

Council Adopts Resolution in Favor of Civic Center Location

A resolution from the Medford city council asking the federal government to locate the \$2½ million Medford federal building in the proposed civic center site was sent Friday to members of Oregon's Congressional delegation and to officials of the general services administration in Washington, D.C.

The text of the resolution reads in part:

"Whereas the Medford city planning commission has forwarded to you a resolution urging location of the proposed federal office building and post office in an area in the city bounded on the north by Main st., on the south by 10th st., on the east by Holly st., and on the west by Mistletoe st., part of which area was originally indicated on a land-use plan dated 1931 as a civic center, and that there is now located in the area the Jackson county courthouse, public library and Westside park, and that the area has been and now is recommended by the planning commission as a civic center, and

"Whereas the area will be readily accessible to vehicular traffic in view of the city of Medford's existing and proposed arterial street plan which is now approximately half completed, and

"Whereas it is believed that off-street parking, which the city of Medford desires and

recommends wherever possible, could be more adequately provided in the area, and

"Whereas location of the post office and federal building in the area would permit acquiring property of sufficient size as would facilitate expansion, as future needs might require, and

Proper Planning

"Whereas the city council believes that it would be in accordance with proper planning principles; be of material benefit to the proper integral growth of the city and particularly the central business district thereof; be of material assistance in maintaining the integrity of the central business district by strengthening the west side; and be of material benefit in stimulating redevelopment in the area and the west side of the central business district area of the city, now, therefore:

"Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon; that it is the Medford city council's preference that the proposed post office and federal office building be located in the area proposed for a civic center."

Prepared By Attorney

The resolution was prepared by City Attorney Joel Reeder working with the council's executive committee, and was introduced at Thursday night's meeting by Councilman Don-

ald Hanson. It was adopted by a 6 to 1 vote with only Councilman Bill Singler opposed.

Similar resolutions have previously been sent to Washington, D.C., by the city planning commission and the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

At the meeting, Medford Postmaster Moore Hamilton made a last-ditch appeal for a site south of 10th st. between Central and Riverside aves., which he has reportedly favored all along, saying it is more readily accessible from all areas of the city, and it is adjacent to the main business district.

Better Service

Hamilton declared: "It is our theory that the closer the post office can be to where people are, the better service we can give." He added later in the meeting: "If we cannot move to a more efficient place, I can see no reason to move from where we are."

The postmaster made it clear that he was speaking for the post office only, and not for the many other federal agencies that would be located in the building.

Hamilton also disagreed with the objections that the 10th st. site would create parking problems and traffic congestion on Central and Riverside aves. He cited figures which were meant to prove that these two problems wouldn't exist.

Medford Council Stays Out of RR Purchase Dispute

The Medford city council Thursday night elected to stay out of a dispute between the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads over the proposed purchase of the Western Pacific.

The council heard a request from the Santa Fe seeking its backing in the railroad controversy. At its previous meeting it heard a similar request from the Southern Pacific. By a 4 to 3 vote the council tabled both requests.

The three dissenters, Councilmen R. L. Van Sickle, Bill Singler and Stanley Stark, all favored throwing the council's support behind the Santa Fe. A motion by Van Sickle to take the Santa Fe request to the table and approve it, failed by a similar 4 to 3 vote.

Not Council's Business

Councilman Donald Hanson had moved to table both motions for the reason that: "This is none of the council's business." Councilman Al Bradford agreed that "we should endorse neither."

Robert Patterson, general agent for Santa Fe in Portland, pleaded the railroad's request. He declared that the issue is simple: "Do you wish to see elimination of railroad competition between the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest, or do you wish to see railroad competition maintained?"

Patterson said that in Santa Fe's application to the interstate commerce commission for the purchase of the Western Pacific railroad, it has said it will maintain the line as a separate entity.

On the other hand, he said, Southern Pacific makes only a verbal guarantee of this; and predicted that if SP should gain control, "it is our belief that SP will eliminate that line," although he said it wouldn't be done overnight.

Van Sickle said he favored the Santa Fe request because: "It's the first opportunity I've ever had to encourage competition against Southern Pacific in this area."

'Abolition' Film Slated in Talent

Talent - The film "Operation Abolition" will be shown at the Talent Friends church Tuesday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The film depicts the demonstrations directed against the House Un-American Activities committee in San Francisco last year. The showing is sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals.

The public is invited to attend the showing.

LEGAL NOTICES

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE
Mill Creek Select No. 4
Oral auction bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, or his authorized representative at the office of the Forest Supervisor, Post Office Building, Medford, Oregon, beginning at 3:30 p.m., June 9, 1961, for all merchantable timber marked or designated for cutting on an area embracing 110 acres, more or less, within Sections 21 and 29, T. 32 S., R. 3 E., W.M., surveyed, in the Rogue River National Forest, Jackson County, Oregon. The estimated volumes are: 200 M board feet of Douglas-fir, 200 M board feet of ponderosa pine, and 30 M board feet of white fir and other species. The minimum acceptable bid per M board feet is as follows: Douglas-fir \$24.00, sugar pine \$21.30, ponderosa pine \$24.80, white fir and other species \$9.50. This includes the following rates, per M board feet for stumpage including deposit for sale area settlement: Douglas-fir \$24.00, sugar pine \$18.50, ponderosa pine \$22.00, white fir and other species \$6.70, and \$2.80 for slash disposal for all species. Sealed bids will be publicly opened and posted at the office of the Forest Supervisor, at 3:30 p.m., June 9, 1961. All those who submitted a satisfactory sealed bid will be permitted immediately to continue auction bidding. A money order, bank draft, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$1,100.00 must accompany each bid, to be applied to the purchase price, refunded, or retained for application to any claim for damages, according to the conditions of sale. If requested by the purchaser, contract terms will permit felling of timber in advance of payment up to the value of the performance bond. If an oral bid is declared to be high at the closing of the auction, the bidder must immediately confirm the oral bid by submitting it in writing on a Forest Service bid form. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Forest Service bid forms for use in submitting sealed bids and full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the District Ranger, Prospect, Oregon, or the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon, before bids are submitted.

Central Point Home Inspection Planned

Central Point—Starting Wednesday, May 10, from 7 to 9 p.m., and continuing throughout the month, the Central Point volunteer fire department will make a house-to-house check for fire hazards in Central Point homes.

The check is being conducted on a volunteer basis for owners' protection and is not mandatory, according to Chief Don Turner.

In the event the department should miss a home during the campaign and the resident wishes the inspection made telephone NORMANDY 4-1201.

Automation System Producers Increase

New York - UPI - The 1961 edition of the Thomas Register of American Manufacturers lists 744 firms as producers of automation systems and component parts.

Prior to 1955, the register didn't even bother to give automation equipment producers a classification. There were only six.

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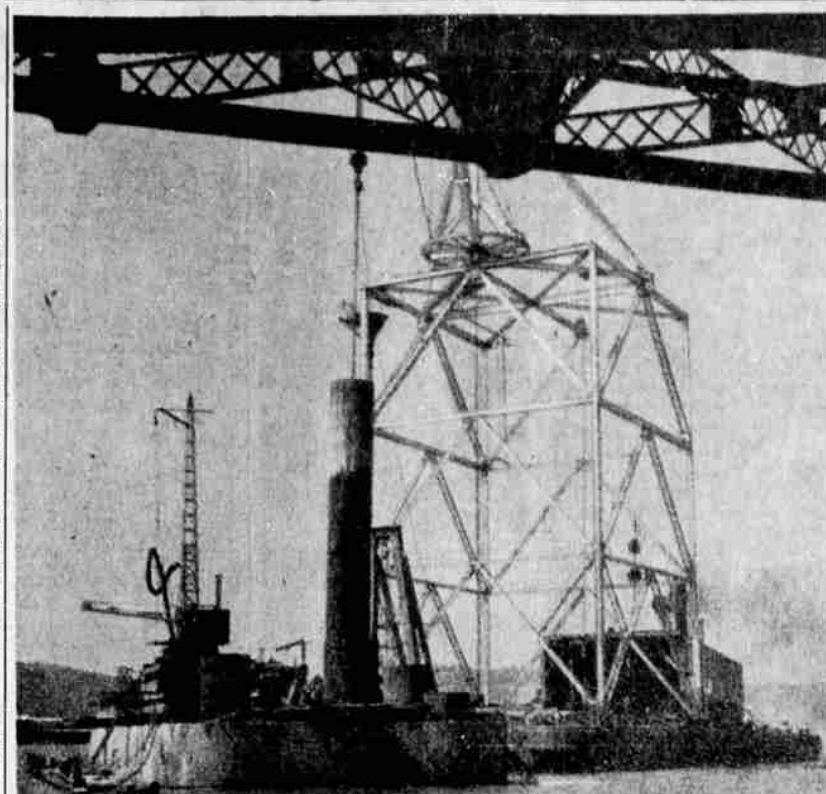
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CAISSON LOWERED—A floating crane is shown lowering a six-foot diameter steel caisson into position through a cell in the floating box footing to serve as one of the "legs" for a pier of the new Benicia-Martinez bridge in California. When positioned and filled with concrete, the caissons and the rectangular footing serve as the foundation for the bridge pier. The four-lane bridge across Carquinez Straits will parallel the railroad bridge shown in the foreground. (UPI Telephoto)

National Guard Unit Changed

The Medford National Guard unit is part of a general reorganization of the Second Automatic Weapons Battalion, 249th Artillery of the Oregon National Guard, Maj. A. N. Warren, executive officer has announced.

The Medford unit, formerly Company E of the Second Battle group, 188th Infantry, will be converted to A Battery of the 249th, Warren

said. Company E will be relocated in Eugene, location of 188th Infantry battle group headquarters. In addition, a new D battery will be formed in Medford.

Both Medford units will serve under battery headquarters in Ashland. Other battalion units are Batteries B and C in Klamath Falls.

As part of the reorganization, the southern Oregon battalion will be issued automatic self-propelled M-42 weapons, twin-mounted 40 millimeter guns on tanks.

Capt. Charles Henry will be commander of Battery D. Capt. Donald Ivie, Company E commander, will command Battery A until the reorganization is completed, Warren said.

Warren said all persons interested in joining the artillery units may contact the armory.

One Injured in Three-Car Crash

One man was injured in a three-car accident near the Triangle market in Phoenix on Highway 99 Thursday afternoon, state police reported.

Glen M. DuBose, box 72, Talent, was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by the Medford Ambulance Service. Hospital attendants reported him in fair condition Friday.

A car driven by Alida Marcel Chisum, 33, Talent, entered the northbound lane of Highway 99 from Bolz rd. and was hit by a northbound car in the outside lane driven by Wesley Kenyon, 18, of 848 Fox st., Ashland, police said.

The DuBose car also became involved in the accident and landed upside down in a ditch on the west side of the highway.

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Hanson Asks Council to Think About Possibility of Shelters

Councilman Donald Hanson told the Medford city council Thursday night that it should be thinking about shelter or other provision for the people of Medford in the event of enemy attack.

Hanson said that following the recent Civil Defense exercise, a woman in his ward, ward 2, came to him and expressed concern that there is no shelter or other provision for the protection of the people. He said he thinks she has a point, and it is "something we should probably be thinking about."

In other business Thursday night, the council approved a license for the Disabled American Veterans organization to hold weekly dances in the Knights of Pythias hall at Fourth and Grape sts.

A change of zone for property northeast of the corner of Jackson and Central aves. from limited commercial to commercial was approved. This is to be the location of the Alpine Village.

An easement was granted to the Rogue River Irrigation district for a drainage facility along the former Crews rd., adjacent to the old sewage plant.

A parcel of land, .01 acre in size, at the airport was dedicated to the Oregon state highway department for right of way purposes. The council authorized the city manager

to negotiate for property on South Riverside ave. and Melrose ave. extended.

Public hearings were called for June 1 on a request to change the zone of property located at 801, 851 and 895 Biddle rd. from single-family to commercial; and on a request to annex a finger of land extending from Plum st. west to Chestnut st. lying between Dakota ave. and an alley.

Public hearings were called for May 18 on proposals to pave Hawthorne place from Stevens st. to a point 399 feet north and for a sanitary sewer on Hawthorne place from Stevens st. to a point 445 feet north.

An amendment to the building code to permit fixed metal awnings when attached to a building was approved, with Councilman Donald Hanson being the lone dissenter.

Plans and specifications were approved for paving Bryant st. from Columbus ave. to Myers court and for a sanitary sewer on Corona ave. from Morrow rd. to Johnson st. Approval was also given to plans for a sanitary sewer to be installed in an alley between Stewart ave. and Winchester st. from Columbus to Chestnut st., and for the development of the Siskiyou blvd. extension from 10th st. to Willamette st.

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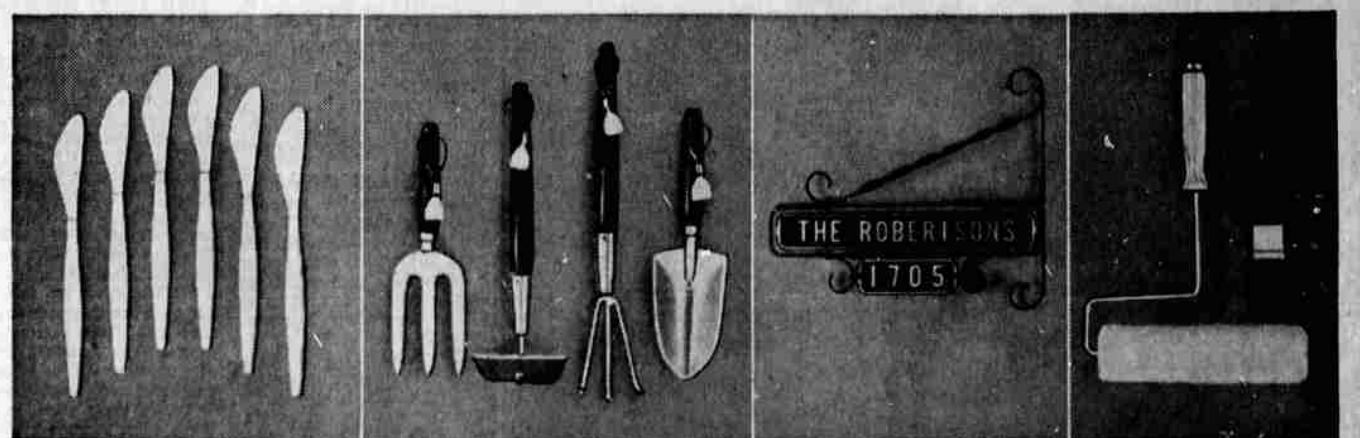
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