

 CITY OF ST. CHARLES ILLINOIS • 1834	AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY		Agenda Item number:
	Title:	Discussion of 2024 First Street Outdoor Dining Plan	
	Presenter:	Derek Conley, Economic Development Director	
Meeting: Government Operations Committee		Date: July 17, 2023	
Proposed Cost: \$		Budgeted Amount: \$	Not Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/>
TIF District: TIF 7 - Central Downtown (VOTING RESTRICTION) TIF 4 - First Street (VOTING RESTRICTION)			
Executive Summary (if not budgeted, please explain): <p>For the past three years, the City has worked with the First Street restaurants to provide outdoor dining options on the City-owned plaza space. The outdoor dining program was originally expanded on the plaza to assist businesses during Covid restrictions. Due to the increase in popularity of outdoor dining and its success on First Street, the City Council has expressed interest in establishing a regular expanded dining layout on the plaza going forward. In April 2023, construction of the First Street Plaza expansion began. When completed, the expanded plaza will dramatically change the layout and spaces available for pedestrians/visitors, outdoor dining and City-community events.</p> <p>The intention of this agenda item is <u>NOT</u> to determine the exact layout of the outdoor dining for each restaurant. The intention is to begin discussing what elements of the outdoor dining and the open public space are most important. Some items that previously been discussed are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easily accessible and clear walkways through the plaza, including addressing ADA concerns • Space for residents to enjoy while not dining • Ample space for small city-sponsored events • Aesthetic improvements that create clearly defined areas (congruent fencing, signage, etc.) • Reasonable fees for private outdoor dining on city-owned plaza space <p>Attached to this summary, are two outdoor dining layouts to assist City Council in visualizing how the new plaza could shift outdoor dining in the future. Based on comments these layouts can shift before final approval. It is important to keep in mind that there are physical barriers or challenges to the outdoor dining including, planters, flag poles, street lights, string light poles, fountains, and grading issues. Staff is recommending that the new First Street Plaza hardscaping be completed prior to determining an outdoor dining plan for 2024 and the future. With such a dramatic change to the First Street area, it is important that staff, City Council, the businesses, and residents see a completed plaza before committing to a new layout. Hardscaping is expected to be completed in the Fall.</p>			
Attachments (please list): Design Layout			
Recommendation/Suggested Action (briefly explain): There is NO formal recommendation from staff, this a discussion only.			

Layout #1



Layout #2



Alter Brewing - Proposed Winter Outdoor Dining Plan

