

# Civil Service To Weigh Split In City Department

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No action was taken this morning on a proposal to split the Santa Cruz city finance and records department into two separate agencies.

Personnel Director John Donlevy made the recommendation during a meeting of the city's civil service commission, but commissioners said they needed more time to study the proposal before taking action. The matter will be taken up again at an adjourned meeting Friday morning.

The recommendation is to split the department into two separate departments—one for finance and one for records. Donlevy said the trend in California cities is away from combining the two sections, which, he noted, have "very different" requirements and functions.

Timing for the move has been occasioned by the loss of three key members of the department. Jack Miller, veteran city clerk and finance director, will retire July 1. Ron Beach, assistant finance director, resigned December 1 to take a position with the City of Monterey, and Accountant Joe Hines retired the same day.

Donlevy said the losses "make it a good time" to reorganize the department. The current staff will not be increased by the move.

Commissioners approved a recommendation to reclassify the seven library assistants at the city's main branch library. The job currently requires a high school education plus two years' experience.

The recommendation is to upgrade two of the positions to the grade of library assistant II, requiring two years of college plus two years' experience. The other five positions would

carry the title library assistant I.

City Manager Dave Koester said a replacement probably will be named this week for Librarian Geraldine Work, who will retire this month.

Also approved by the commission was the reclassification of one of the city's five building maintenance positions to building maintenance leadman with a semi-supervisory capacity.

Donlevy noted the square footage of buildings maintained by the crew has doubled in the past 18 months with the completion of the new main library, the Branciforte-branch library and the city hall annex.

## Aptos Man Found Guilty Of Trespass

Rexford S. Beckham, 37, of Aptos, has been found guilty of trespassing for setting up a Reagan-recall booth last July at the Ranchol del Mar Shopping Center in Aptos.

Beckham was found guilty by Watsonville Municipal Court Judge Harry Brauer, who fined him \$35.

Beckham set up a card table and chair in the busy covered sidewalk in front of the Safeway Store July 20 to obtain petition signatures. James B. Fenton, the center owner, asked Beckham to either walk about the center to get the petitions or to move to a less congested area. Beckham refused, and was arrested.

Beckham held that his action was protected by the Constitutional right of free speech.

"The owner's right to regulate the circulation of petitions on his property attaches under the law as soon as there is an appreciable interference with the