

	AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		Agenda Item number: 4h
	Title:	Discussion and direction for City Staff to explore a best practices and possible locations for additional downtown public space.	
	Presenter:	Derek Conley, Economic Development Director Heather McGuire, City Administrator	
Meeting: Planning & Development Committee		Date: April 8, 2024	
Proposed Cost: \$		Budgeted Amount: \$	Not Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/>
TIF District: None			
Executive Summary (if not budgeted, please explain):			
<p>Since 2020, the City has enhanced public spaces in our downtown, exemplified by the expansion of the First Street Plaza. The expansion of the plaza has also allowed for the introduction of more outdoor dining opportunities. The implementation of outdoor dining has proven to be successful in drawing visitors to our city, thereby bolstering the vitality of downtown businesses and generates additional sales tax revenue for the City.</p> <p>This agenda item offers a platform for alderpersons to delve into discussions and provide direction on their visions regarding the future of outdoor dining as a permanent feature of the downtown. Staff members are actively seeking guidance on how to navigate best practices and forthcoming initiatives to ensure their alignment with the overarching objective of enhancing public spaces.</p>			
Attachments (please list):			
Recommendation/Suggested Action (briefly explain):			
There is no staff recommendation.			