



# City Manager's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 2, 2022

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

**FROM:** Jaime Schroeder, Parks and Recreation Director

**SUBJECT:** Extended Closure of City Plaza for Maintenance and Repairs – March 7-31, 2022

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The Space Whale needs repairs. Some of the repairs require a boom truck. In order to safely perform the repairs, City Plaza must be closed. The scheduled closure period is March 7-31, 2022.

Both Public Works and Parks and Recreation will also utilize the closure period to perform in depth maintenance and improvements to City Plaza. The following tasks are scheduled to be completed:

1. Replace damaged/missing utility vault lid.
2. Demolition of old ice skate rental ramp.
  - a. Replace surface with new asphalt concrete.
  - b. Reinstall or relocate "Free Speech Zone" signs.
3. Remove black landscape rock from the corner of 1st and Center St.
  - a. Install new asphalt concrete (AC) surface.
4. Place preserved blocks from the old Virginia Street Bridge on the border of the new AC section and the existing parking lot to create a delineator.
5. Place additional Sternberg light to light the parking area.
6. Restripe the parking area.
7. Install permit-parking signs within the parking area.
8. Add parking blocks to each parking space.
9. Install posts and a chain to close off the approach on Center St. to the parking area.
  - a. The chain can be removed (open up) daily by the BID Ambassadors who currently open the ReTRAC plaza gates and will soon be opening the AT&T gates on the Riverwalk.
10. Replace NEMA 3 outlets along the concrete sitting area of the plaza.
11. Install gates to restrict access to the river during winter months (currently steelcade is used).

12. Turf Reduction Project - change to demonstration garden promoting native, drought tolerant vegetation.
  - a. Decorative fence installed around demonstration garden (if needed; would be installed at a later date in the year).
13. Electrical Upgrades for Security Camera Installation – install panel and pull wires.
14. Replace worn and damaged signs throughout the plaza.

The estimated cost for the maintenance and improvements is approximately \$34,000.

To allow access to the skateboarding elements during the closure, the elements will be temporarily relocated to the skate parks in Idlewild Park and Mira Loma Park. The elements will be brought back to City Plaza on April 4, 2022.