

Beverly Hills Council

Police, firemen gain pay increase

By ALICE COLLINS

BEVERLY HILLS—Public safety officers won a 12 per cent increase in wages and benefits for the current fiscal year, and an additional 7 per cent for 1975-76 Monday night.

The village council approved the

new contract, retroactive to July 1, and indicated it may be looking to voters for more money to pay the cost.

The contract will cost the city an additional \$60,000 this year, two thirds of which is not budgeted. "We're not sure just how we're going to handle it," said council president pro-tem Allen Howe.

"The way I see it," said president Thomas Kauechek, "we only have two choices ... we look to the people for more money or reduce the public safety force."

"It's inflationary like everything else is today," added Kauechek.

The earliest a public safety millage request could go on the ballot would be March 10 when annual village elections are scheduled.

The last time Beverly Hills considered a municipal millage request was in 1968 when voters approved two and one-half additional mills for the general fund to be used to expand the department of public safety.

Under the new contract, patrolmen on the 25-man combined police and fire force, will receive \$16,150 annually—a wage hike of 10 per cent. In 1975-76 they will get \$17,050.

The contract also calls for the addition of two holidays this year and one more next year, a \$2 deductible Blue Cross prescription drug coverage, a \$1,500 increase in life insurance and the addition of death and disability benefits.

In other action Monday, the council delayed acting on bids received for four drainage projects in the Georgetown Subdivision on the south side of Thirteen Mile Road, just west of Lahser.

Bids for the work ranged from \$60,638 to a high of \$145,162.

Councilman Howard F. Heintz said the bids would be evaluated. "Then we'll have to look for the money."

Residents have complained of flooding and icing problems on Lincolnshire, Banbury Court and Highbank Drive in the subdivision.

Village consulting engineer Oleh R. Clepy said the projects could be completed this winter except for restoration of driveways disturbed by the drainage installation, and the cleanup.

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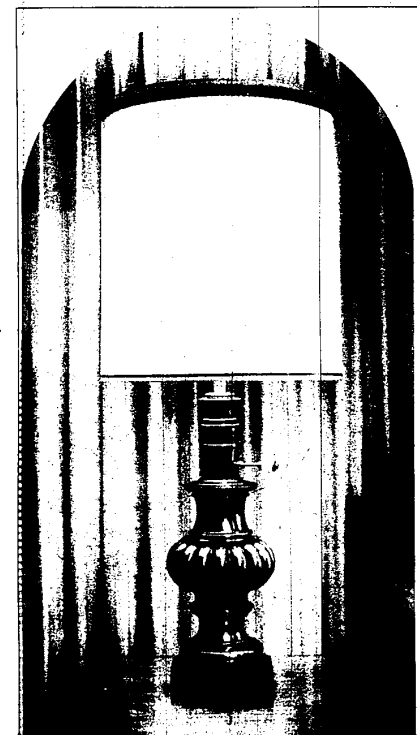
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