

Budget Includes Funds For New Improvements In City

Playground Equipment, Sewer For Wharf, Garage Facilities Planned For Fiscal Year Budget

Acquisition of playground equipment for Curtis park, Mountain View and Logan park, Garfield park and Covered Bridge picnic grounds; installation of a sewer on the municipal wharf; and complete reconstruction of the city garage facilities were some of the items contained in the explanation furnished by City Manager Neal D. Smith with the budget proposals for the coming fiscal year.

Smith elaborated his explanations in an 11-page letter of transmittal, designed to facilitate the study of the departmental proposed budgets by the city council and the public.

In his introduction the city manager outlined the manner in which he arrived at the preliminary budget, and recounted some of the technical difficulties encountered in compiling the document.

Going into details, he explained the re-organization of the garage

department, and then discussed salary schedules considered in the budget.

"Salaries and wages have been computed on the basis of existing wage schedules," Smith wrote. "There is need for some wage adjustment which will be presented to you in a separate report. A new system of salary classification will also be submitted. Individual budgets will have to be adjusted to conform with any changes approved prior to adoption of this budget."

The city manager stated today that work on the new salary schedule is in progress, and that submission of the report may be expected soon.

First major item singled out for explanation is the sum of \$4000 proposed for the purpose of ordinance codification. Smith said that there are some 2000 ordinances which were adopted over a period of 83 years, many of which repeal

"It is almost impossible to find all the ordinances pertaining to a given subject at the present time," the city manager stated.

He recommended that Louis H. Burke, whom he termed "probably the most experienced and best qualified person in the state of California for such a job, should start as soon as the budget is approved.

Under advertising and promotion, a total of \$9000 is listed with the explanation that a letter from the chamber of commerce requested between \$9000 and \$14,000 for the purpose of general community advertising, tourist promotion, industrial promotion, convention promotion, and special events.

Smith said that the budget calls for \$9000 total expense for advertising and promotion, which is almost double the amount spent for these purposes during the past year.

Discussion of the city clerk's department forecasts the installation of a central telephone switchboard for the city government. At the present time, each office operates on a separate number directly off the Santa Cruz exchange.

Principal items for consideration in the electrical department are fire alarm maintenance, street lighting and power maintenance, and capital outlay for radio units, street light poles on Morrissey boulevard, and fire alarm boxes. The Morrissey boulevard item is for the purchase of steel poles for the center of the boulevard between Water street and Fairmount or amend other ordinances or are not even in print.

The acquisition and installation is deemed necessary in the interest of public safety.

A \$10,000 request of the county health officer is represented in the preliminary budget with the city manager's remark that the health services are county-wide and are one of the services that the people within the cities should get from their county tax money. The county health officer will present his view at a later conference on the budget.

The increased budget for the police department reflects the request for four additional patrolmen, to take the place of those officers who take their day off or are on vacations and sick leaves. The position of policewoman has been eliminated.

The proposal of a \$116,205 fire department budget, as compared with last year's \$74,204, is based on the recommended purchase of an aerial ladder truck, costing about \$30,000, as well as the addition of two hosemen to operate additional equipment.

A complete change of operations in the garage department will be

yet be exactly determined. The report states that it is hoped to reduce the number of operators after a while when the plant can be operated automatically during the night. The amount of chlorine necessary is still unknown at this time.

With added transportation for the park department crew, the city manager believes that a more effective showing can be made during this year. The cost of beach cleaning is also included in the park department budget.

The recreation department budget provides for a minimum of personnel to carry on a reasonable program of activities during the winter, with an augmented program of playground activities during the summer, Smith stated. The summer program is scheduled for six play grounds, most of which are school fields.

Slides, swings, climbing trees and similar playground equipment is provided for under capital outlay.

The \$28,500 wharf department proposal includes repair of davits and replacement of deteriorated piling; \$5000 have been budgeted for sewer construction and other wharf additions.

The amount of unbudgeted reserve is set at \$33,300, but the city manager stated that it would be desirable to increase this fund. He also called attention to the city charter provision which says that a permanent revolving reserve account for the purpose of keeping the city on a permanent cash basis should be established as soon as practicable. The account should be 40 per cent of the annual budget as soon as possible. Smith said that the more can be put in the unbudgeted reserve fund each year, the more funds will be available for the general reserve account.

A detailed statement of the water department will be submitted in a few days.

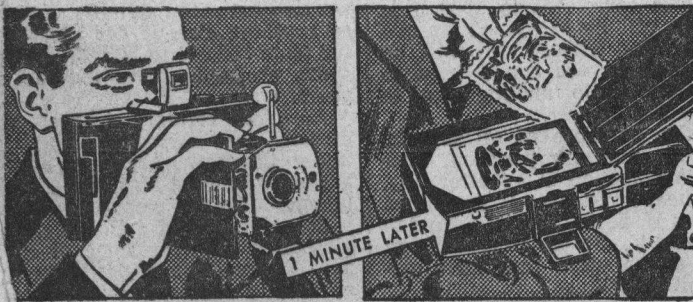
Spouses Ousted From Union By Wives' Rebellion

San Diego, Calif., June 16 (AP)—Four members of an AFL Teamsters' Union branch were reported expelled as a result of a recent "wives rebellion."

The wives picketed headquarters of the Building Materials and Dump Truck Drivers' local as one maneuver in the factional dispute. They carried signs saying the union's officers were acting like dictators.

Three other members were reported placed on probation by the union's executive board. The

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undertaken with the start of the new fiscal year. The superintendent of shops will be determined by civil service examination. All mobile equipment will be assigned to the garage and costs of operating and maintaining it will be charged to the garage. Funds for the purchase of operating and repair parts and material will be provided, and the yard will be resurfaced.

About \$17,000 are budgeted for new buildings, gas tanks will be moved to new locations, and storage sheds will be provided for equipment. A loading dock is also proposed.

Considering the street department, the city manager stated that large sums of money could well be spent in improving the many miles of streets which are heavily traveled but inadequately surfaced. Since, however, the cost of doing very much in permanent improvements involve large sums of money, the city will have to continue to maintain these streets in a reasonable condition with as much permanent type improvements being done as possible.

Smith expressed the hope that a number of "cooperative projects" could be developed during the year, in which the owners will pay for the material with the city doing the work.

The sum of \$7500 has been budgeted for weed control through the use of chemical sprays. Heretofore, it has been necessary to cut weeds loose with a blade, then loading the dirt and grass into a truck and hauling it away. Thus, gutters have been getting deeper every year.

Principal capital outlay item is a rock crusher, for which \$18,000 are included.

The sewer department is much concerned with the operation of the new sewage treatment plant, the requirements of which cannot

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