

Council to hear proposals

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The Eugene City Council will hear information concerning a development proposal calling for the construction of a large office building in downtown Eugene today at 11:30 a.m. in the McNutt Room, Eugene City Hall.

A Seattle firm, Lorig and Associates, submitted a proposal on Jan. 3 to build an 80,000- to 100,000-square foot office structure on the corner of Eighth Avenue and Willamette Street.

Lorig has also indicated to the city that it would be willing to build on the corner of Eighth and Olive, depending on the type of parking structure the city would be able to finance and construct.

According to an agenda issued by City Council, two options for the parking structure and office building are being considered. In one, the building would be constructed on on Willamette Street with a three-story parking structure on the remaining portion of the development site.

The other option calls for construction of the building on the corner of Eighth and Olive, with parking underground, leaving the rest of the site open for other development by the city.

Both options require the city to fund and construct parking facilities.

According to the council agenda, city staff is currently evaluating the feasibility and potential costs of both options.

The Downtown Design Committee has also discussed options for the inclusion of a public plaza on some part of the Eighth and Willamette develop-

ment site. The location would be determined by the final design plans for the office building and parking structure.

A citizen committee appointed by the city council will review Lorig and Associates' proposal and forward a recommendation to the Eugene Downtown Commission. The commission will make a final recommendation on the proposal to the city council.

Hunger task force to report findings

A state task force will report the findings of an 18-month study of problems of hunger in Oregon at 3 p.m. today at the FOOD for Lane County warehouse in Eugene.

The 1989 Oregon Legislature instructed the task force to investigate the problems of hunger across the state, assess existing hunger relief programs and develop recommendations for the Legislature on how to decrease the threat of hunger in Oregon.

The task force held four public hearings

throughout the state, including one in Springfield during October of last year. Testimony was presented by representatives of many of Lane County's emergency food providers, as well as recipients and program volunteers.

Currently, most hunger relief efforts originate either from the private non-profit sector or from the federal government through such programs as food stamps, Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Women, Infants and Children program.

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