

February 21, 2017

TO: Mayor Bennett and City Councilors FROM:Susann Kaltwasser, Ward 8 RE: COMMENTS ON POLICE BOND Taken from Facebook and Nextdoor webpages Received At Council Meeting
Meeting Date:

Agenda Item:
Received by:
From: Susan Kaltwassin

**Sandra:** I don't honestly see how they could have missed the message, seismic retrofits or bust!!!

**Tamra:** Is there any way to put a citizen-backed bond measure on the ballot? I'd vote for what you (SCV) proposed, but I'm voting no on the other ones.

**Michael:** I wish we could do the full renovation of City Hall and the Library but I realize that voters have a modest appetite when it comes to bond issues. react-text: 194 Like /react-text · 2 · February 12 at 6:18pm

Leslie: We voted that down!

react-text: 63 Like /react-text · February 12 at 6:52pm

Michael: Not really, what was voted down--as I understand it-was the funding to build a police

station at City Hall.

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Gary: How about about a bond to create housing for the poor and homeless in our midst?

Mary: Trump Tower for our peace officers or nothing at all. That is a dis-service to our officers. They need a real solution that the citizens can vote on. Come on Mayor Bennett, stop with the ridiculously oversized TRUMP TOWER. Let's put a reasonable and cost-effective solution on the ballot so we can move forward with this desperately needed station.

**Jaime:** We should build a police station that is a bit larger than our current needs. While planning this facility keep in mind an easy expansion plan for the future. No need to over build now. Wait and see what the future brings.

**Brian:** We should sell the current City hall and library site for redevelopment into affordable and multi family housing, use the proceeds to relocate the entirety of city government to the new site in a modern, safe building. Probably at half the cost of retrofitting and building a stand alone police facility.

**Austin:** They don't need all that. 66.3 million should be going into schools an another bridge. Stop buying so many new Chargers and they could afford the new plan.

**Desta:** They do need a better facility, but both the library and city hall need seismic upgrades. This is much better than the 80+ million they proposed that left out the library before. I agree schools need upgrades too though, but it shouldn't derail the need for this

**Austin:** We need to make cuts else where for that. The Police equipment they have isn't needed, it's a want of luxury. If you want to spend 66 million on that, we need to see less of these expensive cop cars and undercover cars.

Marco: this a false dichotomy there is a third choice. No to both

Larry: Why are they looking to acquire more property? And further away from the geographical center of town. Are they planning a substation in South Salem? Transit time from north to south is beyond ridiculous most of the day, making it hard for emergency vehicles to reach situations in a timely manner. What about the property already owned on 22nd, just south of Mission? It's where the police get their fuel and maintenance services. And it's a much more central location of town.

I'm beginning to wonder if there's corruption in our city government as our state government seems to be riddled with.

**Gigi:** There should be seismic upgrades to the Library and City Hall. When Cascadia comes, the city public works department is as vital, if not more vital, than a robust police force. The police need a great facility. We need City people safe to help us get safe water and other necessities in case of an earthquake.

Marco: maybe building needs but not community needs!!!!\

**Kimberly:** And what does it take away from the library? How does it help keep victims from being in close contact with perps? How does this give room the police department desperately needs? Are you taking away from our library? Revamping the library which has already been continually in the midst of updating? How does this help improve parking? And moving costs? Temporary moving or permanent? I get better improvements on building structures, but overall how is this something " we can all get behind"?

**Ken:** Ok. Now the truth comes out. The progressives want to redirect funding to the Library instead of providing for a new police station. We need a Police station that provides for current and future needs of the entire community, the library should not be included in this debate.

And for Pete sake, please stop comparing Salem to other communities. If Salem were exactly the same and had exactly the same requirements for a new police station it would be a fair comparison, but we're not the same...stop it.

**Nick:** Anyone have statistics on the crime rates in the city by types and percentages? I would like to see any new money spent on the Police Department matched with money to combat addiction, high school drop outs, mental health, and funds towards jobs and vocational programs

From Nextdoor

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Thank

Susann: What sort of police facility plan do you want to see on the May 2017 ballot?

In November 2016 Salem voters rejected a \$82 million bond measure for a 148,000 square foot police facility that didn't include funds to seismically retrofit Civic Center buildings. Now the City Council is considering four alternative PLAN B options that could be voted on this May, two of which include money to make ... View more

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Lisa: if it means being safer then go for it

Peggy: I would agree with Joe -

### Tamra:



Since the Police Facility topic is closed (i.e. no comments are allowed) I thought I'd start a new thread on the same topic. There was an alternate plan proposed the night the city council voted that didn't even get mentioned. It's modeled after the Beaverton police facility, and the plan includes lifesaving seismic retrofitting of both City Hall and the Library -- all for \$66 million, \$16 million ... View more

**Michael:** It's a shame Salem PD never considered a joint facility with Marion County Sheriff's Office. I know one was considered about 15 yrs ago out near Cordon Rd/Kuebler area, but then various other non public safety agency departments wanted to jump on and project became to big and convoluted and was rejected.

Property out there is still available. A joint facility, along with district attorney offices, 911 center etc, could be constructed for far less cost, allowing for more police/Sheriff's personnel for patrol, community services, drug teams etc, would much better benefit the city and county citizenry in my opinion.

Roxie: Council Work Session and Special City Council Meeting - Regarding the Police Facility Bond Measure

NOTE: Council Work Session start time: 6:00 p.m. and Special City Council Meeting begins immediately following the work session.

Agenda: Click Here (Agenda available Friday, 2/17/17)

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Tuesclay 2/21/2017 6:00 PM City Hall - Council Chambers 555 Liberty Street SE, Room 240 Salem, OR 97301

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This is from Salem Community Vision's Facebook page: Salem Community Vision

### "WE WANT THIS THING TO PASS"

It's well worth your time to watch this 3 minute video in which local architect and Salem Community Vision Steering Committee member Geoff James describes in detail the \$66.3 million plan for a new police facility and seismic upgrades to our Library and City Hall. As James explains at the end, "We don't think the other three [options] will pass and we want this thing to pass."

Watch the video and then be sure to participate in the "Salem Can Do Better" survey by clicking on the link below. We will be presenting the results of the survey at next Tuesday's City Council work session. Share the survey with your Facebook friends in Salem.

Sandra: We obviously need a PD that is seismic upgraded!! Cordon/Kubler is a long ways from West Salem. The old dealership on the parkway is great centralized location. Wish we could make that work. It's worth the \$\$\$. We SO depend on our Emergency, police services--and especially if we have a natural disaster. It's so worth the cost to tax payers. We're the ones who depend on it. Will try to be at the 2/21 council meeting. Thanks for the support and engagement. We need to be informed and interested. Salem is our community. I've lived here since 1962. This is our home.

**Joe:** With Sanctuary status our City may lose Federal Funds. I believe we should not incur any further debt.

**Joe:** The City should cooperate with the law and cancel sanctuary status if they wish additional funding. Amount not known, but where will we get the money from.

### **SNARK** webpages

Clay: Boondoggle since it was built... hence the useless "jail"..... poor design to begin with.... pissed me off when it was built...

Wayne: And the other 1000 buildings---and bridges?? Sure..

**Kevyn:** well that means we would have to tear down the library and city hall to reconstruct them to be earthquake safe... they are constructed no different than LBCC in albany, death traps

**Jenny:** Buildings aren't typically torn down and rebuilt in the case of earthquake-proofing. The existing buildings are retrofitted. There are a few different ways that can be accomplished depending on the building design.

**Kevyn:** yeah well the building is a death trap regardless, in some cases it'd agree, but def. not in this case

**Ben:** Yes. The whole design as it is should be scrapped. I also think the police station and jail should be relocated by the courthouse. That'll save money on transporting

Jenny: #Yes

Roberta: Yes! And schools, too.

**Don:** They can ask for it, but I hope that they citizens turn this crap down. When was the last time an earthquake ruined anything in the valley

**Dan:** I believe in the natural thinning of the herd. Besides it cost taxpayers just that much more money for an area that doesn't get hardly any earthquakes. If you think it should, where do we stop, flood protection, avalanche protection, tornado pro react-

Bomp: Tear it down and put a round-a-bout in

# Brian Hines testimony, Feb. 21 Council work session

# **Best PLAN B for a Salem Police Facility**

Which of these police facility plans do you like the most?

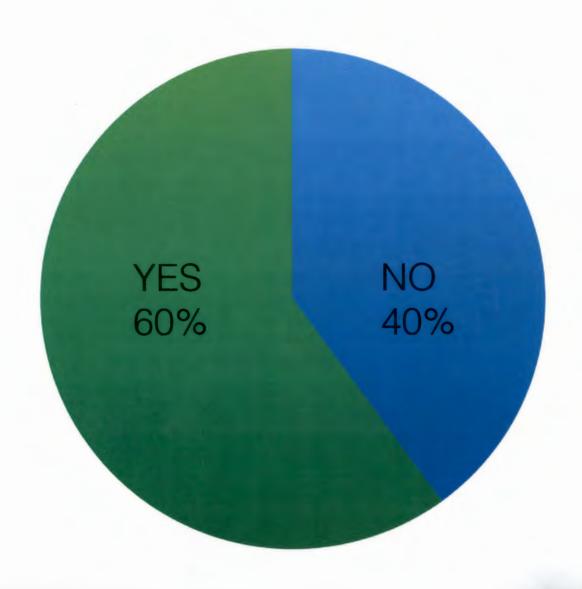
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\$66 million for a 115,000 square foot police facility that costs \$351 per square foot AND money for seismic upgrades to both the Library and City Hall	205 votes	52.0%
\$79 million for a 115,000 square foot police facility that costs \$508 per square foot AND money for seismic upgrades and other renovations to the Library	55 votes	14.0%
None of them. Salem doesn't need a new police facility.	51 votes	12.9%
Other	47 votes	11.9%
\$69 million for a 127,000 square foot police facility that costs \$501 per square foot	27 votes	6.9%
\$64 million for a 115,000 square foot police facility that costs \$508 per square foot	9 votes	2.3%

## Results of Facebook Hashtag Survey question:

"In a May election, should the City Council ask voters for money to make the Library and City Hall earthquake safe?" (90 respondents - background info was provided)



Here's how seismic retrofitting of the Library **AND** building a 115,000 square foot police facility for **exactly the same construction budget as in the City's current plan** can be done for **\$65.4 million**, just \$1.4 million more than the City's budget for a police facility alone.

- (1) **Save \$8.6 million** by reductions in the Development Costs, Escalation, and Contingency budget items.
- (2) Add in \$10 million for seismic retrofitting of the Library.
- (3) Result: \$64.0 M \$8.6 M + \$10.0 M = \$65.4 million

### Which is more important?

**Saving lives** of Library staff, volunteers, and visitors to the Library, including children at StoryTime, when the Big One earthquake hits.

### or...

**Spending an excessive amount** on design/consultant fees, a construction inflation estimate, and a contingency reserve far above what Beaverton used in its police facility budget.