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Belmont OKs Civil Preparedness Plan

A civil preparedness plan was approved by the Belmont City Council Monday night, but without a paragraph pertaining to potential air crashes within the city.

The plan, prepared by the State Office of Emergency Services and the county Civil Defense and Disaster Office, said there was "a high degree of hazard possibility," especially during bad weather, for airplane crashes in the city because a San Francisco International and San Carlos Airport holding pattern allegedly goes over the city.

That's incorrect, Councilman Edward D. Vallerger insisted, with Councilman Eugene P. Sullivan, a retired air traffic director at San Francisco International, wondering where that information came from.

An areawide study and its records showed an air pattern over the city, according to Orrin Orr of the state emergency office, who presented the plan officially to the council.

"I don't think this is good publicity for Belmont," Vallerger retorted, asking it to be cut out.

Airliners circling while waiting to land at San Francisco International normally are routed into holding patterns over Woodside and out to sea or over open country east of the East Bay.

The council also received another drawing from Councilman William H. Hardwick on how the old Lodge Building at Twin Pines Park might be remodeled.

The plan tentatively calls for removal of some partitions to create a large meeting room and installation of kitchen and toilet facilities.

The sketch, the second from Hardwick in the past two months, was referred to the Recreation and Park Commission, which will study it at its Jan. 22 meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. at city hall.

The commission is to get input from as many groups as possible who may want to use the building for meetings and then make recommendations, with the staff then to get bids on necessary alterations to determine the cost.

In other business the council:

Authorized up to \$4,000 for permanent roof repairs at the Twin Pines main administration building being acquired by the city, to stop damaging leaks between the main building and annex, the latter slated to be the future police station;

Heard Mayor Ferdinand J. Giuliani proclaim Jan. 14-18 League of Women Voters Week and Jan. 26-Feb. 2 YMCA Week in Belmont.

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Belmont council authorizes poll on proposed aquatics complex

A mail survey of Belmont registered voters to determine their opinion on a proposed county aquatics complex in Belmont was approved by the city council last night.

The council authorized \$1,900 from the unappropriated reserves for the mail poll and asked the staff to report at the next council meeting Feb. 24.

David Louie, chairman of the city's aquatics ad hoc committee, said the county wants to know how Belmont

feels about the complex before the proposal is placed on the ballot.

A proposal involves a fully enclosed Olympic swimming and diving complex with three pools. It would be a joint venture of the City of Belmont, the Belmont School District and San Mateo County, located on city and school property in Belmont behind Ralston Intermediate School.

The council also voted to ask the County Parks and

Recreation Commission to install gates necessary to keep motorcycles off a pedestrian trail on San Francisco watershed property from Belmont Heights to Pulgas Water Temple, but not curtail public access.

The council went on record supporting Assemblyman Dixon Arnett's AB 29, concerning public notice requirements for certain public improvements. The motion was by new Councilman Morton L. Podolsky.

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Belmont selection detailed

Dr. Morton L. Podolsky last night was sworn in as a Belmont city councilman before a crowd of well-wishers, but not before Mayor Ferdinand Giuliani explained the rationale for the hasty appointment of a successor to Edward D. Vallergera.

Giuliani said that in retrospect "it is my opinion we may have acted hastily and without due consideration for the very important and essential ingredient of public input."

The appointment of Podolsky, a former mayor and who had been a member of the planning commission, was made at the Jan. 27 meeting of the council, the same night Vallergera resigned. Vallergera said Proposition 9 on last June's ballot (the Political Reform Act of 1974) made it impossible for him to continue on the council in that it would force disclosure of business relationships.

Mayor Giuliani said that to avoid such hasty action by a future council, "I will soon propose a change in the council's procedural resolution specifying that in the event there is a vacancy on the council in which the unexpired term is 13 months or more, a special election shall be held.

"Otherwise appointment will be made only after sufficient time has elapsed to duly consider all applicants for the position."

In answer to a question from Vice Mayor Robert A. Jones, City Attorney Kenneth Dickerson said the law provides that a city council shall make an appointment within 30 days of a vacancy or an election shall be called if no appointment is made. Jones said that whether the council mandates a special election should be investigated by the city attorney.

A resolution of appreciation was passed for Vallergera's service, but the former councilman was ill with the flu and not on hand to accept the award. Councilman Eugene P. Sullivan also was absent because of the flu.

Following an executive session last night, the council announced it is soliciting applicants to replace Podolsky on the planning commission. Letters with pertinent information should be addressed to the council in care of City Manager James P. DeChaine at the City Hall.

Giuliani said councilmen had been considering possible candidates since Vallergera let the council know early in December that he might resign.

"We knew it should be a man who was knowledgeable in the problems confronting the city and in its plans and negotiations, both present and future," the mayor said.

"Perhaps Dr. Podolsky would not have been some people's choice for the seat, but let's face a few facts: We have many important issues before the city at the present time, and the full complement of a five-man council is extremely important. A four-man council simply does not have the strength of a full body in that a split of two to two could negate any action.

"We have extremely important labor negotiations coming up, and council sets the parameters for the bargaining table.

"Both of these items come at a time when the consideration of our hyper-inflationary and concurrent recession problems require the deliberations of a full council, not to mention the ongoing everyday press of city business.

"All these things tended to rush us into a decision as to who the right man would be to fill Mr. Vallergera's shoes, and Dr. Podolsky fits the bill."

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Jones re-named mayor of Belmont

Robert A. Jones today is back at the helm of Belmont city government following his election last night as mayor.

Jones, vice mayor for the past year, served as mayor in 1971-72, just one year after his election to the city council. He was unopposed for re-election to the council in the 1974 election.

Jones, father of four children, is senior economist for Chase Econometrics, a subsidiary of the Chase Manhattan Bank. The outgoing mayor is Ferdinand Giuliani.

Chosen vice mayor last night was William H. Hardwick, who is with the lands department of Southern Pacific.

Selection of both Jones and Hardwick was unanimous.

Upon acceptance of the gavel, Jones paid tribute to Giuliani, declaring that Belmont was singled out as an outstanding city by the County Grand Jury during Giuliani's term as mayor. Giuliani was presented with a plaque by his council colleagues.

Giuliani's final act as mayor was to proclaim March 20, 21 and 22 as "America Is Us" days in the city of Belmont.

Councilmen also accepted a resolution approving agreement with Industrial Employers and Distributors Association for Labor Relations consulting services, but they disagreed as to where the funds were coming from to pay for the services.

The agreement provides for the payment by the city



ROBERT A. JONES
Second-time mayor

of \$4,245 per year, in installments of \$1,415 on April 1, Aug. 1 and Dec. 1.

In answer to Councilman Morton L. Podolsky's question as to where the funds will come from, Mayor Jones declared, "We need to find a source of funding other than unappropriated reserves." He proposed cutting back on the tree maintenance program and the Golden Anniversary-Bicentennial Committee funding.

Giuliani immediately came to the defense of the Bicentennial Committee. "This very council" appointed City Clerk James W. McLaughlin as chairman of this committee, Giuliani noted, and "he has faithfully discharged the duties we have given him."

Podolsky asked that since "we have to borrow from

ourselves, is there any chance of taking \$100 from 14 different projects?"

The council turned the funding problem over to the staff and postponed a decision until the next regular meeting March 24.

In other action, the council:

—Adopted a resolution opposing passage of Senate Bill 275 regarding proposed comprehensive revisions to existing employer-employee relations statutes.

—Opposed interim rate increases for Southern Pacific commute service.

—Concurred that a new group called "Friends of Log Cabin" study the feasibility of saving and

moving the log cabin on Twin Pines property and report their findings to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

—Adjourned to 7 o'clock tonight for an executive session to interview applicants for the unexpired term of Councilman Podolsky on the planning commission and return to regular meeting for possible appointment.

S M Jones
March 11, 1975

Jones Given Second Term

Robert A. Jones, a Belmont city councilman since 1970, was elected to his second one-year term as mayor Monday night.

William H. Hardwick, who also came to the council in 1970, was elected vice-mayor. Jones, 37, 655 South Road,

had been vice-mayor and replaced Ferdinand J. Giuliani as the city's top elected official.

The new mayor is a senior economist with Chase Econometrics in San Francisco, a subsidiary of Chase Manhattan Bank. Until last year he had been with Bank of America in a similar capacity.

Jones, a rail commuter, has been active with the Metropolitan Transportation Committee citizen group on upgrading of Southern Pacific Transportation Co.'s service. He also has been a leader against proposed SP commute rate increases and opposed the moving of the SP passenger terminal in San Francisco last year because it would be a major inconvenience to commuters.

He and Hardwick have worked harmoniously, despite Hardwick's position as an SP property management executive in San Francisco. Jones recently was named to the new San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors and Hardwick along with Giuliani formulated the basic plan



Robert Jones

for the new city bus system due to begin operations about May 1.

Hardwick, 47, resides at 2720 Newlands Ave.

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Recall Bid In Belmont

A move to recall "at least" two and possibly all three Belmont city councilmen not standing for election this April 14 is afoot around Belmont's neighborhoods.

There's nothing definite yet and it's still in the talking stage but "There seems to be considerable interest," according to Harold A. Malliot, 1121 Lassen Drive, one of perhaps ten per- (Please See Page 12, Column 2)

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sons now investigating the possibilities.

The prime target, according to Malliot, is Mayor Milton A. Tromborg, with "at least" Councilman Joseph J. Zucca to be included. Councilman Edward D. Vallerga also is a "possibility," Malliot said.

"We hope Councilwoman Eve Sterry will be reelected next month and we're grateful (Councilman Morton L.) Podolsky is dropping out," Malliot went on. Mrs. Sterry is running for a second term but Podolsky is not.

"We must get rid of some of the children on the council," Malliot stated. "You saw what happened Monday night. This bickering has to stop."

Another goal of the group is to get the current council candidates to give their views clearly on the issues of council behavior, he said.

Another main issue is dirt hauling, which Malliot said is illegal in the proportions approved by the council for one project this week.

Tromborg and Zucca got into a verbal donnybrook Monday night over Zucca's charge Tromborg was throwing his weight around city hall. Tromborg denied this but the argument has been the talk of the town since.

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Belmont hearing on general plan

A public hearing on proposed amendments to the Belmont General Plan will be held by the Belmont Planning Commission Monday at 8 p.m. at the City Hall.

Among items to be considered is one with political overtones — two lots at the southwest corner of Ralston Avenue and Maywood Drive.

One of the lots is owned by former Councilman and Mayor Edward D. Vallerga and his son, David E. Vallerga, the other by Louis J. Horvath.

The lots some time ago were rezoned from residential to retail commercial. Action to be considered includes leaving the lots as retail commercial or revising the designation to low density residential — three units per acre. The property adjoins the Carlmont Shopping Center.

Among the numerous proposed amendments the

Planning Commission is scheduled to hear:

Hansen property located northwest of Sixth Avenue and Ralston Avenue, presently Ralston Avenue frontage; retail commercial; South Road frontage; low density residential — designate parcels for retail commercial uses with no access to South Road.

Davey property, Davey Glen Road, from medium density residential, 22.5 units per acre, where existing zoning calls for maximum of 170 dwelling units — to a suggested maximum density of 100 dwelling units.

Municipal facilities — the plan proposes the use of the additional 2.5 acres of the Twin Pines property for open space and possible municipal functions.

Elimination of the aquatics complex designation at Ralston School and designate the site as a recreational area.

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Mayor And Group Safe

Fears and anxieties about the whereabouts of Belmont Mayor Edward D. Vallergera and six traveling companions in Baja California were dispelled late this morning when a postcard was received from Ensenada saying he was "fine" and hadn't been able to radio because of local broadcast frequency interference.

Russel A. Estep, a Belmont (Please See Page 2, Column 8)

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realtor, had been attempting to contact Vallergera since he left on a three- to five-week vacation in Baja California one week ago. Vallergera, a devoted radio ham, had promised to contact Estep every night. The party's destination is La Paz.

With Vallergera are Councilman Morton L. Podolsky, industrialist George Tiegel, their wives and Vallergera's daughter, Linda. Estep said his own attempts to contact Vallergera had gone unanswered by him.

*Ed + wife
Mort + wife
George + wife
Linda*

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Rough Roads Jolt Campers

Belmont's traveling vacation and goodwill touring group of six prominent citizens is having a good time—every minute of it—in the wilds of Baja California Sur, according to reports received back home.

The group that hit the road January 24 includes Mayor Edward D. Vallergera, Councilman Morton L. Podolsky, industrialist George Tiegel and their wives.

Ralph Tiegel of San Carlos, son of the latter, said today the group had reached La Paz over roads so rough the camper units on their pickup trucks had broken loose from their bolted mountings and had been tied together with baling wire. They made only 50 to 100 miles a day at some points.

Dr. Podolsky, a local pediatrician, has been quite busy. Tiegel said, in towns where the local doctor comes through only once a week. He has worked particularly with children, including one with diphtheria.

Communication with the group has been through an occasional letter or phone call. Vallergera, a radio ham, had expected to contact Russel A. Estep, a friend, every night on a new radio he took along, but atmospheric interference around Ensenada and later some apparent mechanical trouble ended that project.

La Paz is approximately 2,000 miles from Belmont. The group expects to cross the Gulf of California by ferry to the Mexican mainland and return on much better roads, arriving home at about the end of this month.

Engineer Bulletin

Aug - 9 - 1975

Where have all the dollars gone?

Editor:

I've lived in Belmont, since the middle 50s. I want to thank Mr. McLaughlin for his time and effort that he's been doing for the people of Belmont.

He's given us information that should be coming from the mayor's desk. It wasn't Mr. McLaughlin's place to inform the citizens of Belmont. Thanks, Jim - I can not believe how much money the city of Belmont is spending.

Sounds like a gang of kissing cousins - the city manager just got hired not too long ago. He needs a raise already.

He hasn't been working for us too long and we got to add money for his pension plan also.

How sweet it is - we're spending my money looking for a new police chief.

Yes, Rick left Belmont city government, not one word was said, why Rick left.

Something smells fishy - the city government seems to be hiring all kinds of people.

Maybe they should hire Jim McLaughlin to oversee when and where money should be spent for the good of Belmont and its people.

Thanks Jim and God bless you.

P.S. I don't even know Jim but he has a friend now.

**Angelo Fogliari
Belmont**