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Council members,

Below is the process required to remove and replace the Stockton Ave Bridge. It's been slightly over one year since I received this information from the then city attorney. This was never addressed at last year's meeting when the bridge replacement was discussed. Once again, there is nothing in the agenda packet information for the council that addresses these requirements.

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STOCKTON AVE BRIDGE - REQUIRED LEGAL STEPS TO REPLACE IT

At the 3/27 Capitola City Council meeting I questioned why Ord. 515 and Ord. 17.87 of the Capitola Municipal Code had not been addressed by the city. No one on the staff or Council responded, so today I sent an email to the city manager and city attorney inquiring why the ordinances haven't been part of the bridge discussion and how they impact the process. Here is the reply that outlines the process for approving a new bridge.

1. The bridge was determined to be a local "historic feature" in 1999 (Ord. 17.87).
2. Future design modifications or demolition must comply with the Historical Preservation standards in Municipal Code chapter 17.84.
3. If replacement moves forward after the bridge survey approved at the 3/27 city council meeting, the city would hire an historic architect to advise the city and the contracted engineer through the design development stage consistent with Municipal Code 17.84.030. Any alterations or new construction must be in compliance with the city code and CEQA.
4. The design engineer, in consultation with the historic architect, would develop plans and materials for a permit application as part of the design development stage.
5. The Planning Commission would review the project at a noticed public hearing. The type of permit will depend on the work proposed but likely an Historic Alteration Permit or a Historic Demolition permit. A historic demolition permit requires both PC approval and city council approval. A coastal development permit will also be required.

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