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**Youngster Ronaldo Gracida-Guzman shows his support for the living wage ordinance at the Watsonville City Council meeting Tuesday.**

# Council discusses living wage

Ordinance would not apply to city workers

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Everyone knows that crime doesn't pay, but can the same be said about working with the city? Weighing the high cost of living against the responsibility contractors have to pay decent salaries the Watsonville City Council agreed Tuesday to consider a living wage ordinance that would apply to all businesses providing service to the city.

If passed, the ordinance could require any for-profit contractor doing business with the city for more than \$10,000 a year to pay employees working on city projects \$11.50 per hour with benefits or \$12.55 without. The wage is linked to the California Price

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