

Bowron Heads Citizens Group to Study Zoning and Planning

Former Mayor Fletcher Bowron Tuesday was elected chairman of a seven-member blue-ribbon citizens committee which will study the city's zoning-planning procedures.

Rudy Ostengaard, vice president of the United California Bank, was named vice chairman.

The committee immediately agreed to invite Mayor Sam Yorty, City Atty. Roger Arnebergh and members of the City Council to hear their views on the group's objectives.

They scheduled their first meeting for May 4 and every Thursday thereafter for the following three months.

The committee was established by the council last Jan. 19.

Council action followed two inves-

tigations of municipal zoning-planning procedures and the indictment of Bryan E. Gibson, Woodland Hills land developer, on grand theft and conspiracy to commit bribery.

His trial is scheduled for May 22.

Until Tuesday only one proposed zoning reform measure had been assigned to the special committee by the council.

It is a proposed charter amendment authorizing appeals from the Board of Zoning Adjustment to the council and mayor and applications for zoning variances and conditional uses.

Tuesday another two measures involving possible conflict of interest were sent to the committee by

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the council's Planning Committee.

They would require public disclosure of real estate holdings in the city by certain public officials involved in zoning-planning matters and an affidavit-supported statement of any interest in property under consideration for zoning or planning purpo-

ses.

Other members of the select committee are Averill Munger, 1966 grand jury foreman; Mrs. Robert Kingsley, another panel member; Gordon Whitnall, the city's first planning director; Dr. John C. Bollens, professor of political science at UCLA, and J. Robert King, president of King Neutronics.