is made

Daniel Toner – lives in Poughkeepsie – wrong to force deal on tenants without their participation and discussion – don't betray Tenants Union

Illona Ross – heard a lot of Poppy Cock from Aker – red herrings for Council

June Nemon – member of Council misrepresented – spoke to a lawyer – wide variety of problems – tenants will have to figure out later – have not reviewed with housing attorney Regulatory Agreement

Roger Gagghoo – live at Stony Run – Stony Run has 266 units that will be affected by this

Eric Jarman – proposed amendments our lawyer provided – live at Stony Run for 3 years and member of Tenants Union

Teresa Greene – has been in Stony Run since 2005 – power is wielded by Council and Mayor – this is an operating dictatorship

### **On Zoom**

Michael McKee – Treasurer of Stony Run Tenants – start process all over and involve tenants of Stony Run – deal smells to high heaven – Stony Run is no longer market rate

Louis Cholden Brown – ask for more time to review this deal – delay vote

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Sarah Wenk – Add support to Stony Run tenants – Council needs to not vote on this - send back to Committee

Phil Erner – have opportunity to go back and listen to the tenants – stand with the tenants

### **In Person**

Ann Ames – look at Stony Run – got developers on one side and tenants on one side – who is benefitting from this proposal – do not feel like we are being listened to

Charlotte Lloyd – live at Stony Run – Council is choosing to believe Aker

Mike Marvail – who do you represent – have been homeless – you are enabling them – call off for now

Frank Waters – Community leader – stand with Stony Run tenants – requesting that you table this Aker deal until Mayor responds to additional questions that the tenants have so that you care and understand

Tiber VanderHaag – listen to all the people – deal is a bad deal

Amanda Treasure – tenant of Stony Run – no one takes care of the tenants – 120% AMI is pushing a lot of people out – tenants should be involved – need to be heard – needs to stop

CLOSE Public Comment Period

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