

High-tech park ballot measure to be considered by council

SANTA CRUZ — A public hearing on whether the city should include a measure on UCSC's proposed high-tech park on the November ballot is set for Tuesday evening.

The council meets for an evening session at 7:30. The afternoon session is from 4 to 6.

The public hearing will discuss a proposal by a citizen's group, the Santa Cruz Action Network, to have an election to direct the City Council to petition help from the state legislature in getting the university to comply with local planning guidelines.

Since the university is a state agency it does not have to meet local zoning and planning ordinances and its multi-million dollar high-tech park has both university and town citizens worried.

SCAN's measure would have the council ask the chancellor to conform his plans to city land-use policies. It would also provide for the council to ask the state legislature to withhold funds on such projects until local agencies grant approvals.

During the afternoon session, the council will consider a recommendation from the water commission that it pay for water main replacements through an \$80 surcharge on the existing connection fee.

As it is, the next homeowner who wants to build on an inadequate line has to pay to have it replaced. Later builders, within a 10-year period, reimburse the first owner a proportionate share.

The council also will review a recom-

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mendation that an inflationary rate schedule be left as policy for business licenses. It hasn't been used to increase fees, but it probably will be set in motion in fiscal 1984-85, warns City Manager Richard Wilson.

A proposed ordinance to regulate non-commercial stands on the mall is being returned and City Parks Director Jim Lange is scheduled to tell the council how many such stands would be allowed.