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# SC Police, Firemen Ask Retirement Program

Santa Cruz' police and firemen want a retirement program equal to that for other city employees.

City councilmen tonight will review a recommendation by the civil service commission that a committee be appointed to study alleged inequities and resolve them before 1962-63 salary recommendations are made.

Basis of the problem is the fact that public safety officials are not covered by the federal social security program.

They pay a higher percentage of salaries to get equal benefits through the state employees retirement system.

However, they must sacrifice half of these SERS benefits if they want them to continue for dependents after their death. Other employees have this option, but their survivors are covered automatically by social security.

The disparity was pointed out to the civil service commission by the safety officers' committee. After study, the commission agreed that an inequity exists.

It has requested that a council committee be appointed to work with the commission, safety officers committee, and personnel director.

The council meeting in city hall chambers will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Other items on the agenda include:

**BEACH**—A 71-signature petition opposing abandonment of Dolphin street will be presented.

The planning commission has recommended abandonment of Dolphin and Lorenz streets after Second street has been cut through from Dolphin to Cliff street.

The protestants and the Rental

Owners Association of Santa Cruz feel this will eliminate a needed entrance-exit from Beach street.

The council is slated to name a beach traffic committee tonight, and city manager Peter Tedesco indicated he will recommend that this problem be one of its initial projects.

**CURBS**—An ordinance requiring installation of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks—where practical—as a condition for building permits will come up for final hearing.

**SEWERS**—Another ordinance up for final passage would eliminate council review of sewer extensions, set a \$50 deposit fee, and establish a tax lien procedure for property owners who refuse to reimburse the city if actual costs run higher than \$50.

**EXCAVATION**—First hearing will be held on an ordinance setting a \$100 deposit for street excavations. Surplus after costs for backfilling and repaving would be returned. The depositor would be required to pay additional costs, if they occurred.

Length of ditches would be limited to 50 feet. The street department would not be required to take over work after 1 p.m.

Presently, costs are charged on one of five fee standards after the work is completed, there is no length limit, and the work can be turned over to the street department as late as 3 p.m.

This is a rewrite of an ordinance rejected by the council last week which would have set a flat \$100 fee.

**ASSESSMENT**—Preliminary proceedings for the so-called Summer street improvement district will be conducted.

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