

# Library: Board divided on bond decision

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The board plans to spend 85% of the project costs within the first three years, which is a federal requirement for selling an entire bond. Having a set construction plan and meeting the federal requirement was a motivation for the board to approve the sale.

"It certainly seems this timeline is reasonable and we can reasonably expect to meet those tests," Board President Martha Lawler said Wednesday. "I think we are maximizing our return and keeping our taxpayers best interest at heart."

The \$195 million bond will pay for building the Central Library on 12 acres off U.S. Highway 20 and Robal Road, and double the square footage of the Redmond Public Library. In addition, the bond will fund updates to the Downtown Bend, East Bend, La Pine, Sisters and Sunriver libraries.

Throughout deliberations between the board members, Miao said he did not feel comfortable selling all of the bond at once. He felt the board was rushing and chasing the low



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**The existing Downtown Bend Public Library measures around 38,000 square feet. The planned Central Library, expected to be finished by 2025, would be nearly three times that size.**

interest rate.

Even if the interest rate went up slightly, it would still be worth it to wait and only use some of the bond as needed during the construction process, Miao said.

"I'm just trying to reach a level of confidence in this entire process and very frankly I'm not there yet," Miao said

Wednesday.

Peterson assured the board that selling the bond now would be a safe decision.

"We are trying to lock in a rate that is a good one, and there are advantages to knowing what the cost will be," Peterson said.

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# Baker City passes resolution blaming lockdowns for woes

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The Baker City Council has approved a resolution blaming Gov. Kate Brown's COVID-19 mandates for creating an "economic, mental health, and criminal activity crisis" in the city.

Councilors approved the resolution by a 5-2 vote March 23.

Mayor Kerry McQuisten joined the vote in favor of the resolution, which concludes by stating that "the citizenry of Baker City are free, sovereign individuals within a Constitutional, Representative Republic, not subjects or slaves, and will be recognized as such as we firmly stand to represent them."

The resolution acknowledges that the city "cannot protect any local business from State-directed targeting, repercussions and penalties that could result from a business flouting state mandates. Councilor Jason Spriet said

that although he voted against the resolution, he believes that the governor's restrictions do not take into account differences between rural and urban parts of the state.

The mayor, who drafted the resolution in consultation with City Manager Jon Cannon and the city's attorney, said she believes the resolution brings the community together. McQuisten said she has heard from "hundreds of people" about the resolution and that about 5% were opposed to the council approving it.

Councilor Shane Alderson, who voted yes, said he believes the resolution is a way for the City Council to make its voice heard.

McQuisten said the city has received about 30 letters regarding the resolution, with all but three of the writers favoring its passage.

Jodi Furtney, owner of Charlie's Ice Cream Parlor, said she supports the resolution. She focused on the reso-

lution's description of the governor's orders as "draconian."

Furtney said her business has been directly affected by state restrictions, which have affected restaurants, and has not written herself a paycheck in 12 months.

"It's depressing, demoralizing, degrading, and the mental stress is over the top. It's draconian," Furtney said.

Beverly Calder, owner of BELLA Main Street Market, spoke in opposition to the resolution, saying she was concerned when she read the resolution.

Calder, a former City Council member, said her first thought was "what's the point of this?" She described the resolution as negative and inflammatory, and ill-timed given that the county is doing well at vaccinating residents and reducing virus cases.

"We are almost through this," Calder said. "What does this resolution do to help us as a community come through?"

# Motels

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Rep. Jack Zika, R-Redmond, said the bill would ease the way for the proposed purchase of a hotel for housing in his district. The city of Bend has also applied for Project Turnkey funds for the purchase of a hotel.

Rep. Pam Marsh, D-Ashland, said some projects have proceeded, but others have stalled despite community support.

"The need to pursue zoning changes often stands in the way of great projects," Marsh, the bill's sponsor, said. "That is a problem when we are experiencing a crisis in homelessness and low-income housing."

"It will allow us to repurpose hotels and motels that have served tourists and will become facilities that will house the most vulnerable among us. As a building intended to take care

of people, it should not matter whose head rests on that pillow."

Marsh represents a district that lost 2,500 homes from the Almeda Fire, which swept north from Ashland through Talent and Phoenix. It was one of the Labor Day wildfires that swept Oregon. Many of the displaced residents were low-income families who were left with few affordable alternatives for housing.

The bill applies to buildings within urban growth boundaries, and outside areas zoned for heavy industrial use. They must have access to transportation and be outside floodplains or other designated hazard areas.

Local governments can still apply other restrictions, such as building codes, occupancy limits and "reasonable" site and design standards.

Housing is defined as "affordable" if qualifying residents earn less than 60% of the area median income. "Some of these facilities will re-

main shelters or transitional housing. But in other cases, the long-term use most needed by a community will be low-income housing," Marsh said. "Hotels and motels that may not fit the bill for today's travelers are the perfect place to provide people in crisis with stability and the support they need in order to move toward permanent housing."

House Republican Leader Christine Drazen of Canby spoke against the bill.

As a member of the Legislature's Emergency Board, she voted Oct. 23 for \$30 million for Project Turnkey in wildfire-affected areas and \$35 million for Project Turnkey in other areas. (The board rejected the latter amount then, but reversed itself and approved it Nov. 9.)

Drazen acknowledged the pressing need for providing shelter for people who have lost their homes for whatever reason. But she objected to the

prospective purchase of the Red Fox Motel in Estacada as a shelter, saying it was better suited long-term for tourism. Clackamas County commissioners voted 3-2 on Jan. 28 to suspend further consideration of the purchase.

Drazen also said lawmakers were creating an exception to Oregon's land use laws, instead of easing restrictions to allow construction of more housing.

"Instead of fixing our land use system and the things that are broken, we are giving a pass, we are doing a carve-out," she said. "We are creating a back way because it's not working."

Republicans split on the bill, eight voting for it and 12 against it; the other three were excused. All Democrats present voted for it. The House is still short one member.

The bill, slightly more than a page long, was read aloud by a clerk because minority Republicans have

declined to waive the constitutional requirement for bills to be read in their entirety prior to a final vote. More than 80 bills await action on the House agenda.



But this bill jumped to the top of the agenda because a substitute version had been proposed by Rep. Lily Morgan, R-Grants Pass, who then decided against advancing it.

Marsh said a private investor has purchased three hotels or motels within Medford for conversion to housing. Though House Bill 3261 would not apply to these projects, she said, "it validates this model."

"At a time when our community has lost 2,500 homes to wildfire, it may be the actions of this private entity that actually save our bacon," Marsh added. "It is doing the one significant, tangible effort to create new housing very quickly in a community that has been devastated." ■ pwong@pamplinedia.com

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