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Council tentatively OKs smoking ban

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City Council members gave tentative approval Monday to one ordinance that would ban smoking in most public places and another that would restrict businesses that deal in pornographic matter.

A final vote will be taken on the smoking ordinance after a formal public hearing during the council's next meeting Sept. 9 at City Hall.

Council will take a final vote on the pornography ordinance after a public hearing Sept. 23.

The smoking ordinance would prohibit or drastically restrict smoking in all public buildings.

Smoking would be allowed in public buildings if a designated smoking area is provided, but banned completely in grocery and other retail stores, theaters, auditoriums, public restrooms, elevators and libraries.

The ordinance also would give employers the right to prohibit smoking by employees on the job, or restrict where smoking is allowed.

Violators of the ordinance would be subject to a \$100 fine.

The pornography ordinance, which actually is a zoning law,

Pueblo to hold 2 meets on no-smoking proposal

The city of Pueblo will host a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Pitts Middle School cafeteria, and another at 7 p.m. Sept. 4 at Freed Middle School cafeteria, to discuss a proposed ordinance that would ban smoking in public buildings.

A video program will be presented along with an explanation of the ordinance by city councilmen and city staff.

The ordinance passed on first reading at the council's meeting Monday. A final vote will be taken after a formal public hearing on the matter during the council's Sept. 9 meeting at City Hall.

would control the number of adult bookstores, theaters and motels allowed to locate in any one business area.

The ordinance prohibits "adult" businesses from locating within 1,000 feet of a similar business, or within 500 feet of a residential zone district, a church, a public or private school or child care center, or any public community center, park or recreation center.

In other action Monday, the council:

• Reappointed James

Damkar and Joe T. Ulibarri as municipal judges. Their new terms will expire Aug. 31, 1987.

• Approved the purchase of the Alpine Bar at 116 W. First St. for \$70,000. The property is the last scheduled for demolition within a 10-acre tract declared blighted and set aside several years ago for the development of a hotel and convention center.

• Appropriated \$15,000 from the City Golf Course Retained Earnings Fund for a study of the course's antiquated irrigation

system. The council awarded a contract for the study to EDAW Inc, an engineering consulting company specializing in irrigation problems.

• Awarded a \$2.4 million contract to the Denver company of Kiewitt Western for rehabilitation of the east-west runway at Pueblo Memorial Airport. Most of the project will be financed with federal Airport Improvement Program funds. Pueblo's share of the project is \$204,621.

• Awarded a contract for \$63,298 to MG Concrete of Pueblo to build about 1,200 feet of curb and gutter in various parts of the city.

• Voted 4-3 for a resolution stating the city's intent to issue \$3 million in tax-free industrial revenue bonds for Pueblo Plaza Inc., a new corporation.

The company, owned by Wayne Cross of Bayonne, N.J., intends to use the money to buy Pueblo's Chilton Inn for about \$2 million, and renovate it using the remainder of the bond money.

Councilmen Ken Hunter, Paul Jones and Allyn Middelkamp voted against the resolution because they said that issuing bonds for private businesses creates unfair competition.

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