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No More Library Property Purchases, Council Says

Santa Cruz councilmen agreed informally last night not to purchase any additional library property until a proposed city-county library district is resolved.

Mayor John Daly was asked to convey this policy statement to the city library commission.

The no-purchase position was taken on recommendation of City Manager Peter Tedesco.

"I don't think it is advisable to spend any more money at this time. Ultimately, we may have a unified library system and the city would be contributing just that much more," Tedesco said.

Mayor Daly, library liaison member, pointed out that the proposed purchase of the John Sigurdson dental laboratory at

215 Locust street would square off the downtown library parcel.

He said he feels Tedesco is "optimistic" in statements that the library district program will be formalized to the point where it can be accepted or rejected early in 1962.

Councilman Ted Foster said he hopes some program can be evolved to eliminate double taxation of city residents for library services.

No vote was taken on the no-purchase edict, but a majority of the council seemed in concurrence in its comments.

A three-year lease on an apartment in the city-owned Bliss professional building next to the library was approved. It includes a \$62.50 monthly rental with a 30-day cancellation by either party.

Other council actions Tuesday night:

DUMP — Bid of Peter Berry, 683-D Calabassas road, Watsonville, was accepted for management of the city dump. Berry will pay the city \$52.50 per month for salvage rights. He will have an obligation to keep the facility open seven days a week and maintain it in satisfactory condition.

ANNEXATION — Tedesco was authorized to petition the county for non-contiguous annexation of a four-acre parcel at Liddell springs. This annexation would save the city about \$330 in taxes.

DELAVEAGA — Councilman Harry Carriger reported on progress of discussions between the city and national guard for reciprocal easements in DeLaveaga park. National guard officials presented a list of conditions and "none were so difficult that we can't live with them," Carriger said.

The city hopes to get access to portions of the 125-acre armory site for a municipal golf course and other recreational developments.

Tedesco said this morning the state military department is asking for increased water pressure, assurance of an adequate access road, and poison oak clearance in addition to right of use of La-Corona areas.

Battista D'Anna Rites Pending

Battista D'Anna, 68, a native of Italy and a resident of this area for the last 38 years, died today in a local hospital. His home was on Highway 9, South, Felton, and for several years he had worked as a cook in the Felton area.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Ferguson mortuary.

Exchange To Close Holidays

San Francisco (AP). — The Pacific Coast Stock Exchange offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

On the Friday before Christmas, December 22, the hours will be from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Friday before New Year's, December 29, will have normal hours, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FUNERALS

ELSIE LABATO

Funeral services for Elsie Labato were conducted today at 10 a.m. in White's chapel with Fr