



Town Council Work Session
Second Street Closure Discussion
February 14, 2023



INITIATIVE

RollOutWarrenton! began as a Town-wide economic development initiative to assist all businesses with the opportunity to mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the third year, the initiative aims to build on the success of the previous years by continuing to:

- Create an environment that encourages and promotes economic vitality.
- Allow businesses to be creative.
- Promote the government as a collaborative partner to support the business community.



PROGRAM GOAL

- The goal of RollOutWarrenton! is to:
- Encourage businesses to move outside creating additional space for their customers
- Provide opportunities for alternative temporary signage and;
- Enhance the sense of community by promoting people-oriented spaces.



BACKGROUND

- May 12, 2020 – Regular Meeting - it was introduced and had Council support to move forward. The program was implemented Town-wide.
- August 6, 2020 – Work Session – Staff provided an update, and Council discussion continued with interest in how the program would move through fall and winter implications.
- December 8, 2020 – Regular Meeting – Staff provided an update.
- April 13, 2021 – Work Session – Staff provided an update of the program. Discussion included a survey conducted by Experience Old Town Warrenton (EOTW) illustrating the overall support of continuing the program, introduction of a parklet program, associated documents, and the recommendation to continue the program for another year.
- February 8, 2022, Town Council Work Session discussion to continue the program while working on a more permanent program.
- March 8, 2022, Town Council Work approved continuation of the program with closing Main St. as outlined and discussed with the removal of the parklets to be determined by Public Works with the target of November, prior to Thanksgiving.
- December 13, 2022- Provided an update regarding the Second St. closing; directed to open Second St.
- December 22, 2022- Met with EOTW.
- January 23, 2023- Met with representatives of the EOTW Board to discuss the permanent closure of Second Street. EOTW requested that the Town evaluate the opportunity to close Second St permanently and presented a proposal to permanently close the street and design permanent seating for the area.

The background image shows a street scene with historic buildings. On the left, there are multi-story buildings with brick and wood siding. A sign for 'DENIM & PAJAMA' is visible on one of the buildings. In the foreground, there is outdoor seating with blue metal tables and chairs, and some greenery. The street is paved and has a yellow line marking. The sky is clear and blue.

Staff Recommendations

Second Street: Closing of Second St. during the temporary program established an additional pedestrian zone and additional space for business use. The challenge with Second St. is the grade and the location of new businesses on Second St. Any permanent redesign of Second St. will need to incorporate changing the grade to more useable space(s), incorporating ADA standards, drainage, and safety. Regardless, staff recommends, if we are directed to have Second St. closed during the program period, any use of this space must comply with all the provisions set forth above with special consideration to safety of leveling the tables; stabilizing furniture or other improvements; providing a “hardened” barrier for safety; and ensuring ADA accessibility. If the space is not part of a business agreement for use, the space can be designated as open space for pedestrian access and additional community space. Staff will engage in a collaborative process to find best uses if directed to do so. EOTW is now recommending Second St. be closed in consideration of the businesses along Second St.

Permanent bollards will be required to safely close the street at a cost of \$5,500.



Questions?