

Salem police facility returns to city agenda

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A work session to discuss possible proposals for a new Salem Police Department facility will be held next Monday at 6 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Two cheaper cost estimates for a new police facility have come forward. One is \$63.9 million and another is \$69.1 million, compared to the \$82 million bond measure that voters shot down last year. The new proposals have cut out a 911 center, which was [part of the old plan that was rejected](#).

There is also a proposal of \$15 million to seismically retrofit the Salem Public Library and give it a roof "it desperately needs," Mayor Chuck Bennett said.

He said a ballot measure could go to voters in May.

The purpose of the Feb. 6 work session is to give councilors the opportunity to see what a "repackaged proposal would look like," he said.

City spokesman Kenny Larson said public comment would be allowed.

Local progressive group Salem Community Vision in a statement urged people "with strong opinions" on the matter to attend the meeting and share their thoughts with city councilors.

Officers currently work out of the Vern Miller Civic Center downtown along with other city officials. Salem Police Chief Jerry Moore [has said](#) police still need a new space.

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