

# Town Clock Designated As Historic

Historic landmark designation for the Town Clock at the head of the Pacific Garden Mall was approved by the Santa Cruz City Council Tuesday night.

Urging the designation was Jean Doerr of the city Historic Preservation Commission.

The council action reversed a previous decision to deny the designation. This decision was protested hotly by the commission and others, and a few weeks ago it was successfully moved by Councilman Larry Edler to reconsider the matter.

The new action was moved and seconded by Councilmen Michael Rotkin and Bert Muhly, and was opposed only by Vice Mayor Joseph Ghio.

The Town Clock was conceived as the city's Bicentennial Year project by Robert Darrow and the Citizens Committee on Community Improvement. Numerous men and women donated their time and talent to renovate the old clock works, getting the old metal tower reconditioned, getting the brick tower put up, getting the name tiles and other materials ready for sale to help pay for the project. The city advanced some \$60,000 and most of this has been pledged in private donations in accordance with an offer by Darrow at the time.

In other council business:

**DAMS** - The council approved an insurance coverage program for Loch Lomond dam and reservoir and other city reservoirs. Insurance was dropped by the carrier at the time of the Grand Teton dam disaster and the city was in effect "self-insuring" against disaster. Now under a package developed by Kent Rice, the city's personnel director and risk manager, it will get insurance at no extra cost through total insurance program changes that have taken almost two years to work out.

**LEASK** - The council approved establishment of a small, landscaped memorial to the late Mrs. James Leask along West Cliff Drive at Sunset Avenue. Leask will pay for the landscaping, seating and will establish a trust fund to pay for future maintenance.

**WHARF RENTAL** - The council authorized a study to determine if rentals paid on the wharf should be raised. The study was opposed by Councilmen Larry Edler and Spiro Mellis.

**SKY PARK** - The council took into a lengthy litigation session a request from the city staff for guidelines on what direction now should be taken on a proposal for improvements of Sky Park Municipal Airport.

The council did not explain why a litigation session was needed and made no announcements on the session later on. The public and press are barred from attending such sessions.

**BEACH METERS** - After long discussions over the summer on whether to raise meter rates in the beach area, a council majority decided to do nothing on the issue at this time. Vice Mayor Joe Ghio hotly contested doing nothing, saying he believes the meter rates should be increased.

**DOWNTOWN** - The Downtown Association and the Downtown Gallery Committee will be funded in 1979-80 to promote the downtown area, the council

decided. Funding will be \$27,500, with promotions to include a December Gallery Tour, an art show and traditional events throughout the year.



## Hickory Smoke

Water Added,  
Shank Half  
(Butt Portion, lb., \$1.19)  
(SAVE Per lb., 36¢)

## Bacon Ends

Great for  
Seasoning

## HALLOWEEN FOR



## Brach's



## Eveready