

# Special projects boost city budget

A record \$6.77 million budget was formally approved Thursday by the Capitola City Council.

The Council also approved 5.5 percent pay raises for nearly all salaried city employees.

City Manager Steve Burrell received a 12.5 percent increase, boosting his salary from \$48,000 to \$54,000 a year.

Police Chief Bob Allen received a 15.82 percent increase, raising his monthly salary from \$3,312 to \$3,836, or \$46,032 a year.

Some part-time hourly employees didn't fare as well as their full-time counterparts. Code enforcement officers — the handicapped employees who enforce Village parking regulations — part-time animal control officers and relief dispatchers in the city police department all got raises from \$6.16 an hour to \$6.40 — a 3.9 percent increase.

The city's part time mechanic had his hourly wage increased from \$10.89 to \$11.50 an hour — a 5.6 percent increase.

Reserve police officers will continue to get \$7 a hour — no increase.

Summer employees — lifeguards, seasonal maintenance workers and clerical

interns — each got a 25 cent an hour raise.

Police patrol officers will see their monthly salary range increase from the present six step \$1,791-\$2,232 range to \$1,889-\$2,355 a month.

Police sergeants will see their pay increase from the present \$2,286-\$2,847 up to a range of \$2,412-\$3,003 a month.

Police department clerk/dispatchers are now paid on a six-step scale ranging from \$1,362 to \$1,695 a month. That will increase to \$1,437-\$1,788.

Other salary schedules include:

✓ Public Works Director — up from a five step range of \$2,490-\$3,027 to \$2,627-\$3,194 a month.

✓ Maintenance Worker III — up from \$1,899-\$2,309 to \$1,905-\$2,436 a month.

✓ Maintenance Worker I — up from \$1,459-\$1,773 to \$1,539-\$1,871.

✓ Planning Director — up from \$2,490-\$3,027 to \$2,627-\$3,194 a month.

✓ Assistant Planner or Housing Coordinator — up from \$1,787-\$2,172 to \$1,885-\$2,291.

✓ Records Coordinator — increased from \$1,466-\$1,782 to \$1,547-\$1,880.

✓ Finance Officer — increased from \$1,851-\$2,250 to \$1,953-\$2,374.

✓ Administrative Secretary

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Although the city budget is the largest ever considered in the city's 35 year history, most of the increase is contained in special projects.

Expenditures from the general fund, which is supported by sales tax receipts, property taxes, business license fees and other miscellaneous taxes and fees, total just \$2,769,198 for the new fiscal year.

Property taxes, once the mainstay of city government, is now a small percentage of the city's total revenues. Capitola expects to receive \$198,000 this year from property taxes — a 10 percent increase over last fiscal year's \$180,420.

Sales tax collections, by contrast, will total \$1.7 million this year, City Manager Steve Burrell said. In the past fiscal year, the city has collected \$1.6 million.

The major increases in the city budget are in several special purpose accounts.

Burrell is proposing to spend \$864,400 in the Village and Beach Parking District — primarily to purchase the Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park, but also to install pay parking "banks" in the Village.

The Community Facilities Building Fund has \$1,231,000 budgeted in it this year. Included in that account is

\$460,000 to purchase a shuttle bus parking lot on McGregor Drive near the entrance to New Brighton Beach State Park and \$540,000 to build a community gymnasium at the New Brighton Middle School. The remainder will be used to pay general administrative fees, debt service on bonds that will be issued by the City Council through the Capitola Public Facilities Corp. later this year to raise \$1.5 million, architectural and inspection services for the gymnasium.

The city also plans to spend \$431,672 this year to complete its Capitola Street Improve-

ment Project No. 2, the widening and rebuilding of Capitola Road between 41st and 30th Avenues.

Another \$129,100 will be spent by the city in the Derby-Trotter tract on Capitola Street Improvement Project No. 3.

Money for both projects comes from assessment district bond sales or, in the case of the Capitola Road work, also from federal highway money.

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