Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager:

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	September 1, 2020
To:	Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From:	Interim Police Chief Don Mort City Administration
Subject:	Traffic and Parking Modifications Morris Street
Recommendation:	Approval of Requested improvements/modifications as detailed below in the Staff Report.
Funding:	Currently Budgeted: ____*X___ Yes _____ No ____ N/A Net General Fund Cost: Amount: $_____

* This can be accomplished within the existing Department of Public Works budget.

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) __*AK*_____ (verified by Administrative Services Department)

Purpose/Introduction: This item requests City Council approval of recommendations for improvements/modifications to Morris Street.

Background

The City Council, City Manager, and Staff have received several community inquiries regarding the complex societal problems of homelessness and vehicle camping in general over the past few years, as well as specific inquiries regarding the Morris Street industrial area and surrounding streets.

At the November 5, 2019 City Council Meeting, the Council and community received a report on Morris Street and was in consensus to have this item returned to a future City Council meeting. Since that time, City staff and the Agenda Review Committee have been monitoring the situation on Morris Street as well as court cases relative to this item. In addition the COVID 19 pandemic happened and is still currently happening as well as the recent fire priority. This item has been on the pending list for consideration and discussion. As a follow up on this item, the City Manager provided a report to the City Council on August 4, 2020 as to the current status of homeless/transient vehicles on Morris Street. A copy of that report is attached for reference. Following receipt of that report, additional comments/emails were also received in response to the County presentation regarding Project Home Key.

Discussion:

As discussed at the November 5, 2019 City Council meeting, there is approximately 1100 feet of non-continuous legal parking space (about 54 standard spaces) along the eastern curb of Morris Street, from the southern-most legal parking space to the south driveway of the Youth Annex; and there is approximately 1075 feet of noncontinuous legal parking space (about 53 standard spaces) along the western curb of Morris Street, from the eastern driveway of the Corporation Yard water distribution tank to the southern-most legal parking space. None of the spaces are time or special-use restricted, nor are there "parking tees" to delineate individual spaces.

In response to recent concerns, tonight's item is to recommend Three (3) hour timed parking limits on the west side of Morris Street between McKinley Street and Eddie Lane and Three (3) hour timed parking for area in between the two driveways of the Sebastopol Cultural Community Center (see attached map).

PUBLIC COMMENT:
As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the meeting or may request to make comments on a consent calendar item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:
This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:
There is no fiscal impact to this item tonight as the work can be accomplished within the Department of Public Works budget.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the City Council discuss and consider approval of recommendations for improvements/modifications to Morris Street.

Attachment
Map of Proposed Timed Parking

GREEN LINE = TIMED PARKING

Morris St. Aerial North End





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Morris St. Aerial South End





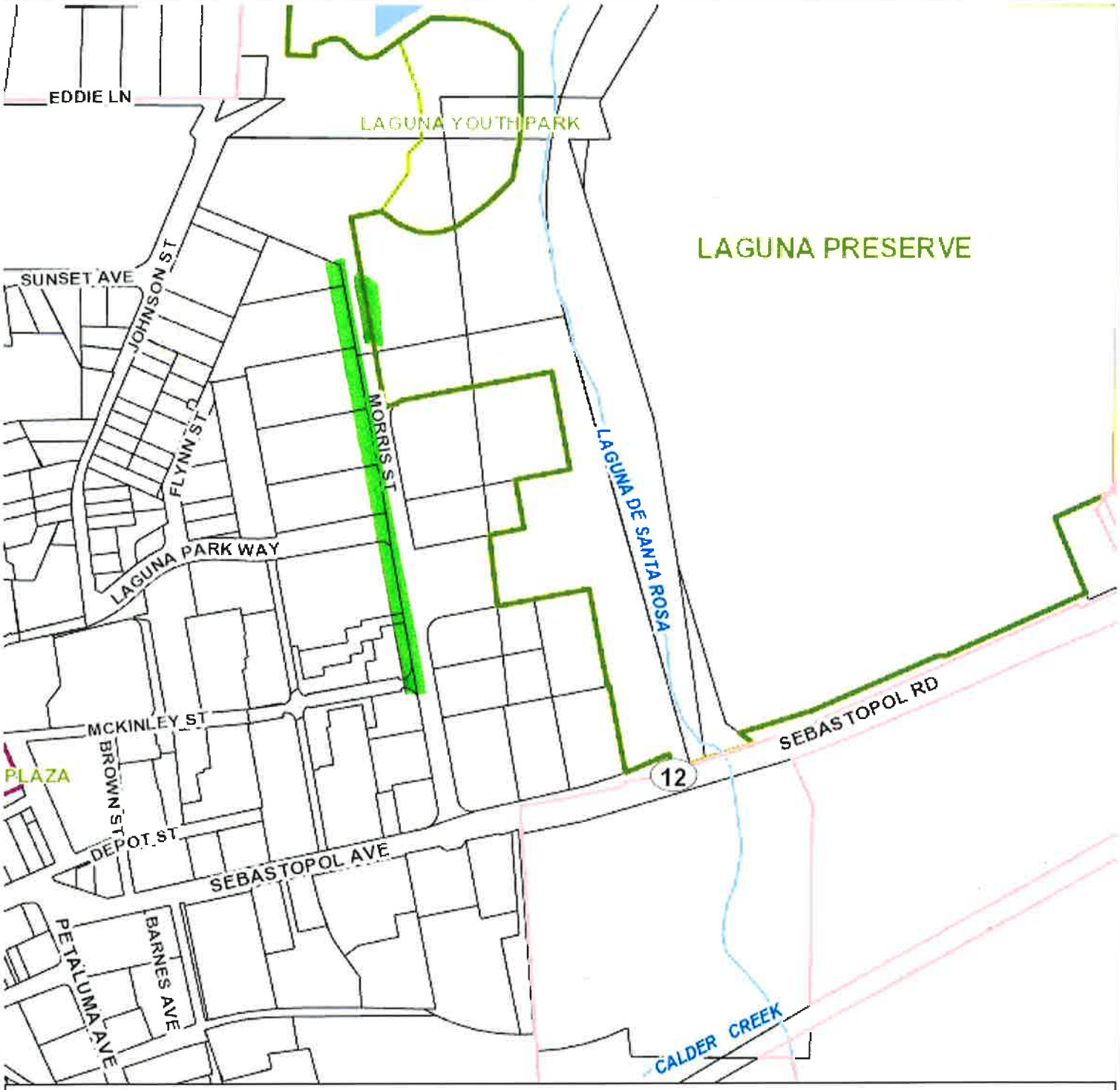
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