

City Council Acts To Place ²⁻²⁷⁻ ⁵² Fluoridation Plan On Ballot

The 1951 city water fluoridation ordinance was wiped off the books last night.

City councilmen repealed the measure which gave them power to initiate fluoridation, and instead adopted a new ordinance which will be subject to approval of the voters.

The ordinance will be included as a proposition, on the June 3 ballot. If approved by the voters, it will enable the council to initiate measures including the addition of not more than 1.2 parts fluoride per million parts of water to the city water system.

Action to submit the issue to popular vote was taken as consequence of the controversy raging around the issue. Earlier* this month, petitions carrying 850 signatures were received by the council, asking that the matter be submitted to the vote of the people.

During last night's regular council meeting, the flood control and stream beautification commission submitted a recommendation that the charter be amended to permit use of flood control tax funds for storm drain construction, provided, however, that five cents of the tax be reserved for flood control use. Limit of the tax is 10 cents. At the present time, four cents are levied for flood control.

No action was taken on the proposal, which will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

A petition carrying 13 signatures of property owners and residents on Market street and Reed Way for flood protection on Branciforte creek was referred to the flood control commission for study and recommendations.

The council took under advisement a recommendation from the water commission urging cancellation of the water service contract with Pasatiempo, Inc. The recommendation was written while the Pasatiempo corporation was still delinquent in payments for water received, but full payment has been received since.

The city manager was instructed to contact J. T. Davidson, 147 Belvedere Terrace, regarding his petition for street work on Caledonia street and Peck Terrace.

Eight bids were received for a primary rock crushing unit, and were referred to the city manager. Bids were authorized for a truck chassis, and for water pipe for the Branciforte creek crossing at Water street.

The council also granted driveway permits to Standard Oil company at Soquel avenue and Darwin street; and Mrs. Elbert S. Heywood, 335 Riverside avenue, and awarded the contract to print the municipal code to the Sentinel job printing department.

A request of Batista J. Stagnaro for abandonment of a portion of Bethany curve was referred to the planning commission.