

Council Allows Tannery To Drain Waste Into City Sewers To Cut Down Odor

All will be sweetness, light, and — with luck — no smell around the A. K. Salz tannery this summer. The city council last night approved a plan allowing the tannery to drain its odorous settling ponds and discharge waste directly into city sewers for 90 days.

By the end of 90 days, tannery consultant Marvin Mechanic hopes to have a solution to the odor problem, caused by dissolution of materials in the ponds.

The tannery will pay costs of extra sewer cleanings and of any backups in lateral sewers along the main line caused by the flow of tannery wastes. The tannery discharge will be "within safe limits" as determined by this summer's experience, something in the neighborhood of 200 gallons per minute. Normal maximum allowed is 100 gallons per minute.

Councilman Norman Lezin, manager of the tannery, abstained from the otherwise unanimous vote approving the plan.

The council passed an emergency ordinance, backed by Lezin, to control the proliferation of gas stations in the city. The ordinance adds gas stations to the list of "conditional uses" allowed only by use permit procedure. Use permits must be reviewed by the planning commission and the council.

The ordinance was aimed especially at control of the Ocean-Water street entrance to the city, which is undergoing expensive street widening and undergrounding of utility lines.

Lezin said the city is not

spending that much money to provide a backdrop for giant gas station signs.

The ordinance was passed 5-1, with Raymond Goodrich dissenting.

The east Santa Cruz library site was announced by city manager David Koester, who was given authority to pay \$30,000 for the site at Gault and Darwin streets.

The east Santa Cruz rehabilitation plan made inching progress. The council directed the planing staff to work with the east side advisory committee and "come up with something concrete," but the direction was vague.

The committee has asked city support of a feasibility study for a seven-acre rehabilitation project, as a first step toward revitalizing the entire east side business area.

Planning director Neal Walton gave the council a report reminding that the committee is supposed to produce a plan for the entire east Santa Cruz area, left blank in the city general plan adopted last year.

Councilmen balked at a proposed interim zoning ordinance, which would set up machinery to name areas where use permits would be required for all new construction for one to three years. Goodrich said the ordinance would cause "a real hardship" for property owners by reducing the sale value of their property during the period.

The council ended by cutting the interim period to six months, with one six-month extension allowed, and sent the ordinance back to the staff level for the necessary changes.

The interim period is intended to give time for staff study of specific areas to designate precise land uses. It would be used in such areas as the proposed civic center.

In two rezoning hearings, the council postponed one and approved a third of the other. Proposed apartment zoning, asked by Sullivan and Rhodes for a lot on Edgecliff way, was held at the recommendation of city manager David Koester.

Koester said the street is inadequate for more traffic, and said the council should insist the property owners agree on improvements before any denser zoning is allowed. The request is to be re-heard July 27.

The second rezoning proposed a duplex district along three blocks of Darwin street, from Effey to Clinton street. The proposal stemmed from a request for rezoning a single lot, at Windsor and Darwin, by L. F. Schroeder.

The council wound up approving rezoning of the middle block, Windsor to Windham, including Schroeder's property.

Council questioning brought out that the three-block rezoning would include property in the way of the proposed cut-through of Broadway from Darwin to Frederick street.

In addition, city attorney Rodney Atchison confirmed that the rezoning would approximately double the value of the property rezoned if the city condemned it for the street.

But, Atchison said, the council cannot legally consider the value change in deciding about the rezoning. Whereupon:

Lezin moved to rezone all three blocks. The motion died for lack of a second.

Eugene Fleming moved to rezone from Clinton to Windsor, excluding the block abutting Broadway. The motion failed, 5-1.

Fleming moved to rezone the single block from Windham to Windsor. The motion passed on voice vote with no dissent.

In other actions, the council — Postponed next Tuesday's sign ordinance study session for at least 30 days. The Downtown association had requested a delay to allow time for a detailed presentation.

—A request by Salinas Valley Savings and Loan for exclusion of its new River street building from the downtown parking district was referred to the off-street parking committee.

—Ordered a resolution of sale for the Quintana street corporation yard prepared for the July 13 meeting.

—Postponed action on the proposed off-street parking ordinance to July 27.

—Passed two ordinances for publication. One sets up sewer system charges, the other makes new motel owners responsible for any room taxes owed and not paid by the previous owner.

—Authorized Koester to buy a lot on Locust street, behind police headquarters, for \$17,500.

—Approved issuance of the \$1.4-million library bond issue.

—Approved a land exchange with the county on Water street.

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Amer. Tobacco	36 3/8	
Anaconda	62	
Armco Steel	67 1/8	
Atchison	30 3/4	
Avco	19 7/8	
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Bendix	48 1/2	
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