

Subject: City Hall Project

Dear Manzanita City Council and City Manager,

After much thought, I appeal to you to vote for a BOND to fund the City Hall and Police Department facility. This will: 1) Allow the community to have a voice in this important project and, 2) Provide a defined means for repayment of borrowed funds.

This is my reasoning:

The citizens of Manzanita voted down a previous bond for \$8,500,000, 2:3, in 2018. After that, many concerned people requested alternatives for this facility. A Petition, readily signed by 260 people, was presented to City Council, by Will Stone, a respected member of our community. Others have repeatedly spoken up in public meetings, written letters, and participated in Town Hall Sessions requesting less costly alternatives to be explored. The Petition was brushed aside and labelled, "silly". Other ideas have been ignored, dismissed, and the people who asked for these, denigrated. I have personally heard them referred to as, "fruit loops".

At this point, except for a tenacious few, many people are no longer comfortable speaking out. And, those that do, are consistently brushed aside.

At our recent Town Hall Meeting, with our City Manager, Architects, Owner's Representative, and potential Builder present, only one option was presented. This was for a new building to be placed on the Eastern corner of Underhill Plaza, sized down to 6,000 square feet, and estimated to cost \$5,800,000. No other options were offered and no clear path for repayment was proposed, other than: Option 1) A \$3,500,000 BOND, to be repaid by property owners and supported with city funds; Option 2) A FCC Loan, to be repaid with a potpourri of city monies including fund raisers, possible grants and property sales, and, "anything else we can think of". Option 3) Abandoning the project at this time.

I would very much like to see this project move forward, however there must be a responsible path to repay the funds. I am concerned that without relying on the property owners to provide a base of funds for the repayment, the general fund will become so overextended with debt payments that basic city service cuts will become a reality. This would negatively affect the long term viability and overall livability of our small village.

As a property owner, I would prefer to share in the burden of the loan than to put our community culture and livability at risk.

Please, when you have the opportunity to vote on this project, in June, vote for the BOND option. Let the people have a voice, and be asked if the project should move forward as proposed. It is the responsible, and fair, thing to do.

Thank you for your time, and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol Kennedy

Subject: June 7, City Council meeting to approve Phase 2 of the City Hall project

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

It has been a long road with many hours of community input and meetings and I would urge you to approve Phase 2 of the City Hall project and exploration of financing options on June 7, 2023.

The City manager and her team have diligently addressed the input from the community. All residents have had an opportunity to express their opinions and ideas and it is now time to move forward. We will never be able to satisfy 100% of the residents.

I also encourage you to demolish the eyesore of a school house as soon as possible since enough studies have shown that it is not practical or cost effective to try and renovate it.

Manzanita is embarking on a path to deal with all its challenges and chart its future. A new City Hall is part of that future.

I would respectfully ask you to vote to approve Phase 2 of the City Hall project.

Thank you,
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Good afternoon;

I am submitting a note to include in the Council packet for this week.

TO: City Council and Mayor of Manzanita DATE: June 5 2023

I am writing to encourage our City Council and Mayor to vote YES to move Manzanita to Phase 2 of the City Hall Project at their June 7th meeting.

In addition I encourage council to give the go ahead to pursue the State of Oregon Loan application to fund the construction.

We have all waited many years to get to this point. Manzanita has spent tens of thousands of dollars on studies, surveys and technical reports to help inform the citizens and elected leaders of this community what our best options are. We have the information, and it is solid.

We need a city hall, our city employees need a city hall. We can afford construction.

Let's get a city hall.

Sincerely

Mark Kuestner

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Message: Re: New City Hall

I urge the Council to vote in favor of Phase II of the City Hall building project, and proceed with financing as recommended by the City Manager.

In hindsight, a previous Council paid more than they should have for the Underhill site, given the environmental mitigation costs that the City has to bear, and subsequent Councils spent unwisely in pursuit of a new building without a proper focus on planning in stages. However I do not see these sunk costs as a reason to delay. The process underway is a good one; you have personnel in place for a good outcome; and the community has been heard.

Onward!

Karen Reddick Yurka, Manzanita citizen