

City Council discusses historical building, bikes

The Eugene City Council heard a report on preservation of historic buildings in the city at its Committee-of-the-Whole meeting Wednesday noon. The council also discussed a proposed city bicycle ordinance.

The meetings are weekly, informal study sessions for the council where committee reports are given and items which will appear at the regular city council meeting are discussed. "As is customary, any action taken by the committee is advisory," said Mayor Les Anderson about the meetings. All motions or ordinances passed by the committee are again taken up at the regular city council meetings.

The major called for discussion on Tuesday's defeated budget. Councilwoman Wickes Beal said she "thought the budget was a good one and what people were objecting to when they failed to pass it wasn't programs in the budget, but cost of running government in general."

Beal then asked the city council to support the objectives of Governor Tom McCall's program to take the cost of running schools away from property taxes. The city council unanimously passed Beal's motion.

The bulk of the committee's meeting centered around a report from the American Institute of Architect's subcommittee of Preservation of Historic Buildings.

H.H. Waechter, chairman of the subcommittee spoke of "the importance of considering buildings for what they are," and emphasized "the blending of the old and the new."

Old buildings are "part of the characterization of the city, they are good examples of their periods," Waechter said. "Existing buildings should be considered part of the total environmental scene."

Councilwoman Beth Campbell attributed the lack of anything being done about saving old buildings to not enough interest among the community.

The Committee-of-the-Whole put action on building preservation off until noon next Wednesday, when they hope to see a slide show put together by Philip Dole of the University architecture department on old buildings in Eugene.

There is an ordinance which came before the Committee-of-the-Whole concerning licensing of bicycles. The ordinance was originated by a mayor-appointed advisory committee. All revenue from bicycle license fees would be deposited in the city's general fund and used to defray the cost of the city's bike licensing and recovery program.

The ordinance reads:

"(1) Requirement for operation. No person may operate a bicycle on a public thoroughfare in the

city unless the bicycle bears a city or county license plate or tag that is valid or has not been invalid more than 30 days.

(2) Fee. The license fee shall be \$2.

(3) Term. The term for a bicycle license shall be 14 to 26 months; a license obtained between July 1 and December 31 shall be valid until September 1 of the second year after the license is issued, and a license obtained between January 1 and June 30 shall be valid until September 1 of the first year after the license is issued.

(4) Tag, certificate. The city shall provide the licensee a license tag and certificate in forms prescribed by the Department of Finance. Both the tag and certificate shall be issued by the department or its designated agent at the time of the licensing. The tag shall be attached to the frame of the bicycle at a place prescribed by the department.

(5) Dealers. All persons who carry on the business of buying and selling bicycles are hereby designated agents of the city. Such an agent shall issue a license in accordance with subsection (4) of this section. The \$2 that he collects for the license he shall remit to the Department of Finance by the first of the immediately ensuing month, along with a copy of the certificate of registration of the bicycle.

(6) Falsehood. In procuring a bicycle license no person may knowingly make a false statement about it or himself. Any such statement shall invalidate the license.

(7) Change of Ownership. A license issued for one owner of a bicycle shall not be valid for its succeeding owner. Within ten days after the ownership of a bicycle changes the succeeding owner shall procure a new license for it, and the previous owner shall report the change to the Department of Finance.

(8) Advertisements. Whoever advertises in the city a used bicycle that is for sale shall state in the advertisement the current license number for the bicycle and the name of the unit of government that has issued the license.

(9) Prior License. A bicycle license issued by the city prior to the effective date of this ordinance shall remain valid for the term for which it has been issued, but only for the bicycle and owner for which issued."

Councilman Fred Mohr moved that the ordinance go before a public hearing and this motion passed unanimously. The ordinance will now go to the regular city council meeting which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, at the City Council chambers of the City Hall.

MELO to canvass Portland

MELO (Marijuana Education for Legalization in Oregon) supporters from throughout the state will join in a caravan from Eugene to Portland this weekend.

In Portland, MELO will canvass the city for signatures for their initiative petition to

Student named to RC council

Greg Leo, University junior, has been appointed to the American National Red Cross National Student Advisory Council by national Red Cross chairman Roland Harriman.

Leo and seven other members of the council have met with Red Cross officials to discuss the participation of college students in Red Cross services to Americans. The council serves to represent the views, opinions and ideas of young persons to Red Cross officials, according to the Red Cross Office of Public Relations.

The council also seeks to involve college students in needed action programs through their local Red Cross chapters, the public relations office said.

decriminalize marijuana. The petitioners need 40,000 valid signatures from Oregon voters for the initiative to appear on the November ballot.

The caravan, which will include cars, busses and flatbed trucks, will start from Skinner's Butte Park in Eugene at 9 a.m. Saturday. It will stop in Corvallis at Gill Coliseum at 10:30 a.m., and at the Capitol Building in Salem at 11:30. Dave Otos, from MELO, said about 200 persons from Eugene are expected to participate, with more joining in along the route.

Canvassers will work in Portland neighborhoods Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, camping out Saturday night. Sunday afternoon they will hold a musical celebration and state

authorities on marijuana reform will speak.

MELO has already collected about 15,000 signatures on its petition, but some of them have proved to be invalid, Otos said. The Portland area, however, has not been canvassed yet, and MELO hopes to collect the rest of the required signatures there this weekend.

All the signatures have to be verified by the county clerk by July 7.

Although legalization of marijuana is the eventual goal of MELO, it is concentrating on decriminalization first. Decriminalization has been recommended by a number of organizations and studies, including the President's National Commission on Marijuana.

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