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City Employees May Stage 'Sit-In' At Council Meeting

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What otherwise shapes up as a calm and slightly boring Santa Cruz City Council meeting tomorrow night might be considerably enlivened by a municipal employes' "sit-in."

The workers, in a stalemate with the council over official recognition of their American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, are expected to turn out en masse for the meeting.

At an impromptu meeting after the last council session, workers said they would take up so much time airing their grievances at future council sessions, the city might grant recognition in order to get on with its council business.

AFSCME Representative Robert McLean said he wanted "at least 50" workers to turn out for tomorrow night's session.

The meeting will begin at

7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Among the other items on the agenda is an oral report on the development of a municipal golf course at DeLa-vega Park.

The path was cleared for development of the facility last week when the California National Guard signed a lease agreement to trade its property in the central portion of the park for a similar amount of land at the park's edge.

City Manager Dave Koester will recommend the city have a feasibility study performed as the first step of the development.

The council also is expected to authorize the exercise of the city option to purchase the old Purity Store property on Walnut Avenue for use as a parking lot.

Public Works Director Bill Fieberling said the property would be opened to allow parking on the store's old parking lot for the Christmas shipping season.

After completion of the CedarVine street cut-through, the store building would be torn down to provide parking for a total of 62 vehicles, Fieberling said.

Purchase price for the property is approximately \$130,000.

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