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Increased pay for patrolmen, two additional lieutenants of detectives, consolidation of the sergeant and detective sergeant ranks, and 100 new motorcycles are the four principal recommendations which Chief of Police Fitzmorris will submit to the finance committee today.

Mayor Thompson, Chairman Richert of the finance committee and City Controller Harding conferred yesterday on

the city's straitened financial affairs and it was decided to begin work on the 1921 appropriation bill within a week. The council will be asked to pass the budget before Feb. 1 to permit the city to meet pay rolls on money borrowed on anticipation tax warrants.

Money cannot be borrowed on tax anticipation warrants until the tax levy ordinance which accompanies the budget is passed, and unless a loan is made available through the issuance of warrants it may be necessary to ask the legislature to approve the issue of certificates of indebtedness — commonly known as I O U's—as was done in 1919.

Chief Fitzmorris refused to make

public the amount of the pay boost which he will ask for the patrolmen pending a conference with Ald. Richert today.

The recommendation that the sergeant and detective sergeant ranks be consolidated will mean an increase of \$300 in the pay of detectives if approved. Sergeants are now paid \$2,400 and detective sergeants \$2,100.

"I intend to use the hundred motorcycles twenty-four hours a day," Chief Fitzmorris said. "Every patrol sergeant in the outlying districts will be mounted on a cycle with orders to visit his patrolmen once every hour instead of once every two hours as at present."

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