

The city plans to add eight work stations, a small conference room, a copier area and a small kitchen for councilor use. The mayor already has a large office near the city manager's office.

"Sustainability has been a strong element in planning for this office space," according to a staff memo to councilors. "The chairs are made from 96 percent recycled and recyclable materials, paints are low- or no-VOC products, the covering on the work unit walls are made of a corn-based material, and the laminates on the work surfaces are made of a wheat-based fiber."

Of course, if the city tears down the building as proposed, much of this sustainable stuff will be thrown away.

The adjacent McNutt Room where the council holds most of its meetings will also be remodeled by moving a wall to add some more seating space. On occasion the small room has had to turn people away or pack them in when it reached capacity. The council has a large City Council chamber that seats hundreds but appears to prefer the more intimate McNutt Room, where councilors eat and talk to each other across a large table. — Alan Pittman

CITY TICKETS UNEXPIRED METERS

The city of Eugene sometimes gives parking tickets for unexpired meters.

"Section 5.315 of the Eugene City code prohibits 'feeding the meter,'" explains a memo to elected officials from city parking manager Jeff Petry.

"But the daily enforcement practice is to not issue such citations and such a citation will only occur on a complaint basis," Petry wrote. For example, Petry said the city has "a long-term agreement with the Saturday Market to cite vehicles that choose to park at a meter and feed the meter all day (the driver could have parked for free in any city garage on Saturdays). ... On average, 1-2 citations are written each Saturday for this violation during the Saturday Market season."

To help businesses, many cities design their downtown parking rules to create turnover for shoppers rather than allowing workers to use convenient spaces for long-term parking.

Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

CHRISTY OBIE

Lifelong Eugenean Christy Obie sits on the front porch of her south Eugene home with six of her 12 children. The youngest, 8-year-old twins Lilly and



Delaney, peer out from behind Karson, Cooper, Bailey and Broyden. The family was started soon after Obie's marriage at age 22 to Bill Barrett, when the couple adopted Jason, the son of her cousin who was tragically killed. They later adopted Jason's half-sister Maleah, in between the births of bio-babies Casey, Molly and Mason, and also raised Mike, an adopted boy from down the road. "At that point, we decided to adopt through a minority program," says Obie. "There's a need for homes for African-American kids." Since the twins entered school, Obie has had time to start a non-profit, A Family for Every Child (afamilyforeverychild.org), devoted to finding "forever families" for foster children. The first annual Heart Gallery exhibit, 33 portraits of local foster kids, has toured the area since its debut at the 5th Street Public Market last November. "All but five have been adopted," says Obie. "But there are 1,000 kids in foster care in Lane County."

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