

The city's message to federal government

SANTA CRUZ — It may have little or no impact at the federal level, but it drew a round of applause in Santa Cruz.

The applause came as the City Council unanimously approved a resolution urging the federal government put more money into peaceful jobs and less into the military.

It became a unanimous motion only after Councilman Michael Rotkin agreed to remove one paragraph at the insistence of Councilman Joseph Ghio.

It read, "The Reagan administration is preparing to 'fight' a limited nuclear war and pursuing programs

of foreign military intervention by building up nuclear and conventional weapons far beyond the defensive needs of our nation."

Ghio said the build up had been going on for many administrations and shouldn't be blamed on Reagan alone.

Jobs for Peace advocate Gary Hughes reminded the council the city had approved an initiative on the issue last year with a 66-percent supportive vote.

He said the council's action "recognizes the crisis exists in Santa Cruz" and said the only place the federal government could get money to create jobs is "by reducing the military spending."