

CITY OF SALEM
Written Testimony
City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, February 13, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

5.a. [17-69](#)

May 16, 2017 Public Safety General Obligation Bond Measure

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Recommendation:

Direct staff to present a resolution for Council's consideration, which calls for a measure election to be held on May 16, 2017, to submit to the voters of the city the question of issuing general bonded indebtedness not to exceed \$69,100,000 to finance the development of only a new public safety facility and related capital costs.

Attachments:

[Draft Measure 1 \\$69.1 Million Facility Only](#)

[Draft Measure 2 - \\$79.3 Million Public Safety Facility and Library Improvements](#)

[Draft Measure 3 - \\$64 Million Facility Only](#)

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Amy Johnson

From: Lora Meisner <lmgb@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Brad Nanke; Chuck Bennett; Courtney Knox Busch; citycouncil; Cara Kaser; Chuck Bennett; Dan Atchison; Glenn Gross; Jim Lewis; Kacey Duncan; Kenny Larson; Lynda Rose; Matthew Ausec; Mike Gotterba; Natasha Zimmerman; Peter Fernandez; E-Mail Public; Ruth Stellmacher; Sally Cook; Steve McCoid; Steve Powers; Tom Andersen; Tami Carpenter; Amy Johnson
Cc: John Shepard
Subject: re: police facility

Categories: Follow-up

We are among many other residents of Salem who voted against the bond measure for the new police facility in November. We are *not* among those Salem residents who are anti-tax everything. However, we felt that the price tag was too high and did not include any retrofitting of the public library or the city of Salem government offices. We just felt that we were going to be facing too many property tax increases—1 for the police facility, then a 2nd one for retrofitting, maybe a third one for some expansion or retrofitting. All of a sudden you've lost track of the property tax increases, and then along comes (hopefully not) the total craziness of more taxes for a 3rd bridge. All of these property tax increases would be getting out of hand and guess what? We still don't have any housing for the homeless, or more affordable (workforce) housing, or more books for our library, NOTHING that helps living breathing people. Remember, people? Those beings that sleep under bridges? I get totally disgusted by the lack of responsible priorities of our city government. So you may be on the right track with this next bond measure if it includes more than just a police facility. Shows us the details and you may actually get it passed this next time around. Thank you.

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Subject: PoliceFacility Bond
Categories: Follow-up

Dear Mayor Bennett and Councilors,

I appreciate all the time and consideration you are putting into a new bond measure for the Police Facility and seismic upgrades, as well as your outreach to Salem residents regarding the planning process.

I understand that staff was directed to come back with plans for three possibilities- the larger and smaller stand alone Police Facilities, and one that includes both seismic upgrades to the Library and City Hall as well as a fair amount of renovation to those buildings.

I see that a very important option is missing- a reasonable, carefully budgeted police facility and ONLY seismic upgrades to Library and City Hall. Unless that option is also studied, you are missing out on what many of us think is the most easily passed bond measure. I suspect that some of you think it was only the cost of the bond that drew no votes last time around. I believe that it was as much or more the lack of seismic upgrades that caused it's failure, and will again.

How can you move the police out of an unsafe building and not fix it for those who need to stay and work there, as well as the children and families who use the library? The school district is figuring out how to do seismic upgrades on all the buildings most in need. How can the city not do the same? This is your chance!

Thank you for your time and attention.

Susan Graves

Amy Johnson

From: Geoffrey James A.I.A. <gjamesarchitect@gmail.com>
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Subject: Police+Seismic Alternative Proposal
Attachments: SCV POLICE+SEISMIC 02-13-2017 #2_edited-1.pdf
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Mayor and City Council

MONDAY NIGHT: A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW POLICE FACILITY BOND WE CAN ALL GET BEHIND

Monday night at the the City Council meeting, Salem Community Vision will present its new "Plan B" bond measure proposal. It would fund a 115,000 square foot police facility plus seismic upgrades of City Hall and the Library for \$66.3 million. This is \$15,700,000 less than the \$82 million dollar bond measure that was defeated last November. It is based on police facility costs that are comparable to the new Beaverton police facility that voters there approved last November. But this plan would also save hundreds of lives in the Library and City Hall when the next Cascadia earthquake hits. The police facility cost is lower than any of the options that the City staff is proposing, and two of those do nothing to save lives at City Hall and the Library. We think this is a plan that everyone can get behind in a May, 2017, election.

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POLICE FACILITY BOND MEASURE

CITY PROPOSALS

\$64.0 M POLICE FACILITY ONLY

\$69.1 M LARGER POLICE FACILITY

\$79.3 M POLICE + LIBRARY SEISMIC

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL AND BEST VALUE

\$66.3M POLICE+SEISMIC (x2)

INCLUDES BOTH LIBRARY & CITY HALL

EVEN INCLUDES MOVING EXPENSES

FOR POLICE & LIBRARY

BASED ON NEW BEAVERTON POLICE FACILITY COSTS

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From: Joyce Judy <pacajoyce@sbcglobal.net>
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I am a yes to Plan B. Please approve it.

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Sent from my iPad

Amy Johnson

From: susanlloyd@peak.org
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Subject: Plan B
Categories: Follow-up

Dear Mayor Bennett and Councilors,

I just learned about Salem Community Visions Plan B for the Police Facility and seismic upgrades. I think it's great!! Wish I could be there on Monday but I am in full support.

Thank you.

Susan Graves