

# Overpass Vote-- Giuliani, Gay File for Council

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If his fellow councilmembers agree to it, Councilman Joseph Zucca will make a motion at next Monday night's city council meeting (Jan. 24) to place the controversial overpass issue on the April 11 municipal ballot.

In an exclusive interview to the Courier, Zucca said Monday (Jan. 17) that he is in favor of placing the matter on the ballot to let the people decide.

The ardent supporter of the proposed overpass structure said, "I still support the project," but that the issue is important enough to the people of Belmont to "give them a chance to vote on it."

Prior to the Jan. 10 council meeting, the council



**JOS. ZUCCA**  
Move for vote?

was split, 3-2, on approval of the overpass design and final approval of an agreement with the state of California

for a \$1 1/4 million contribution to the project.

Councilmen Edward Vallergera and Charles Ketcham voted against both design and approval of the final agreement. Councilmen Zucca, William Hardwick and Mayor Robert Jones voted in favor.

If Zucca's motion to put the matter on the ballot is accepted by the council, Ketcham and Vallergera would most likely join him in supporting a ballot measure.

In reaffirming his approval of the proposed structure, Zucca said "there is a lot of merit to the project," and that he (Zucca) would be "willing to help sell the project."

Zucca announced his forthcoming ballot motion in

conjunction with his announcement that he will be a candidate for council again in April. Zucca's seat on the council and those of Councilmen Ketcham and Vallergera are up for election in April.

Zucca is now in his eighth year on the council; first elected in 1964. He was mayor in 1967-68.

Vice-principal of Ravenswood High School and dean of boys, Zucca is former counselor and biology instructor at Carlmont High School.

He and his wife, Jean, have one daughter, Josette, who is employed by Pacific Telephone.

Asked what he termed the primary issues of the upcoming campaign, Zucca



**EDWARD VALLERGERA**  
Undecided

said consolidation of services with San Carlos and the problem of rezoning are his principle concern. He added that he would also like to see improved access to Marina Park, other than the present walkway on the Bayshore Freeway overpass at Ralston Ave.

Zucca noted that he was primarily responsible for the trails in the western hills and

the pedestrian and equestrian walkway which will go underneath the new Interstate 280 to provide access to the watershed lands and Canada Rd.

### KETCHAM UNDECIDED

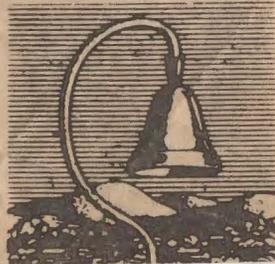
Councilman Charles Ketcham, appointed to fill the term of Milton Tromborg, is also up for election, but he is undecided as to whether he will run.

Ketcham is a securities analyst for E.F. Hutton and Co., and has also served on the city finance committee.

A 12-year resident of Belmont, he and his wife, Pamela, have four children; Michael 18, Mark, 16, Kathleen, 15 and Patrick, 11.

Ketcham lists his principle campaign issues as the proposed overpass at Ralston Ave. and El Camino, possible consolidation of the Belmont Fire District by the city and annexation of the Harbor Industrial area to Belmont.

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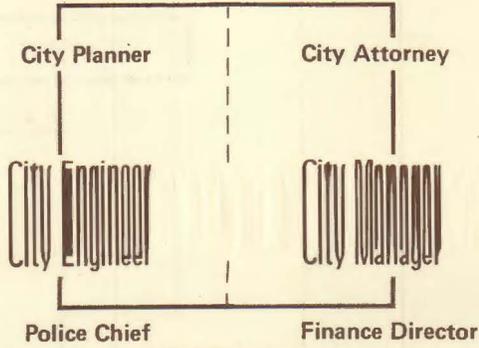
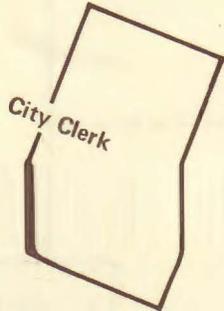
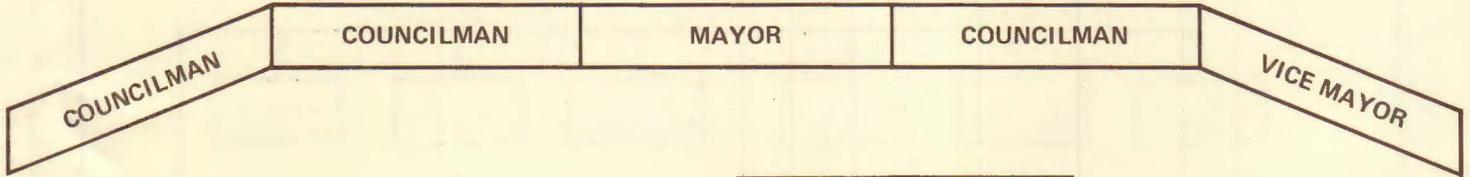
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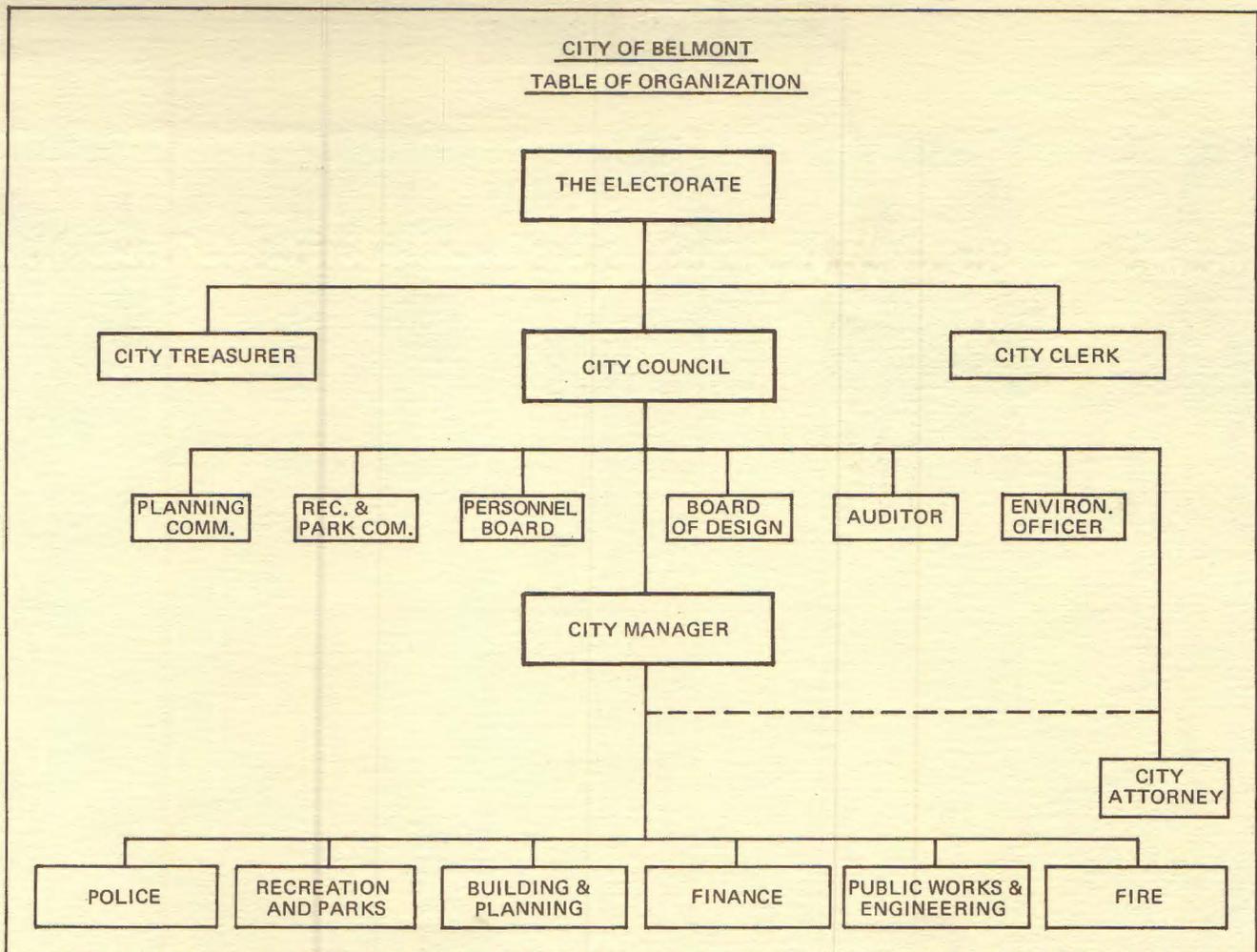


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CITY OF BELMONT  
TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



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# Make 2 Posts Appointive In Belmont?

By OTTO TALLENT

A proposal to strengthen the city manager form of government in Belmont and make the posts of city clerk and city treasurer appointive will be studied by the Belmont City Council Monday night.

A vote by the citizens of Belmont would be required to approve changing the elective posts of clerk and treasurer.

Among the council's considerations Monday night will be whether to put the proposal on the April 11 municipal election ballot.

Mayor Robert A. Jones said Monday would be the last regular meeting at which a decision could be made whether to use the spring ballot.

The recommendation to change government forms was made in a request by Booz, Allen Public Administration, Inc., of San Francisco.

Even if the voters should reject the proposal, the report suggests the duties of the two elective posts could be greatly diluted.

James W. (Jim) McLaughlin has been the elected city clerk of Belmont

since 1966. He also holds the appointive job of administrative aide.

Mrs. Florence Holland was appointed city treasurer Jan. 1, 1965, and was elected to the post in 1966 and 1970. She also holds the appointive job of account clerk.

The Booz, Allen organization was asked by the city council in November to make a survey and report on top management organization for Belmont city government. Cost of the survey was \$1,000.

Mayor Jones said the proposals are "very significant and sweeping."

The management consultants said the reorganization would need to be time-phased over a period of time, but stated "this plan should serve as the model toward which administrative reorganization should be geared.

"The role of the city manager as the chief executive officer of the city government should be strengthened," the report states.

"If the city manager is to be held fully accountable for municipal plan and policy implementation, he should have all necessary managerial prerogatives, including the selection, direction, evaluations, and, if necessary, removal of administrative personnel who are part of city operations (whether full-time or retained on a contractual basis)."

The report suggests the role of city manager could be strengthened by formally placing the functions now performed by the engineering and planning consultants as well as the city treasurer and city clerk under his day-to-day direction.

James P. DeChaine has been Belmont's city manager since October, 1970.

Under the proposal of the consultants, the post of superintendent of public works and the contractual job of engineer would be placed under the public works department, with a director responsible to the city manager. George Spanne, superintendent of public works, will be 66 in August, and the change would go into effect upon his retirement. Gordon A. Tillson is engineer on a contractual basis.

The consultants recommend establishment of a management services department under the direction of the assistant city manager-finance director. Among the new responsibilities would be those of the present elected city treasurer.

To implement the management services department, the report states, it may be necessary to add a new position of administrative analyst at a salary ranging from \$700 to \$900 a month.

Bruce G. Lawson was appointed to the post of assistant city manager-finance director in November, 1970.

Among recommendations is to expand the responsibilities of the building official and create a community development department. Alex Hokamp is building inspector.

# Belmont Ballot Proposals *Dubum 1-24-72*

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## Council Faces 3 Big Decisions

By OTTO TALLENT

Belmont city councilmen tonight are scheduled to decide whether three controversial issues will go on the ballot at the April 11 municipal election.

The estimated \$2½ million Ralston Avenue overpass, the question of making the jobs of city clerk and city treasurer appointive instead of elective and the matter of fluoridation are the major issues confronting councilmen.

Unless a hitch develops, the overpass question should find its way on the ballot. More than 200 persons jammed into Belmont City Hall council chambers at the meeting of Jan. 18, most imploring the

councilmen to place the matter on the ballot. It was announced at the meeting that a petition had been signed by 1,200 persons asking that the question go on the ballot.

Councilman Joseph J. Zucca, told the audience that the decision on the overpass already had been made (the council voted 3-2 on Oct. 13 to go ahead with acquisition of property for right-of-way). However, Zucca, who is seeking re-election, last week announced he will support a city-wide vote tonight.

Another councilman who did not want to commit himself as to how he would vote nevertheless said he expected the vote tonight to be 5-0 in favor placing the matter on the ballot.

Councilmen Charles Ketcham and Edward D. Valerga, whose terms expire and are considering seeking return to their posts, have been adamant in their opposition to the overpass. Favoring the overpass are Zucca, Mayor Robert A. Jones and Vice Mayor William H. Hardwick.

Warren McClure, general manager of the Belmont County Water District, said he would appear before the council tonight regarding the fluoridation issue. The county has certified more than enough signatures to a petition requesting the water district directors to place the fluoridation

issue on the municipal ballot.

McClure has polled four of the five water district directors who were available and found they will vote Thursday night to ask the city council to place the issue on the ballot. McClure will report his findings tonight.

James T. Morton, attorney for the water district, said that if an election on fluoridation is called, precincts and polling places would have to be provided for customers of the water district who live outside the limits of Belmont. The water district boundaries include some unincorporated areas and some San Carlos areas, in addition to the city of Belmont.

Public administration consultants hired by the council have recommended that the post of elective city clerk, held by James W. McLaughlin, and city treasure, held by Mrs. Florence Holland, be made appointive. This would require action of the voters. Mayor Jones said tonight will be the last regular meeting at which the matter could be placed on this spring's ballot.

The recommendations of the San Francisco firm, of Booz, Allen Administration Inc. are an effort to strengthen the city manager form of government in Belmont. Proposals made in the survey report are termed by Mayor Jones as "very significant and sweep-

ing."

The council meets at 8 o'clock in the council chambers of the Belmont City Hall, 1365 Fifth Ave.

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Fluoridation

# Overpass, Fluoridation Issues Will Appear on Belmont Ballot

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By OTTO TALLENT

Belmont voters will be asked April 11 whether they want an overpass in their downtown area and whether they want fluoridation of their

water system.

After a discussion of more than two hours the Belmont City Council last night voted 4-to-1 to place the question of a \$2½-million Ralston Avenue

overpass across El Camino Real and the Southern Pacific railroad tracks on the municipal election ballot. About 250 persons attended the meeting.

It took the council only a matter of minutes to unanimously vote for a concurrent election of the city and the Belmont County Water District on the question of adding fluorides to the water supply.

Recommendations by the San Francisco firm of Booz, Allen Public Administration Inc. that would strengthen the city manager form of government in Belmont and make the elective posts of city clerk and City Treasurer Florence was submitted to the city's personnel board for evaluation and recommendation for implementation.

A change in the posts of City Clerk James W. McLaughlin and City Treasurer Florence Holland from elective to appointive could be made only by vote of the citizens. City Attorney Kenneth Dickerson said Feb. 14 is the deadline for

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Mayor Robert A. Jones voted with Zucca, Vallerga and Ketcham in favor. Vice Mayor William H. Hardwick, who said "it'll be an emotional thing" and "I find I can't vote to put it on the ballot," voted no. Hardwick said 11,000 people are registered to vote in Belmont and that he thought only a part of them "know we're talking about an overpass."

The council also voted, 4-1 with Hardwick voting no, that the question on the ballot be "yes or no" on the overpass as presently proposed by the council.

City Engineer Gordon Tillson yesterday submitted "complete plans" to the state Public Utilities Commission and the Southern Pacific Co. He said some details, such as a stairway, had not been resolved by the council.

The council voted unanimously to put out a pro-and-con information sheet about the overpass project.

City Attorney Dickerson, in answer to questions from the audience, said the vote of the citizens on the overpass issue would be advisory. Asked if the councilmen could be bound by the vote, Dickerson pointed out that terms of three members of the five-man council will be up and said "we don't know who is going to be on the city council after the election."

Warren McClure, general manager of the Belmont County Water District, told the council that more than 1,700 persons had signed an initiative petition asking that fluoridation be placed on the ballot and said enough names had been certified to call for an election.

Highlights of the recommendations by the Booz, Allen firm calling for a new plan of top management organization were presented by Richard A. Hughes, Vice President.

Vallerga questioned Hughes whether the plan was for the city or for the firing of City Clerk McLaughlin. Hughes responded that the purpose was to take a look at the top management organization and that it was not to focus on the issue of the city clerk, city treasurer or the public works department.

## Belmont Ballot Issues

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placing the issue on the ballot for the April 11 election.

Joseph J. Zucca, who has been the most vocal among the councilmen in favor of an overpass, moved that that issue be placed on the ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward D. Vallerga, who with Councilman Charles Ketcham have consistently opposed the project.

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W.M. HARDWICK

## Hardwick Belmont's New Mayor

Veteran Belmont Councilman William Hardwick became the city's mayor with re-elected Councilman Charles Ketcham named vice-mayor in a special session last night to swear in new council members.

Hardwick, who was elected to his first term in April, 1970 along with Robert Jones, took the mayor's gavel from Jones last night.

Ketcham, who was appointed to the council in November, 1970, won his first term to the council last week in a campaign centering around a controversial plan for an overpass on Ralston Avenue spanning El Camino Real.

Elected with Ketcham last week was Edward Vallerga, who opposed the overpass along with Ketcham and veteran Planning Commissioner Ferdinand Giuliani who unseated Joseph Zucca, an overpass supporter.

Zucca was presented with a plaque and resolution by the council last night following swearing-in ceremonies, citing him for his "faithful and devoted service" to the city. He was on the council 8 years.

"I've been exceedingly privileged to have served this community" a smiling Zucca responded "and I hope to be able to serve again someday."

**CITY OF BELMONT**

**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1973**

(CONSOLIDATED WITH SAN MATEO COUNTY  
SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS  
BEING HELD WITHIN THE CITY OF BELMONT)

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ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST MEASURE,  
**PROPOSITION A (TWIN PINES USE)**

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF  
THE CITY OF BELMONT, CALIFORNIA  
CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE

Arguments are the opinions of their authors.

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MEASURE  
A

USE OF TWIN  
PINES PROPERTY

Shall the City of Belmont Adopt Ordinance No. 500 as an initiative ordinance as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED that upon acquisition by the City of 17.12 (more or less) acres of land (known as a portion of Twin Pines Property) and existing buildings thereon, said property shall be used solely for open space and park and recreation purposes.

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No argument submitted in opposition  
to the above Measure, Proposition A.

# ARGUMENT FOR PROPOSITION A

## USE OF TWIN PINES PROPERTY

Ordinance No. 500 (Measure "A" on the ballot) is placed before the electorate by the Belmont City Council to provide an ironclad guarantee that the newly acquired 17.12 acres of Twin Pines property will never be used for any purpose other than park, recreation and open space without a vote of the people.

This Ordinance is actually unnecessary during the 20-year period in which the Twin Pines bonds passed on November 7, 1972 are being paid off, since this restriction is inherent in the bond issue itself. However, to settle permanently the question of property use the City Council has put the Ordinance on the ballot because it thus becomes an "initiative ordinance", and if passed by the electorate its terms can never be changed without a vote of the people.

Rumblings and suspicions that some future Council might later decide to use this beautiful property for various and sundry City purposes will therefore be laid to rest if the people pass Measure "A" at the election of April 17.

The entire thrust of the recent Save Twin Pines campaign was toward acquisition of the property for park, recreation and open space. The electorate passed the bond issue by a record 82 per cent vote, emphatically indicating their approval of the planned use. There is no reason to believe they have changed now. All voters are being given this opportunity to confirm their mandate by registering an overwhelming "YES" vote on Measure "A".

Members of the Belmont City Council unanimously recommend its adoption.

WILLIAM H. HARDWICK  
Mayor, City of Belmont

FERDINAND J. GIULIANI  
Councilman

ROBERT A. JONES  
Councilman

EUGENE P. SULLIVAN  
Councilman

EDWARD D. VALLERGA  
Councilman