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City Council sends nuclear free zone to voters

By Andrew LaMar
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The Eugene City Council voted Monday night to put two different versions of the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone Ordinance on the May 17 general election ballot.

The council voted 6-1 to let voters choose between the "Minimally Revised Version" (MRV) and a proposal drafted by the city attorney's office, which is considered to be less restrictive. The MRV is closer to the original ordinance passed and broader in scope.

Both versions were forwarded to the council last month by the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone Task Force, which was unable to agree on one of the versions after several months of work.

"This has not really been the council's issue, it has been the people's issue," City Council President Debra Ehrman said. "And I don't think we should be put in the position of trying to argue for or against either version."

Most council members agreed the public should choose.

Ehrman, however, voted against putting the versions on the May ballot, saying the council should not have amended the MRV and the election should be March 22. The City Council changed the MRV's oversight board early last week from an elected one to an appointed one.

Many audience members applauded Ehrman's comments.

David Zupan, a task force member and one of the MRV authors, said the council's decision was disappointing.

"It indicates that (the council) is not in touch with the community," he said. "They should be enforcing the law now. They should be appointing the board."

Before the meeting, about 75 protesters gathered outside the Council Chambers and listened to speeches, sang songs and held up signs favoring the MRV. Protesters attended the meeting and some held up a large banner that read "No more delay adopt the MRV!"

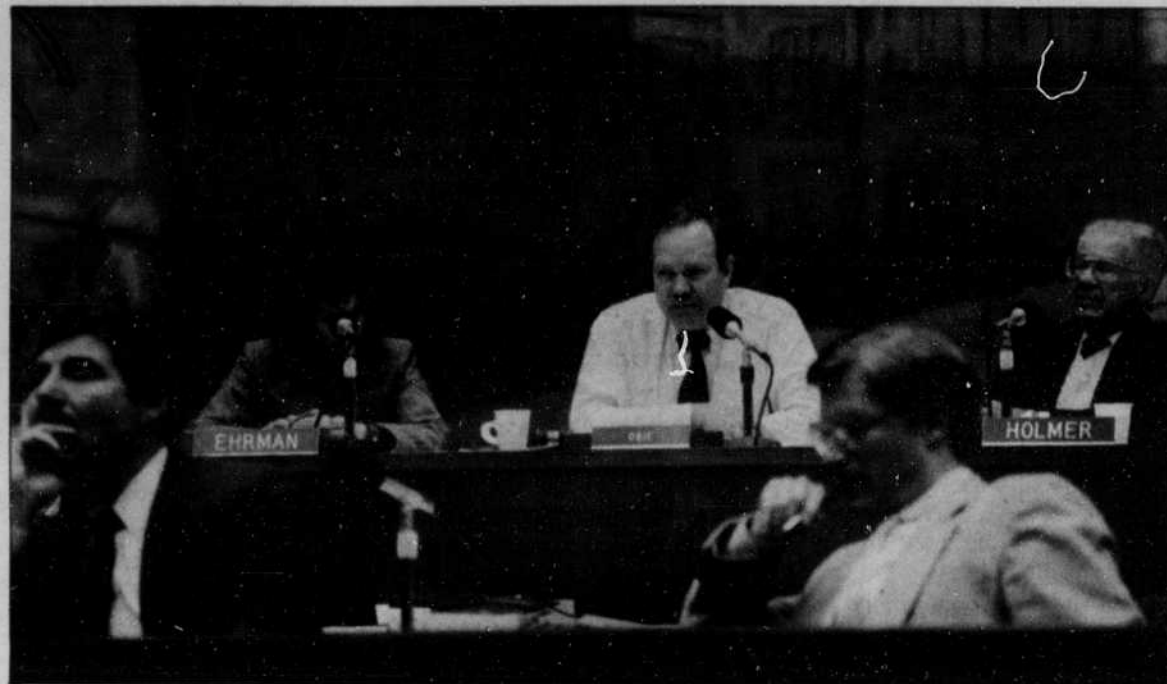


Photo by Andy Cripe

Members of the City Council and staff listen to a report on the nuclear free zone issue before discussing it in a work session Monday night.

Many protesters said they wanted the council to choose the MRV version and get on with enforcing it.

Instead, both versions will be put on the ballot for a yes or no vote. If just one version passes, it will become the official

nuclear free zone ordinance.

If both versions pass, the one

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Resignations leave IFC shorthanded

By Jeff Morgan
Emerald Reporter

Facing near-certain recall from office, Laurie Clark resigned from the Incidental Fee Committee prior to its Monday morning meeting.

Clark did not attend the meeting. She left a handwritten memo to committee members in the IFC office saying, "Effective January 11, 1988, 6 a.m., I resign my position on the I.F.C."

A vote to remove Clark originally was scheduled for the committee's Dec. 4 meeting, but that was tabled because Clark claimed that Law School finals made it impossible for her to attend.

At the Monday meeting, the IFC intended to vote requesting the ASUO Constitution Court remove Clark from the IFC for non-fulfillment of duties. The Constitution Court declared Jan. 8 it is the only body that can remove members of their duties from any ASUO group. Originally, the IFC presumed it could remove Clark directly.

IFC chair Bob Baldwin said Clark's decision to resign was in the best interest of the committee.

In a telephone interview, Clark said she hesitated before resigning because she "was hoping things would get better." Clark cited "office politics" with other

committee members as one reason for her resignation.

Clark, who was elected to a two-year IFC seat in the 1986 ASUO elections, attended only two of nine meetings last term, Baldwin said.

However, Clark said she attended four meetings. According to IFC by-laws, miss-



Laurie Clark

ing one-third of a term's scheduled meetings or missing three-fifths of scheduled office hours constitutes non-fulfillment of duties. Committee members contend Clark did not keep her office hours.

At a Dec. 4 IFC meeting, committee member Sandra Thompson resigned because

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Animal activist's trial starts today

By Will Holbert
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In a battle of moral issues, Roger Troen, 56, of Portland, faces just that today for his alleged part in the Oct. 26, 1986, Animal Liberation Front raid on two University science laboratories.

Members of ALF gained entry to the labs early one Sunday morning, then destroyed thousands of dollars worth of equipment and stole more than 150 live animals. The group's stated cause was to protest and take action against research using live animals.

The stolen animals included cats, hamsters, rabbits and 100 rats. In addition to vandalizing scientific equipment, the ALF members spray painted the group's acronym on laboratory walls and equipment.

Troen was the sole person apprehended in connection with the incident. Police arrested him July 1987.

Troen is charged with conspiracy to commit second-degree burglary, second-degree theft, according to Doug Harkclerod, Lane County district attorney. All are Class C felonies carrying a maximum sentence of five years or a \$100,000 fine, or both, Harkclerod said. Troen's trial starts at 9:30 this morning in the Lane County Courthouse.

The first day of the trial will center on the admissibility of Troen's expected defense — the choice of evils defense. This specific defense argues the defendant's crime was justified to prevent a greater crime. Troen is being represented by attorney Stephen Houze of Portland.

After the laboratory vandalism and theft, other animal rights groups distanced themselves from the ALF.

Troen claimed to be a member of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals at the time. However, representatives of PETA issued statements saying they did not approve of ALF's actions.

"We're a group of different people, and everyone has their own beliefs about it (the ALF actions)," said Sue Harland, a member of a Eugene animal rights group currently affiliated with PETA.

Sharon Nettles, the former spokeswoman for the Eugene PETA chapter refused comment because she may become a witness for Troen's defense.

Troen's trial is expected to last about two weeks, Harkclerod said.

Local AIDS hospice to open soon

By Cami Swanson
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The Carper House, a non-profit hospice designated particularly for people with AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex, hopes to open its doors soon and begin accepting people with AIDS or ARC from around the state.

According to Richard Carper, who is the founder of the hospice and board of directors director, the house could be ready as soon as Jan. 15.

"But if it's later than that,

that's still okay," he said.

The opening may be delayed until the house is fully able to accommodate five people with AIDS.

About \$4,000 has been raised in fundraisers and from cash contributions from individuals in the community, but the house still needs basic household items such as a dining room table and chairs, blankets, pillows and a dishwasher, said Carper's wife, Debbie.

Both Carpers, who tested positive for the AIDS virus and now have AIDS-Related Com-

plex, have been active in educating the public about AIDS. They have appeared on television and have spoken at several local seminars. Both are on the Carper House board of directors.

According to Board Member Lynda Eaton, the Carper House Foundation has received much help from the community.

"We've had a great deal of support (from the community)." Eaton said. "Almost everything in the house is donated."

The Carper House will be able

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