

Council discusses freeway access, city jail operation

The Eugene City Council received assistance Monday night from over 22 persons who testified on what they thought should happen to Eugene's new extension of the I-105 freeway.

Also discussed and approved at the meeting were the proposal to change city jail operation to the county and a Charter amendment which will allow the Mayor and City Councilmen to receive monetary compensation for their work with the City Council.

Since January the City Council has hashed over what to do about providing access to First Avenue from the I-105 freeway. At present First Avenue ramps are temporary. Because the ramps will be taken down the Council must decide how to retain First Avenue access.

The Council has five alternate plans. The problem is which plan will be most effective and least expensive.

The alternatives range from one called the "Do Nothing" plan which would cost no additional money, to one costing \$3,265,000. The "Do Nothing" plan would allow the temporary ramps to remain and the opening of I-105 between First Avenue and 7th Avenue to be delayed indefinitely. The money needed for the other alternative would be used to construct a new interchange.

Many members of the audience supported a plan which would cost \$350,000. This plan would essentially improve the existing ramps.

The Council did not decide which alternative to adopt. They will discuss the alternatives again for further consideration at the Committee of the Whole meeting May 9.

The Council approved the transfer of administrative authority of the city jail to Lane County. Sheriff Dave Burks will take over Eugene Police Chief Dale Allen's job as chief administrator.

The city, which owns 50 percent of the jail, will continue to share in any improvements costs. It will also continue to pay the cost of city prisoners and the county will absorb the cost of handling prisoners charged with state violations.

In the May 24 public election Eugene voters will decide whether to accept a Charter amendment allowing Mayor Les Anderson and the eight Council members to receive monetary compensation for their participation as members of the City Council.

Faculty members to vote on committee motions

Those faculty members present at today's General Faculty meeting could ironically take action that would do away with their own existence as a legislative body. The faculty will vote on a motion to establish a committee to look at alternatives to the General Faculty-Faculty Senate structure.

At last month's Faculty meeting, University professors Ron Rousseve, Ken Ramsing, and Bob Kime, presented a motion that called for an "Ad Hoc Committee on an Alternative to the General Faculty Meeting." The committee was to consist of four faculty members and three student members.

Two main differences exist between the Rousseve motion and the Tattersall motion. The Rousseve motion says the committee shall prepare "a detailed recommendation or series of recommendations on the design of a legislative delegate body to take the place of the existing Faculty Senate-General Faculty Meeting mechanism." The Tattersall motion, on the other hand, does not make the stipulation that the committee's proposed recommendations will necessarily replace the existing Faculty Senate-General Faculty structure.

The second difference relates to the composition of the proposed committee. The Rousseve motion allows for direct student participation through membership on the committee. The committee in the Tattersall motion would be made up of members of the Senate, but the chairman of the Senate "may invite participation in the deliberation of the committee by the ASUO President or his representative."

After hearing the Senate's recommendations on the respective motions, the Faculty will make the final decision.

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13th street to become craftsmen's hideaway?

The closed off section of 13th street may one day be enhanced with a permanent structure that could house a variety of craftsman's fairs and art exhibits, that is if University Pres. Robert Clark's plan to partially develop the street is realized.

Clark, in a letter to Charles Wright, chair of the Campus Planning Committee, expressed an interest in developing facilities for a permanent street fair. In an Emerald interview Friday, Clark said, "Thirteenth Street will always look like a street but we should encourage the idea of putting some sort of structure there that would make it more than a street."

Although he admits the plan is in the embryonic stage, Clark said action stems from ideas and he said he hopes discussion about this idea will generate that action.

Some of the possibilities Clark sees for facilities on 13th Street are a craftsman's corner, a small art display and a coffee-cold drink unit which could replace the trailer unit.

"It might be that the Co-op Book Store could have a book stall there, for example," Clark said.

Other possibilities to be explored would be tapping into the steam line to heat the structure and hooking it up for electricity, added Clark.

One of the problems Clark and Wright foresee is the financing of such a structure.

In a letter to Clark, Wright

suggested that a design appropriate to the centennial might receive alumni support, but he doubted if money from the legislature could be tapped for such a project.

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