# Anatomy Of Santa Cruz' 75 - 76 Budget

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A thickish book decorated with a red-white-blue motif and a sassy eagle is introducing to City of Santa Cruz residents a David Koester the budget highhave to help support during fiscal year 1975-76.

(it's never well to use red in financial documents) the budget details are introduced complished by dipping someby photographs of the Santa Cruz City Council members who approved them: Mayor dollars from requested de-Sally DiGirolamo, Vice Mayor

#### PG&E Official **Issues Downed Line Warning**

"Complacency can be dangerous, even fatal, when it comes to downed power lines." according to Wayne Matthews, district manager for PG&E.

Even the experts treat all downed lines as hot lines, although safety features on the equipment normally deenergize a line when trouble

The warning is especially important at this time, Matthews pointed out, as the fall winds and winter rains will bring down thousands upon thousands of tree limbs, snapping power lines and bringing the danger.

#### Capitola Zone **Hearing Monday**

Revision of the City of Capitola's zoning ordinance will be the subject of a public hearing before the city council Monday, convening at 7:30 p.m.

The council also will hear an appeal of Eric Horn on the Capitola Planning Commission's decision to require placement of sidewalks \$1,139,500. Major taxes in this self-supporting, as well. as part of a mini-storage project near 41st Avenue.

dinance annexing and zoning the Sutter Hill shopping center property on 41st Avenue also is slated, as is consideration of a use permit for a drive-in photo shop at 41st and Capitola Road.

Other business will include discussion of planning commission appointments.

Edler, Carole DePalma, Charlotte Melville, Bert Muhly and Joseph Ghio.

From the viewpoint of these officials and City Manager cut its tax rate by 5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation de-Then on a pink page inside spite inflation costs and pay raises for the city workers.

The feat was in part acwhat into the city's reserve, Course - \$225,000. cutting some half-million partmental budgets, the elimination of some city jobs .. munity Development and then a final effort by the \$350,000 council to pare some costs still

The tax cut was the fifth consecutive annual cut in the \$49,365,820, according to budget

council members frankly told their constituents they would assessed value of \$21,206,400. still pay out more tax dollars this year than last year because of increases in property valu-

calls for operating costs of \$1.25 general fund plus tax \$12,287,583 and for capital expenditures totaling an estimated \$6,746,686.

between total expenditures and control fund 4 cents and bond estimated revenues, the city debt service 5 cents. will take \$4,544,265 from appropriate bond accounts and reserves which were held available for appropriation at the start of this fiscal year. The bonding accounts and reserves were about \$9.3 million last

These appropriations will leave about \$5.3 million in these accounts for appropriation at the start of next fiscal year.

The final budget shows that estimated revenues will be as follows from major income

General Property Taxes (including secured, unsecured, state property tax and back taxes) - \$1,675,300.

Other Local Taxes category are expected to yield the following revenues:sales Second reading of an or- and use tax \$825,000, cigarette tax \$135,000, transient occupancy tax \$70,000, electric and gas franchise \$48,000, television franchise \$23,500.

Licenses and Permits -

Fines and Forfeits - \$106,500 (including \$100,000 from park- Course ing violations).

Investments - \$300,000.

cies - \$523,000 (such as state which are detailed in a special motor vehicle in-lieu tax yield

Gasoline Tax - \$826,000.

Library — \$847,060, including county and a city library tax.

Water -\$2,331,250 Sewer Service - \$764.750. Refuse Service - \$1,083,000. Parking -- \$180,000.

Wharf - \$262,400. Golf Federal Revenue Sharing -

Federal Housing and Com-

The city taxes are levied against land with an estimated assessed valuation of

city tax rate, reducing it to figures. Assessed value of im-\$1.98 per \$100 of assessed value. provements is put at an estiprovements is put at an esti-When the cut was made the mated \$76,132,680, while personal property is put at an

Net taxable property assessed valuation is put at an estimated \$125,623,530

The city tax rate of \$1.98 per The city's whopping budget \$100 against property includes a levies as follows for other fund categories: retirement 35 cents, library fund 26 cents, To pay the difference library bonds 3 cents, flood

In the offstreet parking district an additional tax of 60 cents per \$100 is levied.

Expenditures for major city operations are given in the budget in detailed summaries.

Some are: police \$1,534,084, fire \$823,220, parks and recreation \$686,957, library \$1,017,380, public works \$2,968,587, water \$5,033,812, planning \$394,422, finance \$194,285

It should be noted that sewer and refuse collection operations conducted by the public works department generate revenues that make them basically self-supporting. Water service and timbering provided by the water department make this acitivity essentially

Indeed, income earned by the city's "enterprise" activities, comes to \$4,886,500, or close to a third of the total revenues the city expects to have in 1975-76.

In addition to water, sewer and refuse operations, the city's "enterprise" activities are parking, the Municipal Wharf and the DeLaveaga Golf

The city's capital expen-

ditures for this fiscal year cov- roof. Revenues From Other Agen- er a multitude of projects, all of section at the rear of the budget

> The water department will expend \$2.97 million for pro-

parks program and neighbor. hood beautification projects jor improvement over that prethrough an outlay of \$567,660. There will be \$956,800 worth of improvements to sewers and final \$19,034,269 budget they'll light is that the city was able to a \$490,560 contribution from the jects, including the Felton Dam storm drains, \$882,000 worth of the salary ranges of directors department and 42 to the fire

The city will continue its to the old civic auditorium.

The 1975-76 budget has a masented last year: now the in- city positions, with 104 of these terested taxpayer can find in assigned to public works, 68 to each department breakdown the police, 51 to the finance and the Bay Street reservoir street improvements and even and other workers, as well as department.

\$75,000 worth of improvements the traditional listing of other

And speaking of personnel: the council has authorized 411

The finance department handles much more than money: its responsibilities include purchasing, management of the city corporation yard and its maintenance and repair services, maintenance of city buildings and the auditoium, and data processing.

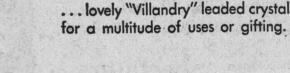
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