

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: November 22, 2022

From: Community Development

Subject: San Jose Avenue Parking Layout Modifications

Recommended Action: Authorize modifications to on-street parking on San Jose Avenue.

Background: In June of 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing social distancing orders, the City issued temporary permits to local restaurants to provide outdoor dining.

On April 22, 2021, City Council directed staff to develop a program for permanent outdoor dining. Over the course of the next several months, the Planning Commission and City Council held a total of six public hearings regarding a permanent outdoor dining program, received results from two public surveys, provided direction on key program elements to staff, and reviewed a draft ordinance. The City Council adopted the Outdoor Dining Ordinance on December 9, 2021.

On June 10, 2022, the Coastal Commission conditionally certified the Outdoor Dining Ordinance, subject to modifications. On June 23, 2022, the City Council adopted the Coastal Commission conditions by resolution and the amended ordinance went into effect.

On August 24, 2022, the owners of the Capitola Wine Bar emailed City staff with a request to consider modifying the parking layout on San Jose Avenue to accommodate street dining decks.

Discussion: The proposed modification to the parking layout along San Jose Avenue flips the diagonal parking in front of Left Coast Sausage, Capitola Wine Bar, and Carusos to the other side of the street and adds parallel spaces in front of the eating and drinking establishments. Staff conceptually reviewed the request and agreed the new layout would improve the outdoor dining experience and may be more efficient.

Staff communicated those findings to the owners of Capitola Wine Bar but indicated that prior to moving forward with engineering review the owner of the Capitola Wine Bar should obtain support from the adjacent property owners, including the Taffy Shop, Left Coast Sausage WorQs, Carusos, Rainbow Store, and 120 Esplanade. All adjacent businesses and property owners signed a draft layout of the new parking configuration with a statement of support.

The City then contracted Kimley-Horn to perform site investigation work on existing street conditions and prepare a conceptual striping and signing design. The City received the conceptual plans on November 9, 2022 (Attachment 1). Kimley-Horn applied the latest Caltrans and AASHTO Greenbook Specifications for the project design parameters. The proposed layout to optimize space for outdoor street dining decks and swap the angles spaces to the other side of the street resulted in no net gain or loss of parking spaces. Wheel stops will be installed to all diagonal spaces to prevent damage to the curb and sidewalk.

Next Steps: If the City Council directs staff to proceed with the design, staff will inform the restaurants they may proceed with outdoor dining deck plans. Prior to construction of the first outdoor deck staff will obtain bids for restriping the roadway. Restriping will require closure of this portion of San Jose Avenue for one day.

Fiscal Impact: Staff estimates a cost of \$5,000 for the removal of the current striping and restriping per the attached concept plan on the affected portion of San Jose Avenue. Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Public Works Streets budget.

Attachments:

1. Pavement Delineation Plans

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