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City Hall City Departments Plan Move To New Annex

A number of Santa Cruz city departments will pack up bag and baggage on Saturday of next week to move into the new city hall annex behind the existing city hall on Church Street.

Making the move will be the public works, water, finance, building inspection and planning divisions. City Manager Dave Koester said two moving firms had been hired so the switch-over can be accomplished in one day and allow the offices to be open in their new location on Monday, December 18.

The particular departments making the move were chosen because they do the most direct business with the public, Koester said. This will place the bulk of the city's dealings with the public in one central location.

The finance and water departments, for instance, will be located on the ground floor of the new \$450,000 building, since most of the public's business is transacted with these two divisions.

Water and finance also make most use of the city's data processing system, and that section will be located for easy access between the two departments.

By the same token, all the departments dealing with the public on building and development matters will be located together on the top floor. All building inspection, planning and public works offices will be housed there.

Previously, Koester pointed out, a person wishing to build

a new house might have first dealt with the planning department in the existing hall, then have crossed the street to the civic auditorium building to secure a permit from the building inspectors, then have recrossed the street to visit the public works department.

Now its all together on the same floor.

Another reason for the groupings in the new building was that the sections located there have the greatest need for inter-departmental contact, Koester said.

The building's interior is pleasant and well-lighted, but far from elegant, which is precisely what the city had in mind. Its spartan aspects derive from the city council's efforts to put up as much adequate building as possible for the least amount of money, Koester said.

Almost all the structure's 15,000 square feet of floor space is fully usable, for instance, because all halls and stairways are outside. Offices and other closed areas are carpeted, but open spaces are laid with vinyl tile. The building has piped in music, but the city will provide its own tapes and operate the system.

The existing hall, built in 1938, is connected to the annex by a covered walkway which runs through a patio area centered by a large fountain and pond.

Interior of the new building is finished entirely in various shades of brown, except for white acoustic tile ceilings. All

lighting is recessed into the ceilings, and the building's forced air heating and cooling systems exhaust through vents in the lighting fixtures.

The remodeling job for the existing city hall, which will cost an estimated \$110,000, is out to bid now, and the city hopes to award the job on December 26. When it's finished, at least six months from now, the police department will occupy the entire north wing, now occupied by the water and finance departments.

Koester's office and the personnel section will move into the south wing where the planning and public works departments are now. The parks and recreation department will leave its civic auditorium home to move into Koester's office and the space now occupied by the personnel section.

Remodeling costs will be held to a bare minimum, Koester said, because all the changes in the existing hall may prove to be temporary, since a space use study has found the police department may require a separate building in as few as five years.

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