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City extends tax subsidy for parking

■ **PARKING:** The planned structure will contain 742 spaces for cars as well as commercial buildings

By Eric Collins
Community Reporter

Building a multi-use structure that can be used for parking, living and shopping in the downtown area sounds like the perfect solution to a city afraid of growth.

Yet spending \$10.7 million on the Broadway Place multi-use structure, known throughout Eugene as "the" parking structure, at a time when the city has already decided to cut \$12 million in services due to Measure 47, has raised the eyebrows of some city councilors.

The structure, to be located between Lincoln Street and Charnelton Street, is a part of the city's urban renewal program, and will be broken up into both public and private phases. The city will provide money to construct a partially underground parking structure that will include 742 parking spaces, 60 bike lockers and public rest rooms along with other, smaller improvements. Once the parking site is developed, Lorig Associates, a construction company, will begin building the private

phase of the project, consisting of 170 housing rental units as well as commercial buildings on top of the structure.

The city's \$10.7 million funding share of the project will mostly come from the city's parking and Downtown Urban Renewal District funds. The private housing units and consumer space will cost developers \$13 million.

Ground has yet to be broken on the project due to the looming expiration of a \$55,000 tax break promised to Lorig Associates during the planning of the structure.

The City Council was asked Wednesday afternoon to extend that subsidy, and in a six-to-two vote, the council agreed to make this action, but not without some dissent.

Councilwoman Betty Taylor said she believed there were many big, empty spaces in downtown for commercial space and two new parking garages on Pearl Street, and she did not believe the structure was needed. "I think Measure 47 and 50 have created circumstances beyond our control, which means we need the money for other purposes," Taylor said.

Councilman Tim Laue, who said he had supported the project in previous years, said he also no longer supported the structure

based on the financial situation of the city.

But Councilwoman Nancy Nathanson stressed the idea that the structure would fit in with the public sentiment received from the city's Growth Management Study, building within the downtown area instead of expanding the boundaries of Eugene. She stressed the idea that the structure is not just a parking garage but will contain the rental and commercial units. "I think it's a real discredit to this project to keep referring to it as the parking garage," Nathanson said.

Mayor Jim Torrey said he believed the tax break was an appropriate expenditure to begin to renew the downtown area. "I am personally willing to expend \$55,000 of our money to make sure that this project goes forward," Torrey said.

Based on the council's approval of the tax break, construction on the publicly financed side of the structure will begin within the next ten days.

Private construction of the rental units and commercial space, to be built on top of the parking structure, will begin in about one year, when the parking side is finished. The multi-use building is to be completed by the middle of 1999.

Musicians will play 'Chamber Musicals'

University student musicians who excel at chamber repertoire will perform "Chamber Musicale" on Sunday.

The performance will feature pieces by Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms.

It will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. Tickets are available at the door and are \$4 for general admission and \$2 for students and seniors.

Dance students to illustrate topics

Four dance students will present their studies to illustrate the wide variety of topics in dance research at the Dance Research Colloquium on Friday, put on by the Department of Dance.

TODAY'S NEWS BRIEFLY

Emmely Muehlhauser, a graduate dance major, will present a study entitled "Facilitating Early Elementary Choreography and Concert Performance."

Jackie Conrad, a master's degree candidate in dance, will present her thesis, "Creating Family: A Choreographic Exploration of Family Relationships Utilizing Selected Characteristics of Feminist Rhetoric."

Ruth Heller, a University dance alumna and current master's degree candidate in arts and administration, will present "Models of Participation: Community Partnerships in Dance Programming."

Nancy Gamboian, a doctoral degree candidate in exercise and movement science, will present "The Use of Somatic Training to Improve Pelvic Tilt and Lumbar Lordosis Alignment During Quiet Stance and Dynamic Dance Movement."

The event is on Friday at 3 p.m. in Cedar Rooms A and B of the EMU.

For more information, call the Department of Dance at 346-3386.

Jazz players ready for last performance

At "The Jazz Cafe" on Friday, students from the School of Music's jazz studies program will give their final performance.

The performance will be at 8 p.m. in Room 186 of the Music Building. Tickets are available at the door and are \$4 for general admission and \$2 for students and seniors.

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