

Council, Citizens Argue Assessments For Thick Paving

Legal questions about arterial paving costs and possible changes in the city's policies, gained an assessment reprieve Monday night for some W. 18th Ave. property owners.

The reprieve came after the council—meeting as a committee of the whole—heard arguments for and against full assessment of costs for paving the extra-thick street from Charnelton to Washington St.

Councilman Carl Koppe finally moved to hold the issue open until the next council meeting, without recommendation, until he and others could ask the city attorney questions about the implications of refunding money to the one group of landowners.

City Manager Robert Finlayson said after Monday's session with the property owners that the council's public works and public finance committees will meet with the city attorney on Friday noon to discuss the paving issue.

BONE OF CONTENTION

The assessment along W. 18th Ave. has been the point of argument since the improvement was made last summer.

The matter came to a head a couple of weeks ago when a petition was submitted protesting the assessment for the extra costs of the thick arterial paving.

Two council committees failed to make a recommendation in actions before the last council meeting. But property owners along 18th Ave. and one former councilman brought council delay in arguing that the difference in cost between the normal 3 1/2-inch paving and the 5-inch-thick arterial paving should be paid from the city's 10-year, 2 1/2-mill street paving levy.

The levy, the citizens claimed, was passed by voters in 1950 with the understanding that such extra costs would be paid by the city.

The same arguments were presented Monday night.

In orderly fashion, John McGinty, chairman of the 1950 citizens-planning commission committee that drew up the 10-year cross-town street program; Mrs. W. S. Baldinger; C. L. Kelly; Clay Barnes; and Jack Foster—all members of the original committee—presented their arguments.

1950 IMPRESSION

All of them told the council that it was the impression in 1950 that any cost outside that for a normal, 36-foot-wide street would be paid from the levy income.

Howard Buford, city planning consultant, said he too thought the city would pay for all extra costs. "It was our impression (in 1950) and my impression that the proposal was based on a plan that the city would pay for the extra costs."

Ray Siegenthaler, former councilman and one of the first to present the citizens' arguments last summer, charged that "the city is trying to pass on the cost of maintenance" in assessing the full cost of the extra-thick paving.

"My contention is that it's not fair to charge the abutting property owners for something that does not benefit them," he argued.

Siegenthaler's argument was met with a long rebuttal by former council president Calvin Crumbaker.

Crumbaker declared that the council, at no time, committed itself to a definite policy on assessing for the arterial paving. He charged that the citizens committee's 1950 report, later adopted by the council, was just a "general guide" and not a policy decision.

SUBTERFUGE

"The council is in a position where it cannot do as it would like to do," Crumbaker stated. "The charter says that the cost of paving must be charged to the abutting property."

Lashing into assessments in general, Crumbaker said, "As I see the whole assessment program, it is at best a subterfuge. It is a pretense that the property is improved."

"You use the assessment because you have to have a street," Crumbaker concluded. "I don't believe anyone can say this particular problem is more unjust than the whole assessment policy."

Council President Robert Booth presented the only council

argument on the assessment.

He supported Crumbaker's stand and pointed to a council statement in the 1950 voter's pamphlet in which the council said: "In the implementation of the overall street program, the council will adhere strictly to the usual method of financing street construction by assessing the cost to owners of abutting property except that the cost of additional width of arterials in residential areas . . . will be paid for out of funds from the 2 1/2 mill levy."

CHANGES MIND

Booth contended that "What is in the charter is what the people voted for. There is no question but that the people are firm in what they believe."

"I do, however, feel the council did not commit itself in that or in subsequent action as to who was to pay the extra cost for the thick paving," he declared. "The present assessment policy, Booth contended, 'is the only way we have done it and is the only way we can do it. The only thing we have to fall back on is that improvements do accrue to abutting property owners.'"

He finally stated that "I'm going to have to vote to uphold the present policy."

Councilman Frank Shearer, who had previously argued that the policy was wrong, spoke out at the close of the meeting, serving notice that he has changed his mind and will vote with Booth.

WEATHER

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK
Western Area — Temperatures averaging below normal. Maximums in the 30s and minimums in the 20s, except locally 20-25 during next few days. Recurring rain. Total precipitation about 1 inch, except 2 inches along coast.
Eastern Area — Temperatures averaging below normal. Maximums mostly in the 20s and minimums generally in the 10s, except lowering locally to near zero by weekend. Recurring periods of light snow. Total precipitation about 1 to 4 of an inch.

U. S. WEATHER FORECAST
Eugene and vicinity: Partly cloudy through Wednesday with a few scattered showers. Colder Tuesday night. Low temperature, 30; high temperature Wednesday afternoon, 40. Western Oregon: same.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 47; low Monday night, 35; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, trace; total for month 2.66 inches; normal for month 5.41 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, 42 feet. Readings at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: barometer, 29.60 inches, steady; humidity, 61 per cent; wind, SE-18. Sunrise and sunset (PST): Wednesday, 7:41 a.m., and 5:05 p.m.; Thursday, 7:41 a.m. and 5:06 p.m.

TEMPERATURES

By the Associated Press	24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Tuesday	Max.	Min.	Prev.
Baker	34	21	10	102
Bend	34	21	10	102
Eugene	47	35	24	102
Klamath Falls	31	26	12	102
Lake	30	26	12	102
Medford	46	34	24	102
Newport	47	38	24	102
North Bend	46	38	24	102
Pendleton	44	35	24	102
Portland	43	40	24	102
Roseburg	49	33	14	102
Salem	48	31	17	102
Boise	32	24	14	102
Chicago	32	26	14	102
Denver	27	9	32	102
Eureka	32	20	20	102
Los Angeles	61	48	34	102
New York	35	24	14	102
Red Bank	41	38	24	102
San Francisco	51	41	24	102
Seattle	44	42	24	102
Spokane	34	28	14	102

Clothes Burn, Man Arrested

Blaze Damages Belvedere Room

A 57-year-old Eugene man was arrested by Eugene police after the man's clothes burned up in a fire which damaged the hotel room in which he was spending Monday.

Charged with being drunk on the street was Wallace M. Hoback, who gave his address as 87 W. 8th Ave., despite the fact that he had been staying in the Belvedere Hotel at 836 Wilamette St.

Eugene police were called by the hotel manager at about 5 a.m. Tuesday.

Officers found that Hoback's clothes were blackened and so were parts of the room. A hotel employee had smelled smoke, had rescued Hoback and put out the fire.

A patrolman wrapped Hoback in a police raincoat and led him out, arresting him for being drunk on the street as soon as they reached the sidewalk.

Hoback pleaded guilty in municipal court Tuesday and John L. Barber Jr. said he will sentence him Friday.

Grand Jury Gets Non-support Case

Robert Lee Etchison, 27, of 1194 1/2 W. 6th Ave., Eugene, was bound over to the Lane County grand jury Tuesday following arraignment in district court on a charge of non-support.

He waived preliminary hearing before Judge Chester N. Anderson, who set bail at \$500. Etchison posted bail and was released.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William George Reed, 22, and Joyce Ruth Biecker, 17, both of Roseburg, 19, 212 W. 6th Ave., both of Eugene, legal age, 18, 198 N. 19th St., Springfield.
William Elmer Anderson, 65, Olympia, Wash., and Lulu Cox, 63, 1709 1/2 W. 2nd Ave., Eugene.
Gerald George LaTulippe, 20, Rt. 1, and Mary Lou Reese, 16, Rt. 5, both of Eugene.
Frederick William Hamble, 24, 440 Sandy Drive, and Clarence Ileta Carr, 19, 212 W. 6th Ave., both of Eugene.
Harold M. Mattoon, 33, General Delivery, Eugene, and Joan Alice Metcalf, 24, Cottage Grove.
Howard Taylor Fritts, 37, 4660 Franklin Blvd., and Beula Walker Voss, 35, 225 W. 12th Ave., both of Eugene.
Robert Elton Trout, 21, 1709 Orchard, Eugene, and Roberta Lou Halsey, 20, 416 1/2 G St., Springfield.
Lawrence, Legal age, Box 221, Creswell, and Dorothy Mae Wilson, legal age, 1870 N. 15th St., Springfield.
Ray Thomas Morrison, 20, Vancella, and Joanna Louise Miller, 17, Box 414, Drain.

BIRTHS

AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL
(Jan. 14, 1955)
RHINEHART—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd I. Rhinehart, 2095 Scott Rd., Springfield, a daughter.
LYONS—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lyons, 1034 W. 4th Ave., a daughter.
MATTOON—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mattoon, Leaburg, a daughter.
MANNING—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Manning, Florence, a daughter.
MARSH—Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Marsh, 680 River Loop 1, a daughter. (Jan. 11, 1955)
AT HOME
ANDREWS—Mr. and Mrs. Oboert Andrews, Baloy View Lane, a daughter.

DEATHS

WRIGHT—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walter Wright Jr. of Oakridge died Saturday. Services were held Monday, 3 p.m. at Forest Vale Memorial Park with Bartholomew-Buell Chapel in charge.
PREUIT—Margaret Ellen Preuit died Jan. 17, Monday, aged 82. Funeral services will be held in the Eugene Bartholomew-Buell Chapel Saturday, with interment in West Lawn Cemetery.
WEEKS—Mrs. Eva Weeks died in Talent Sunday at the age of 72. Funeral services will be conducted at the Assembly of God Church at Shady Cove, 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, with Littlefield Funeral Home of Ashland in charge of arrangements.
HILL—Addie T. Hill died at a rest home in Cottage Grove Sunday at the age of 89. Funeral services will be held at Mills Mortuary, Cottage Grove, Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m., with interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery.
FLUEARD—Joseph Flueard of Culp Creek died in a Eugene hospital Monday at the age of 82. Funeral services will be held at Mills Mortuary in Cottage Grove, Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 10:30 a.m., with interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery.
KLIESE—Edward A. Kliese, formerly of Lane County, died in Portland Jan. 17. The funeral will be in the Poole-Larsen Chapel Thursday at 1 p.m.

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NEWS BRIEFS

FORD NORTHRUP, engineering administrative assistant for the Eugene Water & Electric Board, will address members of the Eugene Kiwanis Club Wednesday on the topic, "Problems of Electric Power Supply."

A **JUNIOR TEEN** dance at the Willamalane Memorial Bldg. in Springfield will follow Friday night's Mill St.-Junior High basketball game.

REGISTRATION for a cake decorating class will be taken at the Washington Park Recreation Center from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. A \$5 fee will be charged for the 10 lessons that will start on Feb. 4 at the center. Mrs. Jacoby will be the instructor.

THE ELKS BAND will not hold a rehearsal this Tuesday night. The next practice session will be Jan. 25 at the lodge at 8 p.m.

RIVER ROAD Ramblers Square Dance Club will meet this Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the new River Road school.

EUGENE LODGE No. 11, AF & AM, will hold a stag dinner in the Masonic Temple, 10th Ave. and Olive St., at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday. There will be a Stated Communication at 7:30 p.m., and the Rev. Carroll C. Roberts, pastor of the First Christian Church, will speak. All Master Masons invited.

SPRINGFIELD Royal Neighbors of America will hold a joint installation with Marcola Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall. Officers are to wear formal.

Y-WIVES are featuring a hair stylist at the meeting Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the game room at the Y Center. A live model will demonstrate new hair styles and committees for the coming year will be announced. Refreshments will be served and a nursery provided for small children.

CIRCLE ALL square dance group will meet at the River Road schoolhouse at 8 p.m. Wednesday. All square dancers welcome.

MEMBERS of River Road-Bethel Home Extension Unit will bring 25 cents for a luncheon to the demonstration at the Wednesday meeting. The demonstration will be on "Attractive Meals From Canned, Stored and Frozen Foods."



(Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire, eng.)

FOR RACIAL UNITY—Speaker at Monday night's meeting of the Lane County Fellowship for Civic Unity was Edwin C. Berry, executive secretary of the Urban League of Portland. Seated at the head table were Mrs. William Dodson; Mrs. Lettie Reyn; olds; Herman Riley, fellowship vice president; and Robert Burtner, president. About 80 persons heard Berry speak on the "Remaining Barriers to Equal Rights."

Bill Outlines Constitutional Convention

SALEM—Gov. Paul Patterson's plans to have a convention to write a new state Constitution were introduced in the form of a bill Tuesday in the Oregon Senate.

The constitutional convention would be held in July, 1959, and the people would vote in November, 1961, on whether to adopt the new charter document.

Carrying out the wishes of the majority of an interim committee which studied the problem the past 18 months, the bill will provide some hot arguments. The minority wants to change the

Constitution by adopting amendments.

Gov. Patterson tried to get the 1953 Legislature to go for his idea, but its answer was to name the interim committee.

The new bill is sponsored by Sen. S. Eugene Allen, Portland. It would provide for 86 delegates to the convention. They would be elected at the 1958 elections.

The bill is similar to one previously introduced by Allen and Sen. Mark Hatfield, Salem, except that one would have 60 delegates, elected in the same manner as state representatives are chosen.

In the new bill, there would be one delegate for each 30,000 persons.

Another new development was the introduction of a bill to abolish the State Department of Finance, headed by Harry S. Dorman. The department was created four years ago.

Sponsors of the bill are Reps. F. H. Dammasch, Republican, and Walter J. Pearson, Democrat, both Portland.

The Senate voted to confirm the governor's appointment of former State Sen. Austin Dunn, Baker Democrat, to the State Board of Geology and Mineral Industries park.

Bids Received On Building

Yonel and Huffman, Eugene general contractors, was apparent low bidder Monday night as bids were opened for construction of a new two-story retail stores building at 171-181 W. 8th Ave.

Architects Balzhiser and Seder, designers of the building, reported that Huffman's bid figured \$143,209 and was lower than six others submitted. Second low was Gale Roberts, at \$146,584, and the other bids ranged to \$164,992.

To be erected for the Ebella Corp. of Eugene, the new building will provide space for three shops, with warehouse space to the rear of each and a freight elevator.

An old building now on the site will be demolished and a basement excavation will be made. The new building, 66 by 162 1/4 feet, will be of reinforced concrete with concrete slab floors. Pre-cast concrete beams will be used and a built-up roof is specified.

Bids on the building plan have been taken under advisement by the Ebella Corp., the architects report.

Airpark Lands Up for Talks

The Eugene City Council, the Eugene Planning Commission and the Eugene School Board will meet Wednesday night to discuss possible land trades involving the Eugene Airpark.

The meeting, called more than a week ago, will be held in the city council chamber of the city hall, starting at 7:30 p.m.

All three groups are involved in plans for joint use of facilities by the school district and the city parks department.

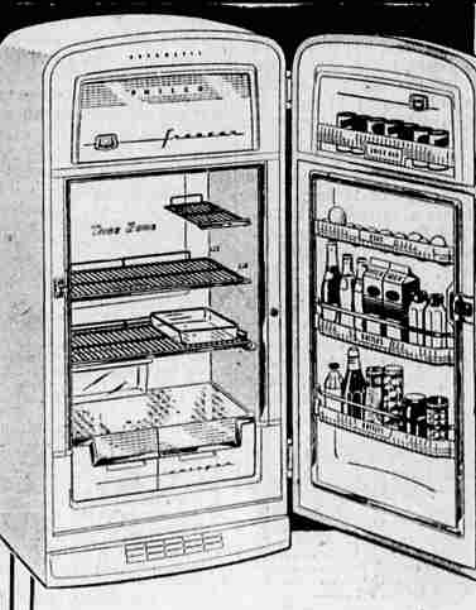
The school district wants some of the Airpark land between 13th and 24th east of Chambers St. for school building areas. The city wants to work with the district in developing part of the area for parks use.

At the same time, the city would like to acquire the old Lincoln School site at 10th and Monroe St. for a neighborhood park.

By Chic Young

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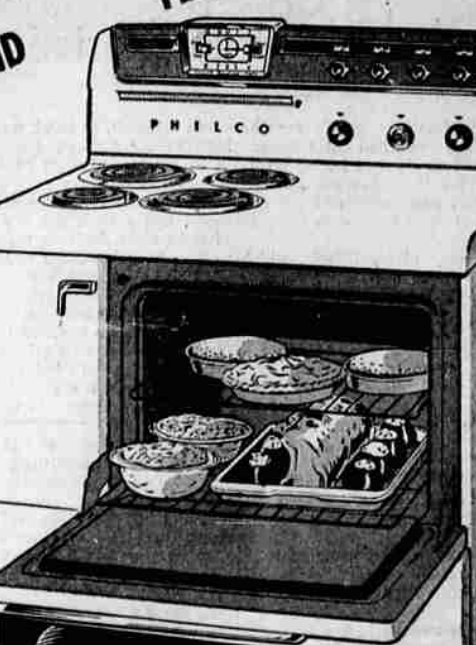




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