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## Vote In Future?

# Hammond Put On Port Unit

Santa Cruz City Councilman Jim Hammond was named Tuesday to the Santa Cruz Port District Commission by unanimous vote of the city council.

He succeeds G. William Domhoff, who resigned recently because of the demands of academic assignments.

The council also nominated Norman Lezin to be the port district chairman, but this nomination will have to be approved by county supervisors before an actual appointment can be made.

Under the state legislation that formed the port district, the city and county separately appoint two members each to the commission, then jointly

appoint the chairman.

Lezin served one term as port chairman, from June, 1973 to January, 1977. His replacement in that post was Sally DiGirolamo, former Santa Cruz City Councilwoman. But after serving just a couple of months DiGirolamo had to leave the commission following her defeat in a bid for reelection to the council.

In another related action Tuesday, the council voted unanimously to seek state legislation requiring popular election of all port district commissioners.

Mayor Joseph Ghio and other council members have long held that only elected persons should serve on the port commission because this commission has the legal authority to levy taxes.

Carole DePalma sought the appointment of John Schweiber, a commercial fisherman, to the chairman's post on the port commission. However, she could not get the nomination seconded.

Earlier Tuesday the council interviewed applicants for the port commission and other posts on the city's various boards, commissions and committees.

One councilman said he had read the applications thoroughly but felt a real need to meet the applicants personally so as "to attach faces to the names."

Some 50 applicants showed up during the first hour of the interviews at Heiner House.

Councilmembers met the applicants during an informal session and asked questions on a one-to-one basis.

The council took no action either at this afternoon session or at its evening session to fill vacancies other than those on the port commission. Such action was scheduled Tuesday evening, but the session ran very late because of other business, and all the other appointments were held in abeyance until at least June 14.



Jim Hammond

## DeLaveaga Golf Pass Moratorium

Effective today, and until at least June 14, the city has clamped a moratorium on the sale of annual passes for the DeLaveaga Golf Course.

The action was voted to put a "hold" on sale of passes at the current rate until the Santa Cruz City Council can act on a proposal to increase the fees for passes by some 30 per cent, as recommended by the city golf course committee.

Councilman Bert Muhly got the moratorium imposed after roasting the city staff for not including in an analysis of the committee's proposal complete information on the passes, including those given free to VIP's.

Muhly was incensed by the information that the sale of passes is staggered through the year and that each pass runs for a year from the date of its purchase.

The original idea expressed by Muhly was to have the passes run from the same date each year to the next year, and when he learned this could not be done, that action had to be taken immediately to forestall renewal of some 80 passes at this time at the current (lower) rate, he moved for the moratorium.

The council has been acting slowly on the golf course committee's proposal because it is lengthy, complex, and more information is wanted.

Essentially, over-all fee increases will average to about 16.9 per cent to make the golf course more self-supporting.

## Hammond Quits State Job Office

Jim Hammond has announced his retirement as director of the state's Santa Cruz area Employment Development Department office.

The resignation became effective May 25.

Hammond said Tuesday, "Now I'm a fulltime Santa Cruz city councilman," and later that day he accepted an appointment to serve as a city representative on the port district commission (see story above).

Hammond was hospitalized shortly after his election last March to the city council and was given surgery for cancer. He took his oath of office April 19, then later was given excused leave from council duties to convalesce in Mexico.

Hammond returned to council duties Tuesday to participate in lengthy interviews of candidates for appointment to other city offices and to attend a lengthy business meeting and public hearing Tuesday night.