

Weather Report

Temperature for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today — Maximum 66, minimum 37.

Monterey Bay Area — Overcast becoming fair tonight and tomorrow; warmer tomorrow; northwest wind, 12-25 knots.

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UCSC - History

Council Approves UC Site Agreement Unanimously

By Jack Rannells

Santa Cruz councilmen unanimously okayed the University of California campus cooperation agreement last night.

Action followed an 80-minute go-around which ended in a take-it-our-way-or-drop-it amendment to the underground utilities section.

As rewritten, it reserves the right of the city—with university concurrence — to determine in which sections of the university planning area underground utilities will be required.

The agreement and a companion document from the county will be presented to U.C. regents Friday at their meeting at Westwood.

Approval by the regents would clear the way for final purchase of the 1994-acre campus area from the S. H. Cowell foundation.

Council argument with the utilities section presented was that it blanketed the broad university planning area (similar in scope to the building "freeze") with the requirement. Exceptions would have been possible only on mutual agreement by the city and university.

"This is negative," Councilman John McBain insisted in the pre-

council meeting and regular session.

"We're talking about everything from Mission street up and giving them the right to say everything will be underground except for a few wires they may approve."

"I shock people every day telling them what underground lines cost," said McBain, a Pacific Telephone company official.

Councilmen George Wilson and Bert Snyder were in firm agreement.

City Attorney John Barber backed them with the argument: "As long as they (the university) have the right of agreement, they have the right of never agreeing to anything, and everything in the area would have to go underground as this is written."

He advised that "positive" word would not present this problem.

City Manager Peter Tedesco, who had discussed the point with university officials by telephone several times during the day, argued that underground utility areas would be determined in the university master plan and this would not be effective without council approval.

However, the three dissidents challenged this as "ducking the issue" and took further disagreement with Tedesco's statement that the utilities will cost the city nothing.

"We represent taxpayers of the city," McBain pointed out.

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