

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is the building located?

10501 SE Main St.

Why is a different building needed?

The current City Hall was built in 1938 and originally intended to house both city offices and a fire station. It now has extensive functional limitations for a modern city hall and does not meet ADA requirements. It has been determined that the best course of action is to consolidate city services, currently spread across Milwaukie, into a single location. The move will address space and safety needs and cost significantly less than a comparable retrofit.

How much will the new building cost and where is the funding coming from?

The building itself is anticipated to cost about \$6.5 million. The total project budget will include estimates for a new council chambers, space for community services and other necessary facilities-related items.

To pay for the building, the city is issuing full faith and credit obligation bonds to finance the property and associated costs. This purchase will not require an increase in property taxes.

Why isn't the city repairing or remodeling the current City Hall building?

Updating the existing City Hall is cost prohibitive. Significant rehabilitations for other facilities outside Milwaukie are currently costing more than double what it would cost to purchase the Advantis building. Additionally, retrofitting the existing building would not be enough. The space would need to double to meet the current needs of the city.

How long would it take for city operations to move into the building?

The agreement would allow Advantis to remain in the building for 24 months after the closing date with 90-day extension available, if necessary. After Advantis vacates the building, a few improvements will need to be made, so the city doesn't anticipate moving into the building until late 2022 or 2023.

When was the community informed about the purchase during the decision-making process?

Three public meetings were held with discussions during the city manager update portions of the City Council meetings on June 4, June 18 and July 16. Information was also presented in the July 2019 issue of *The Milwaukie Pilot*. A purchase and sale agreement was presented to City Council for approval at a public meeting on Aug. 27.

How can the community be involved in this project?

The city recognizes the significance of the existing city hall building. Beginning in late fall 2019, city staff will develop a robust community engagement process to determine the future use of the current City Hall.

Who can I contact for more information or questions?

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