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Council Adopts Plan On Courthouse Setback

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County supervisors' approval is all that's needed for a city-county agreement on Water street widening and additional setback for the new courthouse complex.

The city council last night took a formal position adopting recommendations in a counter-offer worked out by a council subcommittee.

City officials want to widen Water street to six lanes to meet future traffic needs. The needed width threatened to delay construction of the new

courthouse, which is to go to bid next month, because an additional setback was needed.

The committee offer: The redevelopment agency is to reduce the rear building setback from 30 feet to 10 feet, allowing the building complex to be moved 20 feet south. The city so the shift would give the courthouse an additional 10-foot setback on Water street. An air easement, guaranteeing no buildings above a certain height, would be granted for a 30-foot depth of the city park to the south.

The city would buy 4800

square feet of land from the redevelopment agency along the south boundary (from the Barrett Homes company parcel) and deed it to the county in exchange for the frontage strip.

By the reduced setback requirement, the county would gain 8600 square feet of buildable space. At 70 cents per foot (the agency's price) the value would be \$6020. The city would also install curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the Water street frontage, a project costing an estimated \$3920, making a total cash value of \$9940.

The county would apply the savings to the extra cost of modifying site plans and moving fill south for the new location. The city agrees to pay 50 per cent of all costs above \$10,000 for the changes.

The offer received tentative approval last week from a county subcommittee. The entire board is to consider the offer next Monday.

News In Brief

Another Meningitis Victim At Ord

Fort Ord (A).—A Los Angeles army recruit was listed in serious condition Wednesday, suffering from meningitis—the 102nd victim of the virus infection at this training base this year.

Fifteen persons—14 soldiers and the infant daughter