
INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers Reynolds, Winslow, and Chair van Overbeek

Meeting of February 5, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair van Overbeek with Vice-Mayor Reynolds arriving at 1:03 p.m.

A. VALLOMBROSA WAY PARKING REQUEST

The Public Works – Engineering staff received a request for additional parking restrictions and preferential parking along Vallombrosa Way between Vallombrosa Avenue and the end of Vallombrosa Way cul-de-sac. Wyatt West, Project Manager provided the report and answered questions regarding the proposed parking restrictions.

Members of the public speaking on this item were Chuck Eppelhsimer, Jeff Glatz, and Slade Mathews.

A motion by Chair van Overbeek was seconded by Vice-Mayor Reynolds to recommend to Council to approve the staff recommendation as follows:

1. The creation of a modified preferential parking district along Vallombrosa Way with the following restrictions.
 - a. Preferential Parking for residents only from 10 PM – 5 AM
 - b. Unrestricted public parking from 5 AM to 10 PM be available to the public, facilitating park enjoyment during normal operating hours.
2. Add enforceable parking restrictions from 10 PM – 5 AM near the Peterson Memorial Way entrance to Bidwell Park.

Councilmember Winslow made a substitute motion to recommend that Council approve eight or ten-hour parking zones with preferential parking permits for longer durations for residents. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion passed (2-1, Winslow opposed).

B. CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING ALCOHOL AT PRIVATE EVENTS IN CITY PLAZA

The Chico Municipal Code allows for the sale of alcoholic beverages at City Plaza during a public event with the proper permit and alcohol license. The Internal Affairs Committee was asked to consider whether or not the City Council should consider further modifications to the Chico Municipal Code to allow for the sale or provision of alcohol at private events in City Plaza. Deputy City Manager, Jennifer Macarthy, provided the report and answered questions from the Committee.

Member of the public speaking on this item was Thomas Kane.

A motion by Councilmember Winslow was seconded by Vice-Mayor Reynolds to recommend that Council modify the Chico Municipal Code to allow for alcohol at private events in City Plaza. The motion passed (3-0).

B. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

D. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m. to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

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