

# Lighthouse Field Clean-Up Demanded

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West Cliff Drive residents punctuated their anger over the shabby condition of Lighthouse Field by presenting the Santa Cruz City Council with a 200-name petition Tuesday night demanding the mess be cleaned up.

Instead of being the "scenic spot" of the city, Lighthouse Field has become a dumping ground for litter and junk, said resident Karl Quosig, who presented the petition to the council.

The city has said its options for taking care of the problem are limited because the land is still owned by Teachers Management Investment Corp. pending its purchase by the

state for a city-county park.

"It's a nuisance," said Quosig. "If I let my backyard go, the city would clean it up and put a lien on my property," he said.

Ed Porter, a resident of Lighthouse Avenue, said the problem is with motorists, who bring the litter to the field. He urged that vehicles be prohibited from the area and the perimeter of the land so posted.

Mayor John Mahaney explained that the city has asked the Police Department to increase patrols in the area and will check into installing permanent trash cans.

The problem, he explained, is due to be discussed by the city-county Lighthouse Field Advisory Committee this week.

In other action, the council

unanimously approved the second reading of ordinances requiring service station dealers to post their prices and allowing the city to boost parking fines.

The gas price signs must be posted in such a manner that they are visible from traffic lanes in all directions around the service station.

The new parking citation ordinance boosts the bail on a meter citation from \$2 to \$3. Leaving a vehicle parked after receipt of a citation also will result in an additional fine of \$3.

Attempts to extend the time limit in a city lot by moving a car from one space to another or by removing the car and immediately returning to the lot will result in a fine of \$10.

Both ordinances take effect in 30 days.

In other matters Tuesday night:

**WESTERN DRIVE** — The council prezoned a portion of Western Drive between High and Meder streets to R-1-10 zoning. That single-family residence designation requires 10,000 square foot lot minimums.

Prezoning was done as a step in the process of seeking to annex the area to the city. The designation is consistent with the proposed Western Drive master plan to the city's general plan.

In a companion matter, the council denied a request by Maynard Manson of Wave Crest Development Co. to zone his parcel in that proposed annexation area to R-1-7, requiring minimum lots of 7,000. The request would have allowed an increase from about 27 units to

37 units on the property.

**MALL LIGHTING** — The council authorized a call for bids on first phase of the Downtown Lighting Improvement Project.

The first phase, estimated to cost \$44,200, consists of new lighting in the area of the mall from Front Street to Cathcart Street, and on Soquel Avenue from the mall to Front Street and the city's public parking lot.

**PARKING PURCHASE** — The council approved the purchase of 29 parking spaces from PG&E at a cost of \$170,000 (\$5,860 per space). The property is behind the PG&E office, adjacent to the city's public parking lot.

**SECOND STREET** — The council authorized a call for bids for improvements to Second Street. Plans call for the

installation of permanent concrete curbs to replace temporary asphalt berm traffic channels, street lights and landscaping.

**LOCUST STREET WALKWAY** — The council authorized a call for bids for improvements to the Locust Street walkway to Rincon Street. The project is part of the neighborhood improvement plan funded by the federal government. At the urging of Councilman Bruce Van Allen, the council added handrails and a bench to the project.

**MEASURE O** — In an informational item, the council received a report from Planning Director Peter Katzlberger stating that the city will "probably exceed" its nine-month target of (225) permits for residential development. Total expected development is 285, he wrote.

Katzlberger noted that since the city has decided to control growth at the approval stage rather than at the time of building permit issuance, it's difficult to determine exactly how many of the approved units will be built.

He said his department will canvass those persons with approved plans and report back at the second council meeting in October with a better estimate.

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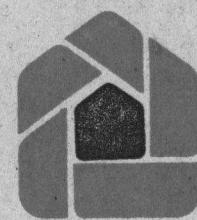


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