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City announces crackdown on messy developers

by DAN DILLON

The city of Sandy is taking steps to crack down on builders who leave a mess in the street in front of homes under construction.

And, at the same time, it isn't ready to accept South Bluff Road as a city street because of its appearance after Clackamas County crews paved it.

Monday evening, the Sandy City Council set April 6 as the date for the first reading of an ordinance which would establish requirements and regulations pertaining to the cleanup of debris on roadways generated from

land partition and subdivision sites.

Currently, the city requires that developers and builders keep the streets clean of debris; however, the ordinance isn't as tough as city staff wants it to be. In order to make the present ordinance workable, the city is practically required to catch someone in the act of depositing dirt on the street.

The proposed ordinance would place the responsibility of keeping the site clean on the builders and developers.

"We often find the asphalt sections in front of these developments scarred from the rocks and debris which have

been driven over by large trucks," City Manager Roger Jordan said.

The city would also seek a \$500 deposit from a builder before issuing building permits, if that builder had violated the ordinance three times in the calendar year. The builder would be billed by the city for those previous cleanups.

City Councilman Vern Richards is concerned that \$500 is too low. He said the building under construction should be a lien on the property and the deposit should be \$5,000.

That, however, would be prohibitive for some contractors.

"I have enough trouble squeezing a building permit out of some of these guys," Building Official Tom Day told

the council. The additional money could create a financial hardship and slow down building in the city.

Earlier the council voted not to accept the South Bluff Road project because shoddy workmanship by the county crews had left the "cosmetic appearance" of the street lacking.

The problem was caused, according to City Engineer John Lichtenheld, by paving in the rain which caused the asphalt to cool too quickly, before it could be worked properly, and a "terrible job of rolling."

Rather than accept the project, the council formed a committee of the mayor, city manager and city engineer to negotiate with the county to "attempt to draft alternative resolutions to the

cosmetic appearance problem of the street." When those alternatives are decided upon, the council will vote to accept the project.

In other action, the city council: — Joined other cities in Clackamas County supporting the position that the county should relieve all charges at the county jail for a year to give the cities time to develop a reasonable solution to the recent hike in daily lodging fees.

A new contract proposes that the daily lodging fees be raised from \$8.25 to \$26.60.

The cities are contending that the charge represents double taxation since the recent sheriff's department levy was expected to pay for the cost of operating the jail.

— Decided that a senior housing complex will be defined as "a housing development consisting solely of persons over the age of 60 years." Earlier, there had been some question raised by a developer as to the availability of loans if the cut-off age was that high.

After investigation by city staff, it was discovered that Farmers Home Administration defines senior citizens as anyone 62 years or older.

— Appointed a committee to study zero side-yards. It will consist of Bill Sundin of the planning commission, Jim Duff and Don Blair of the city council, Mayor Ruth Lundree, Fire Chief Bob Rathke and Jerry Lawson from the real estate field.

Final plans underway for \$3.3 million center at Sandy high school

Final preliminary plans are being drafted by Portland architects for a proposed multi-use auditorium at Sandy Union High School that could cost nearly \$3.3 million by the time it is completed.

At its March 9 meeting, the SUHS Board of Directors directed Richard Gessford and Associates to finalize the preliminary draft of the plan and incorporate into it provisions for the handicapped.

The facility would be located on school property on the west side of Bluff Road.

The project is part of a long-range plan which Gessford and Leon Hamblin presented at the March 9 meeting.

Also included in the plan are maintenance of present facilities; relocation of art classrooms; expansion of storage, the library and the science area; centralizing the English departments; renovation of the shop buildings; and relocation of the home economics facility.

It was the multi-use auditorium which the members of the audience came to talk about, however.

Eleven audience members, made up of faculty, parents and students, testified before the board and told it that the facility would promote excitement, enthusiasm and pride in the community.

Performing arts are as necessary as the athletic program, said one person, and the district employs excellent drama and choral teachers and should

support them with favorable facilities.

The center, which could be built now for an estimated \$2.1 million would house the school's music, art and home economics departments as well as an auditorium.

Moving several departments from the present school building to the facility would provide space for expansion of several existing programs, according to Hamlin.

He said the business education classes could be moved into the main building and that the library and science departments could be expanded. Currently, business education classes are held in the Charles Frazier Building.

In other action, the board:

— Accepted the resignations of Dennis Warren, basketball coach, and Steven Watts, agricultural teacher. The board approved a contract to hire Kay Siler, basic language arts teacher, for the remainder of the 1980-81 school year.

— Renewed contracts for Principal John McMahan, Assistant Principal Dennis Crow, Student Services Director Dick Harrison and Athletic Director Mike Kostrba.

— Approved moving seven part-time administrators to the list of full-time administrators. They also teach.

The move was necessary in order to make a distinction between teachers, who are represented by the Sandy Education Association, and administrators who are not.



Plowin' time

Photo by Mark Floyd

Spring planting is in full swing in the lot adjacent to the relocated St. Michael's Catholic Church on Langensand Road. Area growers have had the weather's cooperation for the past few days as balmy conditions have prevailed.

Boring parking saved pending final studies

Parking in Boring's business district will not be eliminated until alternative parking areas have been identified, the Boring Neighborhood Advisory Committee decided last Thursday.

A proposal to remove parking from the north side of Wally Road and from the west side of Highway 212 south of Wally should be delayed until additional parking is identified to make up for the loss, committee members agreed.

Visibility and drainage problems in the area prompted the committee to consider removing parking during its February meeting.

A neighborhood clean-up day and proposed street and business-area improvements were also discussed at Thursday's meeting.

Delaying the removal of parking will also allow affected business owners time to read and respond to flyers about the proposal that were distributed to them Thursday, committee secretary Juli Hager said. Committee chairperson Clair Reynolds contacted each business that day and urged owners to attend the meeting, although only one chose to do so, she said.

Areas being looked at for parking include a small lot located near The Strawberry Basket, east of Highway 212, and an area behind the Little Big Horn tavern, west of the highway, Hager said.

A neighborhood clean-up day, open only to residents of the Boring

Neighborhood Strategy Area, has been scheduled for April 18. Those residents may bring their yard debris, old rubber tires, old furniture, tin cans, paper and other rubbish — excluding household garbage, oil and chemicals — to the Boring Fire Department from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day.

Flyers about the clean-up will be distributed to strategy area residents later, Hager said.

The strategy area covers approximately one square mile, roughly from Sylvian Way on the south, to southeast 272nd Avenue on the west, to the crest of the first hill on the north, to just east of the fire station.

Proposed improvement of Grange Street has also been delayed by the committee, following some members' objections. The improvement had been suggested to provide trucks an alternative route through the area, keeping them off School Avenue and Wally Road, Hager said.

Committee members suggested Thursday, however, that it would be less expensive to improve Wally, she said. They also noted that providing alternative routes to truckers would not necessarily ensure they were used, she said.

Reynolds plans to talk to some of the truckers who use the roads, she said.

The committee's next meeting will be April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Boring Fire Station.

Special interests spring up for 'B' ballot

by DAN DILLON

With the approach of the March 31 special election, several groups have organized to work to ensure that their special interests are approved by voters.

What the different groups have in common, however, is the passage of the Sandy Elementary School District's 'A' and 'B' ballots. Although their interests lie primarily in passage of the 'B' ballot, state law says that unless the 'A' ballot is successful, the vote on the 'B' ballot is immaterial.

What the school district is proposing is a \$1.59 million 'A' ballot to cover basic operating expenses, such as teachers' salaries.

The 'B' ballot that is generating the interest is a \$333,094 proposal.

Included on the 'B' ballot is a proposed kindergarten program and its transportation bill, \$148,313; two school buses and a grounds maintenance tractor, \$65,000; Talented and Gifted program, \$32,161; co-curricular athletics and activities, \$33,672; elementary school level counseling program, \$21,490; outdoor school, \$11,658; Sandy Community School, \$14,300; and exterior painting at the Aquatic Center, \$6,000.

Superintendent Clark Lund told The Post that the reason for the 'B' ballot is not an increase in services, aside from the new kindergarten program, but is due to a curtailment in funding. "The big curtailment comes in the form of

state Basic School Support," he said.

"Oregon Board of Education officials have advised that for the current time, state revenues be budgeted at current year levels," Lund said in his budget message. "The final level of funding from state sources will be determined at a later time by the 1981 Legislature."

In the meantime, supporters of the 'B' ballot are working to ensure its passage.

Bill Knight-Weiler formed an organization called "Support Your Community School Committee." He said the group plans to distribute brochures and institute a telephone tree in the upcoming days.

"It's a real good deal for the community," Knight-Weiler said. "I don't know of any class that's over \$3." And, he pointed out, the class list is growing increasingly diverse with each new term.

The benefits of the Community School have been felt throughout the community, he noted. The Sandy Community Players began as a Community School class, as did the Silver Threads groups which visit local nursing homes. In the works now is a Farmers Market which would allow local craftsmen and growers with extra produce a place to sell their goods.

According to the school's coordinator, Nancy Allyn, the number of volunteer hours spent at the school by community members has grown from 688 hours in 1976 to 1,523 for the 1981 winter term. Without the \$14,300 fun-

ding from the school district, the school couldn't continue, she said. Funding also comes from the city and Mount Hood Community College.

The largest portion of the 'B' ballot would go to support a proposed kindergarten program in the school district. The program would bring a service to the district that all adjacent districts have, with the exception of Orient.

According to figures from the committee that initiated a study, cost of implementation for the program would be 49 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. That means someone with a \$50,000 home, as assessed by the county, would pay about \$25.

Private kindergartens in the Sandy area told a study group that they are "definitely not against" the proposed kindergarten, according to school board member Sherry Lawson, who participated on the steering committee.

And parents whose children have attended private kindergartens think the implementation of the program would be a great idea.

"I think kindergarten, if it's run properly, is not for babysitting," Steve Gesdahl, a parent with children aged 6, 4 and 2. "From what I've seen of the Sandy school system, I have every reason to believe they're after a very professionally run kindergarten — not some sort of romper room."

Like organizers, he pointed out that there is a belief that the state will mandate kindergarten in the near future

and the Sandy district might as well be ready.

"If it doesn't pass the first time," Gesdahl said, "I think it's going to be a major problem, when the state says we have to have it, getting it organized."

After the 10-month study of the issue by the steering committee, the school board voted to leave the issue up to the voters. Lund agrees, "I feel that the kindergarten decision is a question that should be put before the community at large."

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