

Capitola City Council

Agenda Report



Meeting: January 27, 2022

From: Public Works Department

Subject: Modifications to Permit Parking Programs at City Provided Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Recommended Action: Consider a resolution removing public parking spaces dedicated to electric vehicle charging stations from all permit parking programs.

Background: In 2011 the City of Capitola installed two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the upper Beach and Village Parking Lot in partnership with the Monterey Bay Electric Vehicle Alliance (MBEVA). The MBEVA supplied the charging equipment and maintenance, while the City paid for the installation and agreed to not charge use fees for two years. At the end of that two-year program, the City started paying maintenance fees for the equipment. In 2017, due to high maintenance demands with the initial equipment, new charging stations were installed. At the same time, to recover the cost of providing the charge-electricity, parking meter fees for the two EV spaces was increased to \$0.50 per hour.

After this change, City staff has determined that when using the EV stations, valid parking permit holders (through the Village Preferential Parking Permit Program, the Village Employer/Employee Permit program, or City Staff permits) are exempt from both paying the parking meter fees and adhering to the 4-hour time limit at the EV stations.

Resolution 3190, adopted in 2002, modified Village Parking Rules and Regulations and established current parking programs (Attachment 1).

Discussion: While the costs of charging a vehicle are relatively low, estimated at \$0.25 - \$0.60 per hour, there are instances when EV vehicles with City issued permits are left in an EV space for more than the 4-hour limit.

To remedy this situation, staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution (Attachment 2) removing all public parking spaces dedicated to EV charging on city-owned property or on public streets, from all parking permit programs.

Fiscal Impact: Staff anticipates a slight increase in parking meter revenue because of this change.

Attachments:

1. Resolution 3190
2. Proposed draft resolution

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