

City Manager's Quarterly Report Shows Progress On City Projects

(Editor's note: The following quarterly progress report was submitted to the city council by City Manager Robert N. Klein).

ENGINEERING AND STREETS:

1. High street improvement completed.
2. Plans and specifications are ready for advertisement on Laurel street. Improvement work should start on this project by October 1.
3. Front street extension improvement. City is now in process of acquiring rights-of-way.
4. Coral-Josephine drain plans

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will be ready about October 1, barring any change which may be required as a result of freeway routing on "business district by-pass."

5. Wrigley area storm drain. Advertisement for bids in September.
6. Street maintenance and improvement schedule includes completing last year's obligation on improvement of San Juan (north of Morrissey), Allerton (between Pacheco and Marnell), and completion of Prospect Heights (between Pacheco and San Juan). All this is being done under last year's "curb and gutter" policy.
7. Assessment districts have thus far not been desired and solicited by residents, except on an occasional block.
8. Corporation yard—New open storage area on Golf Club drive has been graded and is gradually being surfaced as time permits from other work.

PARK AND RECREATION:

1. Summer program completed.
2. State recreation commission survey ready for presentation to joint meeting of the school board and the council about September 28.
3. After plans are prepared by the engineering department, the park department will construct new restroom facility at softball diamond in DeLaveaga park.
4. Entrance to the Covered Bridge park picnic grounds improved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. Gas and oil facility for passenger cars and motorcycles completed at the rear of the East Side station, and facility is in operation.
2. West Side station preliminary plans are being prepared.
3. Fire department main station is preparing plans to build a shop facility.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. New motorcycle agreement for economical purchase and maintenance of police and parking meter motorcycles.
2. Bicycle safety program to be started with beginning of school year. An illustrated booklet containing bicycle operation laws and instructions is being prepared to be issued with bicycle licenses.
3. Police patrols on a regular basis have supplanted the watchmen on the wharf.
4. Lifeguards are completing another season with the addition of a lifeguard stand at Seabright.
5. The Santa Cruz police department has maintained its "clean city" record.
 - (a) The American Social Hygiene association survey on commercialized prostitution recently gave this city one of the cleanest bills of health in the state.
 - (b) There are no serious vice conditions, and a very low rate of juvenile delinquency. (Nat'l ave., metropolitan areas, 21 cases per thousand pop.; includes all types of case reports such as lost or strayed children figured on permanent resident census report. Santa Cruz, as reported to the State, 11 cases per thousand pop.)

BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS:

1. The building and electrical departments moved into larger quarters closer to the street in order to better accommodate the public, and for better maintenance of building records. A new shop facility was completed for the electrical and radio department. The

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auditorium office moved at the same time.

2. Abatement of condemned buildings has succeeded in eliminating over twenty structures.
3. Wrigley building permit issued, and construction started.

GARAGE:

1. Completed building the body for the new trash truck.
2. Completed new lubrication and servicing pit.

WHARF:

1. Reconstruction in progress on the West Side of the wharf, adjacent to General Fish warehouse.
2. Arrangements made to permit enlargement of new aquarium.
3. Meter installation completed, helping the traffic control problem, which has been our concern in previous years.

EROSION SURVEY:

1. Started by army corps of engineers on coastline. Monuments have been placed and survey will take about two years.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

1. New islands and separations installed at:
 - (a) Pacific Extension and Washington.
 - (b) Soquel and Morrissey.
2. Temporary barricades in front of the Southern Pacific station are still awaiting approval from Southern Pacific Railroad company.

AUDITORIUM:

1. Roof repair bids are being obtained.

LIBRARY:

1. Survey jointly supported by the city and county is being completed by Louis J. Kroeger and Associates of San Francisco to determine costs and adequacy of library facilities. The report will be rendered the fourth week in September.
2. Hours at Main branch shortened in morning to enable the library to operate within present tax structure.

QUARRY:

- A report is being written by the street superintendent on costs, so that the council can determine whether or not city operation should be continued.
- ## SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT:
- Chlorine treatment increased at the plant so that protection at the outfall will be assured.
- ## SANITATION:
1. As promised, a trash service without additional charge is now in effect and running on schedule, in accordance with maps and instructions mailed to each water subscriber within the city limits.
 2. Charges are now required at the city dump for outside-of-city residents and all commercial establishments.
 3. Plans should be ready this fall for a clean, new "cut and cover" area to eliminate fire and health hazards.

CITY HALL:

1. Bids being obtained to repair heating system.
2. Additional painting completed in clerk-water office.
3. Microphone-speaker system being obtained for council chambers.
4. Seats upholstered in council chambers in first four rows.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. Preliminary plans and report received from Brown and Caldwell on treatment plant. Action withheld until receipt of state division of water resources report on Santa Cruz water resources. This report is due from the state printer by October 1.
2. New 10-inch line being installed in Laurel street prior to street improvement.
3. Branciforte drive water system improvement proceeding according to schedule. Completion estimated by end of the fiscal year.
4. Bids obtained for construction of new coast transmission line.
5. New switchboard installed at pumping station.
6. Pasatiempo water system awaiting submission of new proposal by Pasatiempo, Inc.

CIVIL DEFENSE:

1. First shipment of medical supplies received.
2. Operation "Skywatch" recruiting drive still being urged to complete manning requirement at the wharf station.

BUDGET:

1. New fiscal year budget adopted and tax rate set at same rate as last year. Budget involved reduction of 17 employees to enable City to maintain tax rate and build new fire station without a bond issue. Savings of about \$60,000 were realized from improvements in operation and reduction in personnel.

PLANNING:

1. Retained engineer to prepare plans and specifications for new sewer outfall.
2. Retained planning specialist to prepare off-street parking plans and maps, and master street and highway plan.
3. Obtained approval of California highway commission for new freeway by-pass of business district.
4. Planning commission and council considered improvements for four potential subdivisions.
5. Work proceeding on new subdivision ordinance, and fire prevention code.
6. Annexation consideration being studied on request of chamber and Walti-Schilling company for new industrial tract to be annexed to the city.
7. County hospital annexed.
8. Airport property is being consolidated to eliminate small private holding in tract.

This report is made in the interest of providing up-to-date information to the council and the public on the operation of city departments and the completion of improvements to municipal facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
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