

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
ON
INVENERGY'S PROPOSAL TO PLACE WIND TURBINES WITHIN THE MILE AND A HALF
SETBACK OF CITY OF LEXINGTON'S CORPORATE LIMITS
LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2018

The public information meeting of the Lexington City council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lexington Gymnasium at the Lexington High School.

Mayor Johansen led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken to find the following physically present: Mayor Spencer Johansen, Alderman Schreiber, Alderman Stover, Alderman Colclasure, Alderwoman Wilson, Alderman Fosen and Alderman Richard. Members of the staff present were: David Belvery, Sue Noland, Tom Shields, Ashley Hacker, Star Torkelson and Billy Dubois. Also present were around 175 members of the public.

The General Statement was read by Mayor Johansen.

The Notice of Public Information Meeting City of Lexington notice was read by City Clerk Pati Pease.

The Public Meeting Procedure and Guidelines was read by Mayor Johansen. The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain comments from proponents and opponents regarding the subject matter. These guidelines included allowing those making statements limited to five minutes and each speaker limited to three minutes. Public comments will be limited to 60 minutes. At that time the floor will be closed.

Speaking for Invenergy was Kevin Parzyck: I am vice-president of development for Invenergy located on Wacker Drive in Chicago. There are two things that are ongoing with our project here in Mclean County. I will start out with some of the things that have been going on in McLean County over the past year and one half and that came aboard back in November 2016 and the update of the zoning provision pertaining to the installations of wind energy facilities. Extensive process updates to setback provisions, environmental, noise and decommissions are some of the provisions and part of that effort our response has been to modify those standards within the 1.5 county zoning ordinance requirements. Now we the company thus far has \$40,000 trust money for decommission and expected to stay on schedule. I'm here to get your feedback and concerns that have been raised and what we can do to address those issues that have been raised.

There have been 14 hours of testimony with the McLean County Zoning Board and three more nights of testimony to come. I'd like to point out a couple of things from that testimony, and that has to do with the economic benefits of this project. Dr. David Loomis with ISU did identify a lot of economic benefits from this project. There are property tax issues that will be beneficial, school tax issues that Mr. Stricklan will address from the school's stand point. I'd like to point out that various construction with this project, different full time jobs will be adding 1400 full time jobs will add to the economy in Illinois during the construction of the project. That means there will be 519 jobs in McLean County that is laborers and skilled crafts jobs that would be beneficial to McLean County for suppliers, concrete, gravel, etc. added to the official jobs to the community. Of course, long term there would be the potential for approximately 35 jobs working in the project. The important thing here is, these jobs are Illinois based jobs. Invenergy is an Illinois based Company. The company we purchase our equipment from is GE, a US based supplier, and components are produced in nearby Elgin, Illinois, jobs for the community and the state. I think we have discussions regarding the benefits for the City of Lexington and the County as a whole. The agreement that has been discussed with the City has a compensation \$3,000 per turbine in year one escalating up to approximately \$5,800 per turbine in year 30.

I think there has been a lot of discussion on this project, pros cons. I think it is a very effective project for the County and the City. It brings a very solid, long term value to land owners, to the community, tax revenue, money in the City coffers of Lexington, and to those land owners of which we have a number signed up for the project, brings a steady income for those land owners as well as those who have signed up but may not have facilities on their property.

Speaking for Lexington School District Superintendent Dwight Stricklin: Strictly from a financial position I want to talk about how the turbines will potentially benefit the school district. I use the word "game changer" and how this will be a game changer for the school district because of the change in state aid formula. Previously until this past year as your EAV increased your state aid dropped, up until last year when there was a change in the state aid formula. Previously up to this last year, the state aid was generated by the EAV and if there was a change your state aid dropped. The first year we received a lot of money in taxes, the next year they lost. The state aid fluctuated. Now, each school is guaranteed the same amount of money based on what they got this year. In my opinion we are about 2-3 years away from the state will go back to pro-rating the money to the school districts, simply because they are losing revenue. This will allow to not relying so much on the state.

The numbers I am going to announce tonight, I did not come up with lightly. My regional calculations are based on each turbine generating \$350,000 down from \$480,000 last Thursday. Over the course of 25 years at 4.00% a year, this based on the 9 turbines inside the 1.5 mile setback and 46 turbines outside the 1.5 mile setback, works out to \$350,000 per turbine amounts to \$13,385,812, and again from a financial point of view that is a game changer for the

school and what we would be able to educationally pursue. We would have no need to depend on the State of Illinois from year to year. That will make us less self-reliant on the state money, whatever they are short they will pro-rate per student.

I have some concerns to point out because of this: I'm going to think positive when I do this. The talk about potential subdivisions in Lexington East of town. They have been talking subdivisions the last 30 years. Let's force that subdivision. My thoughts are think of what we can do educationally for the students for that subdivision. Again, I'm going to be positive, I think we can draw students to Lexington.

Just think of the financial aspects, With the Board of Education we pledge that any turbines in the 1.5 mile setback, whatever income they generate in education fund, we will abate tax to pay off that bond. The tax payer will see a little bit of tax reduction. I want to be extremely aggressive in paying off all of our bonds. My goal is to pay off all school bonds in four years or less. Get that percentage down as well. If the turbines get voted down, we will still operate on the original plan. The referendum will drop off in two years. We are having our community dinner on Saturday to thank the community for passing the referendum. When the referendum comes off we will still have about 7-8 years before bonds are paid off. This will just help pay off those bonds. Again, financially for the school, this is a game changer.

Speaking for CLEAN Chenoa Lexington Energy Awareness Now Tim Jolly:

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north of town near Ballard. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the people not supporting this project, CLEAN, Chenoa Lexington Energy Awareness Now. I admit that I am not a resident of the City of Lexington right now, but we do own property within the city limits of the town and I have a son the graduated in 2014.

On behalf of a large number of people who own land or live in or nearby the City of Lexington we would ask that you do not honor the request by Invenergy to waive the 1.5 mile setback. Invenergy is coming in and asking only to put up these turbines and we are all going to have to live with these windmills for 40-50 years while they sell this project off and move off to other places. The important thing to remember here tonight is that Invenergy has put you, the City Council in a very tough spot. You are being asked to make your decision going against current zoning regulation of the 1.5 mile setback. You are all being asked to go against the zoning regulation and being offered money for a number of windmills to approve their request. The zoning hearings are still going on and will continue tomorrow night in Bloomington and that important decision is yet to be made. Only half of the story has been presented to the zoning board so far. Invenergy has had years to prepare for this project while we have had just a few weeks. Their dog and pony show was denied recently in the county next door. Why? Because there are many things they are not telling us, and hoping that with their marketing machine and hired guns and promise of money that they can convince everyone it is a beneficial business. What are they not telling us? As specified by Invenergy the windmills are 30% efficient. These

projects would not exist if there were not millions of dollars and in insane money that the government subsidies.

In the handout, the first page shows the effect of property values, and it shows the study that was done in Livingston County. This study shows that all values within three miles of the turbines were 24.68% lower than in nearby comparable rural areas where turbines do not exist. Homes within three miles show a loss of 12.73% in value even before the turbines were in operation. And this was called "Wind farm anticipation stigma". Rate of foreclosures and short sales within three miles of the turbines are as high as 30% versus 10.6% those situated more than three miles away. Also included is a study on the negative effects the turbines have on people and animals. There is a study that shows about geese living nearby turbines and ones that did not. You will see how it effects the geese in the proximities to the turbines themselves. Wind energy companies have conceded that wind turbine noise is annoying it is not a health issue, however it corresponds to a nervous system biochemical changes including increased heart rate, increased high blood pressure and can possibly lead to hyper tension. Latest research shows the noise level can also lead to sleep deprivation and headaches. In fact a health study in 2014 says wind turbine noise is physically related to long term blood pressure problems.

Things were going real well here before the big companies came around and it would be just fine if they would go away. Have conversation about this. Everyone should have conversation about this. If you agree or disagree, agree to disagree. Don't let this tear apart this fine community as this is.

Public Comments:

Dale Thomas, Lexington, I am for wind turbines. I am also a manager of a wind farm in Odell. When you see the economic impact that we see in the surrounding area of Odell and Saunemin in the day to day operations. I have 16 guys that work for me. I have 10 trucks that are constantly using fuel from the local gas stations, eating a local restaurants on a regular basis. I have been a worked there for 9 years and been a manager for three years without any complaints about the noise from the wind turbines. All the farmers I deal with on a regular basis really like them. They use our access roads their at harvest time for their grain trucks, general use. We also hire local farmers for landscaping, weed abatement, road maintenance, and snow removal on the access roads.

Economic benefits, we have added to the Saunemin grade school a nice addition, a gymnasium across highway 116, there was only two lanes, now with a new gym they don't have to cross a busy street, and is also used as a community center, treadmills in there is also used as a library.

Deann Moran, Lexington, I want to say how much I love my community and how much I love my school how much I love the town and all the people. I do a lot work pro bono in design for people in the community. That being said, I want to say that I don't want this project here. I love my school and I understand what some of the people are talking about, but I don't want them near our town. I am a military brat the moved around a ton in my lifetime, and my husband and I chose to raise our son here in this community and I have lived in this spot the longest that I have lived anywhere my whole life. My father once told me "you need to find your roots". I thought I had found my roots. I hope that you don't kill them.

Tom French, Lexington, I am neither for nor against the wind towers at this point. I understand the school and the city stands to benefit financially from the wind towers but I also understand the negative effects of having the wind towers. The question I have is, the town is going to receive like \$3,400 per tower of the 18 within the setback, the report I have says \$1,500. Is this a new agreement? The second question is, if the McLean County Zoning Board approves the 46 does the 18 not go in or are they included in the 46?

Mayor Johansen will answer that question stating that the proposal with the \$1500 per turbine as the first draft of one that Invenergy proposed in early December and those numbers have changed. It is now \$3,000 per turbine. That whole contract still has a lot of work to be done on it. For your second question pertaining to the 18, we are talking 9 now, within the 1.5 mile setback that number is strictly what we are talking about tonight and has no bearing on the outside.

Tom French, Lexington, There are a lot of numbers being thrown around on the internet about money going to the City and to the school and money going to the township. That is all well and good, but what about the money going to the school? What about the citizen? Are we going to see some sort of tax reduction? Where is it going? Us citizens we have to live here. We have to look at those. Where is it going? Landowners have the right to say if they want them on their property, they signed up. What about the people in the town? What about the businesses in town? A lot of people have objections to the wind towers. Biggest objection is the blinking lights at night. A lot of people are paying taxes in town. I haven't seen anything in stone, I've just heard hearsay. Yes I understand it is more money for the school, more money for the city. That helps us all. What benefits the citizens? Right now I am getting raped in property taxes. Last thing I want is my house worth more, my taxes are more. The only time I want my house to be worth more is when I go to sell it.

Jason Thomas, Lexington, I want to make it clear that I am not here on behalf of the school board tonight. As a resident of Lexington, I do not want the windmills near my house, of which there is potential to be, but when I put my personal emotions aside I do see the economic benefits to the community. Let's look at some facts, starting with the obvious, all taxing bodies will receive a boost in revenue, the fire district will have more money with which they can upgrade equipment and provide even better fire and ambulatory services or reduce their tax levy. Our park district loses money each year thru repairs which they cannot afford.

Perhaps the park district can update our pools and maybe assist in developing an all new rec center for our community. Our children and future generations will benefit from this opportunity. New programs, curriculum updates and facilities and enhancement updates to the schools will alter our annuals. At the same time we will see debt and tax reductions for the school. Revenue from these windmills is nearly 10 times more than our recent tax referendum and will generate over \$13,000,000 in the Lexington contract. The school needs this money. We will go from a state where we try to survive each year to where we actually thrive.

I have lived here for 41 one years and the community has grown from 1800 to 2000 people. That is approximately 11% growth in a 40 year time frame. This is nowhere near the kind of growth necessary to support the school district and I firmly believe that when a community can offer new opportunities and services in the area for individuals and with school programs unrivaled any in the area people will want to come to Lexington.

Related to the health concerns. There are concerns that have not been fully addressed or resolved. We are already surrounded by potential health concerns to our community. The rail road that goes thru my home town where a train could potentially derail is a potential health concern for the community. Many years a Brandt fertilizer plant caught on fire, people had to evacuate their homes and there was a rush to prevent run off from getting into Turkey Creek and the Mackinaw River. There are other potential risks that are no longer a concern to the community because we have come to accept them.

In closing I ask you to remove all emotion from your decision and vote yes on the opportunity the windmills provide for our community.

Amy Winterland, between Lexington & Colfax, We talk about wind turbines but I am talking specifically about the 18 with in the 1.5 mile setback. I am opposed to someone setting rules and ordinances and then heedlessly ignoring them. Invenergy was present when The McLean County Wind Ordinance was amended in November 2016, a little over one year ago, they knew about this 1.5 mile set back from towns and they intentionally sited these turbines inside that boundary. They have intentionally put your City Council in the position of approving or disapproving, they are forcing your City council look like bad guys, a position of saying yes or no, when they could have voluntarily honored the 1.5 mile setback. Invenergy knew the rules all along, yet they defied the rules by putting the turbines in that restricted area of 1.5 miles setback and Invenergy sited 117 turbines but in their application they clearly intend to only build 100 turbines, so they are already betting on losing 17 turbines. No harm in asking.

Invenergy intentionally tries to circumvent the rules. In the wind ordinance they are required to adopt all IDNR rules. IDNR has seven recommendation but Invenergy is only complying with two because the zoning board required them to comply with two of them. The rules state that they need to comply with all of them. Why does Invenergy know better than IDNR how to protect our environment? I urge the City Council to uphold McLean County Ordinance as it is written and vote no to these turbines.

Christina Clark, Lexington I am a small town girl that grew up just nine miles north of Lexington. At the age of 22 I bought my first ever house in Chenoa thinking it was my forever home until I got married and moved to Normal four years later. Being a small town girl I, I never truly adopted to living in a larger town. I wanted move to Lexington because it has so much to offer, a new sewer system and a good school. Saying hi to people while walking, waving while driving down the road, knowing our neighborhood, that kind of people you only know in a small town. We are so excited to live here. We have family and friends in town and all the amenities a small town can offer. You are probably asking “why is she telling this story?” I am telling you this for a reason. I settled in Lexington for a reason. Lexington is a town that I now call home. Besides the things that originally drew me here I have received so much warmth here in town. I look forward to sharing that with new people and for the opportunity for the town to grow, I look forward to share with the people of this community.

What disturbs me is that a company like Invenergy can walk into the community and dangle money with no guarantees. People sign on the dotted line to forever change our town. Meanwhile the employees of that company just walk away with no care in the world what happens to us. They made a deal and receive their pay check that is their job. Meanwhile, friendships and families are broken and potential for growth is gone, instead of people move here people are leaving and I didn't even touch on the environmental and health issues of this project. I ask that all of you listen to my concerns and consider the ramifications of your position. Please vote no to the turbines within the 1.5 mile setback to the City of Lexington.

Dan Brady, State Representative, Bloomington I am State Representative for the 105th District, State of Illinois. I want to thank everyone attending and the City Council for giving the general public the opportunity to have a say and you must listen. I believe this is the third wind turbine project since I have been a State Representative, the first being in the White Oak Township, Carlock area, the second being in the Livingston County area, Fairbury, Forrest, that area now this area. What I would really like to do, is ask for clarification so that all of you really understand the process all of this. Really take into account the process that the council plays in all of this. You have the opportunity to vote on the wind turbines in the 1.5 mile setback? Is that correct?

Yes answered Mayor Johansen

After that then the County Zoning Board has the opportunity to make the recommendation to the full County Board, the way I understand it. That is then voted on by the full McLean County Board as to the outcome of the project. Is that correct?

You have the opportunity and the ability for the difficult challenge ahead of you. As I said it is number three that I have gone thru. I wish you the best.

Lyle Muir, Lexington I am opposed to the wind turbines.

John Mohr, Lexington I am here to ask the council to protect its 1.5 mile zoning jurisdiction by rejecting the request to site turbines in that zone.

I would like to address the comments made by the other gentlemen asking about the other documents and if there were any other documents that have not been made available to the public by the public access officer of the Attorney General's Office and could be determined to be in violation of government laws your decision could become invalid. I don't see any authority agreement or the waiver of siting agreement that protects the city against liability. What could that liability look like? A property owner that has a lease with Invenergy could say that his personal property rights have been violated if you reject his lease agreement has been compromised and file a lawsuit with the city. And a neighbors of the property owner could say that their property values have been brought down and file a class action suit against the city. Finally Invenergy could sue you for of the turbines you chose to exclude from the 1.5 miles claiming they suffered financial damage as a result of your decision. Don't think for a minute that that might not happen. Wind Energy LLS is presently suing Pleasant Ridge in Livingston County when they rejected their permit application, what I passed out to you is the most recent activity related to that lawsuit.

The best decision you can make tonight is to reject the windmills or to postpone your decision until the County Zoning Board has made their decision and then that decision will be more agreeable and favorable to the citizens of Lexington. I am asking you to protect the City of Lexington, vote no tonight as the Illinois Statute that gave you that authority. I think there are people here tonight that would like to speak that won't that are opposed to the project. Please hold your sign up. There are a lot of people that you won't hear from directly that are opposed. I ask you again to reject this decision or postpone it.

Dave Glazinski, Lexington We are for the wind farms, mainly because the taxes in this community are too high. We personally know four families that their homes have not been able to sell because of the taxes. Three of those homes went back to the bank. You may not want the wind farm, but do you want the school?

Josh Martin, Lexington There is a lot of numbers being thrown around based on what I heard 18 turbines being considered inside 1.5 mile setback. I heard recently that that number has been dropped down to 9 but I don't see anything that says that is the number that you are actually agreeing to. So, I am a little disappoint on if you are considering taking a vote on something this important without having all the details. In addition to that, other numbers that have been kicked around we are talking about \$3,000, \$5,000 per windmill, 18 or 9 windmills within 1.5 mile. We have a small subdivision out by my house and you talk about all the windmills within the 1.5 mile setback. There is probably of growth to the East across the street from Orange Street. If you allow the turbines 114, 116, 117, 118 and 119, this growth is gone. The opportunity for growth and the money that is going to come from that far exceeds the numbers we are talking about with these 18 turbines.

They talk about jobs. How many people does it take to build a couple hundred houses? How many people does it take to put in a sewer? How many people does it take to put in roads? The economy is turning around. You are about to ruin any opportunity you may have.

Jim Alexander, Lexington I live ½ mile east of the City limits. I am here tonight to do my best to get you to say no. I wish the school board was here and I support the schools. I went to school here, my wife went to school here and my kids went to school here. I have voted for every tax referendum, but when you want to stick these wind mills on top of me, I don't like it. I think it is the City and not the school here tonight. First saw the City considering the variance of 1.5 mile in the Lexington paper last summer, I could not believe the City Council would even consider bringing them in 1.5 mile. I can see the energy company would want to move in as close as they can, to them more turbines, more money. The City and the school are going to get money off of 46 turbines, it is a done deal without the 18, is it worth destroying the future development of this city for 18 more turbines? So one more time, I ask you to vote no.

Don Moreland, Lexington I represent organized labor throughout the County. I do a lot of things out in the community, for 16 years I served in adult education. I came into the schools and was talking to the leaders in the community college for somebody who didn't want to go on to college. I grew up with a lot of the people here, I was born in central Illinois. I got to look at the kids and I got to look at their school systems. Education is one of the things that will be brought to this community. We have to have a good education system. When the opportunity to better the education and enhance the programs that you offer thru your school to your kids, you can do that with more revenue.

Walker Adams, Lexington My wife and I, kids moved here in 2014, I have done everything I can to boost this town and I do not think these 18 turbines will let the town grow. Just some back ground, I am an union electrician, I make some really good money on these turbines, especially when they break down, I make really good money at them, but I cannot see the impact that they have, having them within the 1.5 mile setback. It is not worth the money. In Champaign County Invenenergy still owns 10% of them. I've done my homework, I've been to other turbines, I've been to Odell, I've been to their school, and I can't see a positive impact. One I've seen still has 100-125 kids in the grade school, high school they go to Pontiac, and I can't see these are going to make any difference what so ever. So I asking you please, don't put these inside the 1.5 mile setback.

John Grimsley, Lexington My drive way is ½ mile from the south side of Orange Street. I choose to live in the country because I like the peace and tranquility. When you vote yes on these turbines that is all going to go away. All the trucks and equipment going up and down the road, the everyday noise, the everyday noise of the turbines. My father lives not too far from me as well. He lives on the family farm that I grew up on. I love the city and I love the school. I grew up here, I live here, and work here. I do not think this is going to be good here, and I enjoy being out in the country where it is peaceful. Please vote no to the turbines.

Steve Boone, Blue Moon Township I live just north of Twin Groves wind farm and I would like to address the noise concerns you have. You have a train come thru Lexington, I can hear the Norfolk Southern Rail Road come thru Padua, I can hear the airport, I can hear route 9. That is all more noise on a regular basis than I can hear from 150 wind turbines. Rarely can I hear any noise from the turbines.

As far as the quality of jobs that will be developed I'd like to stand up for that. There will be and jobs as far as infrastructure to the roads, upgrades to existing roads. They will be left in better shape after the windfarm goes in.

Katie Walker, Lexington I just want to clarify, some are saying the whole wind farm, and this is not the discussion. It is about the setback. The others are a 1.5 mile away and is totally irrelevant. How many people here are actually from Lexington? How many aren't? How many live in Bloomington-Normal? You have your personal opinion, your choice of school. This is not about the school. The school will get tons of money from the 46 turbines out there. This is about the setback. The community is asking over and over again not to allow the turbines in the setback. That's it. Protect us. Protect our homes, protect our values, protect our children, and protect the opportunities for growth. You say we have only grown 11% but how much of that is in the last five years? I know I brought four people here, so that helps, but how many people are going to move? Because I will guarantee you they will move. I will make myself perfectly clear, we purposely did not look at communities that had wind mills. We would not have moved here. We would not have put money into a building or business just to see the value go down. I beg you to leave that protection there. This is not for or against the school, or for or against the town. You are not saying no to the windfarm, you are say no to a company that wants to put turbines in the setback. Protect the setback, please.

Sara Emberton, Lexington I have lived here for over 20 years **inaudible** school year and pay taxes and I am asking you today to really consider your vote. **Inaudible**. Anyone who has anything positive to say about this, is all about the mighty dollars and I understand the world goes around on money. But let's take for instance the school; our fine superintendent stood up here and talks about, you know, we could really use that money, how about they take accountability.

We need to think, start thinking, about how to use their money differently. Maybe instead of an AD for a school district this size and then that person doing a half days work of administration work even though our fine superintendent was hired **inaudible inaudible inaudible**. Balance out some of this money. **Inaudible**. Throw up a windmill in our back yard. But don't take my word for it.

Ah I want you to think about the impact to your neighbors, you guys have a rule here in town, **Inaudible**. You don't allow neighbors to have chickens because it might affect their neighbor's property, like they might not be able to enjoy their property as much. Yet you're gonna throw up a wind tower, a monstrosity 500 foot tall Watterson Tower. **Inaudible Inaudible**. Shouldn't

bother anybody. The low frequency sound shouldn't bother anybody but what if it does? You guys have to think outside of your pockets... Outside of the money aspect of it. Think about the residents of this community, their wellbeing. This is a long-term potential. This is a 30 year project, **Inaudible**. these companies go in and out. This company may not be around in five minutes much less five years or thirty years then they sell off to the next guy. They may not. They have 12 years to put money in escrow to decommission of these. What are you going to do? What are you going to do if this company goes out before the 12 years? How are you going to decommission? Have you guys looked into the cost of that? Who is going to pay for the decommissioning, the cost of that? Are you gonna inaudible County? Or are we just gonna to have obsolete wind towers sitting in our backyards for forever? I can't stress enough, you guys really have to think about people, and not the dollar bill at this point. That's all I have to say.

Laurie Sleeter, Lexington We are a healthy, cultural community, and I am the editor of the Lexingtonian. I believe you trust me to publish your news. The paper is full of positive, informative news stories. I keep trying to publish your news in the best manner possible, but my responsibility and enjoyment in reporting and publishing the Lexington news has been negatively impacted by this company.

Dottie Pignotti, Lexington I am totally disappointed in you people sitting in front of me in that you were put in your position to protect us as citizens of Lexington, and I feel that you are failing all of us miserably by not protecting us as citizens or any of the values we have as families and you are not protecting our properties. You have always said you want Lexington to grow. Grow how? I thought you wanted Lexington to grow with distances, with families and you are doing exactly the opposite if you say yes. Your answer has to be no to protect family.

Cindy Grimsley, Lexington I live ½ mile East of Orange Street. According to the proposal there will be a wind turbine probably within 500 feet of our house according to the setback and six of them directly north of us. Now we talk about money and I don't know the figures, but I do know that money makes the world go round. I understand the school needs the money, I get that, but from a safety stand point, has anybody looked into the accidents that have happened at wind farms? A few of them briefly, in Minnesota a man was nearly killed by flying ice. One of the turbines went haywire and flung ice for 1.5 miles, there were 168 turbine fires. These turbines are hundreds of feet in the air. Are we prepared to fight these fires? These fires will be out in the country. How are we going to fight these types of fires? There are all types of accidents where they have crashed. These risks need to be addressed as well as the benefits. That 1.5 mile setback effects a lot of people, not just me. I know I am emotional about them, but I don't want them in my front yard and I don't want them in my father's front yard. As everyone has said, please protect us and vote no on the 1.5 mile setback.

Randy Jacobs, Lexington I have a comment about the changing nature of the contract figures. We have been to many of the Zoning Board meetings and it brought to mind a recurring theme that I noticed at the Zoning Board meetings and that recurring theme is

changing information and gaps. I'm not sure how you can make a decision tonight, I'm not sure why the City wanted a resolution from the school before they did this. To me the whole process is backwards. There are a number of gaps in what is being discussed, there are questions about a number of different items, and the numbers is the contract, the number of turbines. I respectfully ask you to consider postponing the vote.

This was the end of the public comment section of the public hearing and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pati Pease

City Clerk

Approved: February 12, 2018