



**Commission Workshop
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Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 5:00 PM
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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION ITEM

Discussion Regarding East Commercial Downtown Area

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PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public Comments may address issues that are not on this meeting's agenda, but should relate to the business of the Town, and should not contain personal attacks. If your comment requires follow up, the Town Manager will have a staff person respond to your concerns, and will advise us of the outcome.

The Town Clerk will read off the names of those who have signed up to speak. When your name is called, please come to the podium, state your name for the record, and indicate whether you are a Town resident. Do not state your address. You have up to three minutes to make your comments, but there is no requirement to use the entire time. If you wish to address a particular Commissioner or member of Town Administration, please do so by use of their title.

If you wish to approach the Commission dais to hand out a document or for some other reason, please request permission and state your reason for doing so. All documents to be provided to the Commission should be handed to the Town Clerk for distribution.

These procedures have been developed to assure that the Town Commission meeting time is efficiently used, and that meetings are conducted in a polite and respectful manner. More information on the decorum rules for Town Commission meetings is available in Section 2-23 of the Town Code of Ordinances.



Town Commission Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: June 8, 2021
Submitted By: Linda Connors, Interim Town Manager
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: Old Business
Agenda Section: Old Business

Subject Title: Discussion Regarding East Commercial Downtown Area

Explanation: As you are aware, the Governor previously issued an emergency order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that established distancing requirements in restaurants and limited their capacity to no more than 50% capacity. In response to this order, and to try to help businesses from closing, the Town Commission authorized restaurants to expand their sidewalk café areas into the Town’s spaces. Water barriers were purchased to secure the areas and restaurants expanded their services in the Town’s space to capture the business lost due to the capacity restrictions.

At the September 21, 2020, meeting, the Commission adopted Resolution 2020-39, which extended the restaurant’s use of the parallel parking areas to January 15, 2021. This resolution also waived the sidewalk café fees for restaurants during this time frame. On January 26, 2021, the Commission extended the use of the parking area to July 15, 2021.

At the May 11, 2021, Commission meeting, Eva Marissa, Chair of the LBTS Chamber of Commerce, asked the Commission to schedule a workshop between business leaders and Commissioners to discuss making this configuration for the sidewalk cafés permanent in some form. This request resulted in tonight’s workshop being scheduled.

The Town received an email from the Chamber’s representative requesting a 90-day extension of the expanded sidewalk café areas. Other issues such as permanent removal of some of the parking areas and the continued permanent use of the Connie Hoffman Ocean Plaza have been informally discussed as topics that may be discussed at tonight’s workshop.

Recommendation: Discuss the Chamber’s request and provide staff direction.

Exhibit: Public Comment – Bill Ciani

Reviewed by Town Attorney:

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Bill Ciani, resident (222 words)

I would like my opinion known to the Town on subject of using parking and beachfront pavilion area for outdoor dining of privately owned restaurants. First off, my tenants who really are not in front of any of the parking spots or the pavilion do not see the need for this to go on any further as the pandemic is now under control. Also, they do not see themselves as benefitting from the use of these areas and I also do not see benefit. As far as the pavilion is concerned, I feel that was built for the enjoyment of Town residents, tourists, and customers of all the businesses. I never liked the idea of blocking out beautiful ocean front for commercial use. Having said this, I personally look forward to turning out Town back to the way it was intended before Covid. The present look gives us a look of being under construction taking away from our natural beauty. In conclusion, I would like to thank the Town and its staff for graciously letting the restaurants have the free use of these facilities at no charge. This Town and staff have always supported the businesses and I thank them for that.