City to review curfew for its young people

SANTA CRUZ — The City Council will hear a proposal for an enforceable curfew for young people in the city, a public hearing on the sphere of influence and new parking meter rates Tuesday evening.

The council meets at both and evening session at 7:30 and an afternoon session at 4 p.m.

Regular business in the afternoon includes the cost of storm damage to water facilities, emergency road repair on DeLaveaga Park Road, a hotel study, library policy statement and appointments by the mayor to the Sky Park use committee.

Concerning the curfew, the Toughlove organization is asking the city to revise its inactive curfew ordinance and make it workable by prohibiting late-hour "loitering" on city streets by the young.

For people under 14, the curfew would be from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., unless accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult having custody and control of the minor.

For people between 15 and 18, the curfew would be midnight and last to 5 a.m., unless with an adult.

According to Toughlove, the curfew ordinance should mandate "such minors in violation of curfew will be dispersed by the city police.

"Willful disobedience of curfew by refusal to comply with police request will result in the follow-

•Completion of a juvenile con-

•Notification of the parent by mail of curfew violation of minor and submission of contact into computerized record.

•Subsequent violations will re-

sult in a citation.

On beach and wharf parking, staff is recommending changing 348 meters in the Beach Flats area from 25 cents to 50 cents an hour in the commercial areas and convert select meters on some residential streets to 50 cents an hour.

Those are on Third Street from Beach to Kaye; the first nine meters north of Beach on Raymond Street, the first 10 meters north of Beach on Liebrandt, Second Street from Riverside to Cliff and Beach Street from Washington to West Cliff.

Also, convert all meters on Washington Street and Front Street from Beach to Second from 25 cents for two hours to 25 cents for one hour.

Install new 25-cent meters on Washington Street on the west side between Second and Pacific Avenue.

On the wharf: change all meters to 25 cents and convert 250 high-use meters in the commercial area to 50 cents an hour.

For the central business section, it is proposed that meter charges be increased from between five and 20 cents an hour to 10 to 25 cents an hour with a bargain three hours for a quarter.