

# Residence Requirements May Come Before Voters

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City staff has recommended that voters should decide the validity of the employe residence requirements of the city charter as isolated issues.

This would eliminate confusion of minor issues, such as the type of restrictions that should be imposed, and would permit the council to set policy at its discretion.

The city council will act on this recommendation Tuesday night at its regular meeting in city hall chambers, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

In a report by William W. Buckley, personnel director, it is suggested that if the council concurs with the recommendations, it should take steps to have the charter amendment placed on the ballot for the county consolidated primary election, June 7.

The staff report was requested by the council following a recommendation by the Santa Cruz civil service commission that requirement of residence in the city for all appointees to office or employment be eliminated from the charter.

Another section the commission challenged was a three-year residence requirement for a city attorney.

Arguments raised against the requirements included the problems they create in hiring and retaining employes, their unrealistic nature in view of ever-spreading city facilities and the mere political nature of municipal boundaries, and the question of "moral right" of the city to impose them.

The staff recommendation suggests that if the charter requirements are abolished, the council may adopt such restrictions as it sees fit. These regulations could be changed by council action.

A light schedule has been drawn for the council Tuesday due to the anticipated absence of City Manager Peter Tedesco and Mayor Ted Foster.

Other agenda items include sec-

ond reading of an ordinance setting sewerage measurement standards for buildings with a private water supply, a report on activities on the business license committee, and a resolution granting variance for conversion of the Riverside hotel into a motel-dining unit.

## Ronald Roberts Killed While Hitchhiking

Funeral services for Ronald Roberts, 21, of Santa Cruz, will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Greyhound terminal in Santa Cruz.

Roberts, who was born in 1945, lived at 121 Trinity street. He was a member of the Santa Cruz home front club and was on his ship, the USS Albatross, when he was killed.

Roberts was a member of the Santa Cruz High school and was a member of the school board. He was a member of the American Legion.

Upon graduation from high school, he was employed by the Santa Cruz company in Santa Cruz. He was married to Mary Roberts in the summer of 1963 and has two children, Mary and Robert.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts is survived by his father, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts; a sister, Mrs. Roberts, and Donald Roberts, grandfather.