

Cliff Erosion Control Plan Studied By Capitola Council

By Ron Reeves

Capitola City councilmen last night took under study a proposal for a \$14,000 cliff erosion control project. The project would be for erosion control for the cliffs from the Capitola wharf to city limits at 49th avenue.

Mike Gilbert, an engineer from the Bowman and Williams firm, said \$14,000 was a realistic figure for a 200-foot rip rap rock control wall, which would be placed in the area immediately below Cliff drive, which was narrowed by recent storms. The rip rap structure is similar to that now being placed along sections of West Cliff drive in Santa Cruz, Gilbert told the council.

"This is something which has been talked about for ten years . . . We should take some positive action," Mayor John Hesketh said at last night's meeting.

The council took the matter under study.

City Clerk Ray Abicht said this morning that this phase of the erosion control project may be financed directly by the city, with later requests for state and federal aid. Abicht explained that applying for government aid is a complicated project, and Cliff drive is in immediate danger.

City Attorney Donald May reported that the city has jurisdiction over the beach area being considered for the original control project. There is some question as to ownership of other portions of the cliff area.

Further investigation is being done, as private ownership automatically cuts the amount of government allocation for cliff control projects.

In other business last night, George Dymesich formally offered the city a chance to purchase the

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lease and equipment on the Capitola wharf. Dymesich currently leases the structure from the county, and under the lease, operates the facilities and maintains the wharf.

Councilmen Andrew Antonetti and Alger Nusbaum were appointed to a committee to investigate possible city leasing of the wharf. No cost figures were given.

A short discussion was held on the question of realigning the boundaries of Capitola and Soquel Fire Protection districts to allow property owners to be serviced by the closest fire house. The question came up because of the development of the old airport property on the Capitola side of the freeway which is now under Soquel jurisdiction.

"The people who live there are entitled to good fire protection . . . which means the closest fire department should serve them," Mayor Hasketh said.

The councilmen are urging negotiation between the districts. There is a possibility that the city could take over the airport property, and other city limits property from the Soquel district. The city could then negotiate a lease with Capitola Fire Protection district to service these areas.

The council adopted the 1961 uniform housing code as approved by the state as a supplement to the building code, and established a stop sign on Beverly avenue at the northeast corner of the intersection with Capitola avenue.

Marvin Fambrini received a five-year contract for garbage collection in the city. Abicht said no rate increases are anticipated.

Jerome Kiethley, Palo Alto city manager, was granted a variance to construct an eight-unit apartment building on property on the bay side of Park avenue. A variance was necessary as there is no public street frontage because the property is separated from Park avenue by the Southern Pacific tracks. Access is by a private driveway.

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