

Mall area building ban stands as council mulls study

A ban on new building in the 41st Avenue area of Capitola will continue while Capitola officials mull the recommendations of an economic study completed last month.

Councilman Dennis Beltram met with no success Thursday night in getting the building ban lifted.

The ban was imposed by the council last spring at the request of Councilman Michael Routh to give the city time to study the land use patterns for the commercial area and to see what development should be allowed or discouraged for the Capitola Mall area.

Beltram argued unsuccess-

fully that the ban should be lifted now that the city had accepted the consultant's work.

The issue arose when City Planning Director Stephen Russell asked City Councilmen to fill out questionnaires on what they, as individual councilmen, would like to allow to be built in the 41st Avenue area.

The other councilmen sided

with Russell, however, saying that the Planning Department and Commission should be given time to make definitive land use recommendations.

"I hope we can minimize some of the mistakes of the future," Mayor Ron Graves said in supporting Russell's recommendation.

The possibilities on the coun-

cil questionnaire include: a 75,000 square foot department store, a 20,000 square foot furniture-appliance store, new and/or used car sales, mobile home sales, hotel or motel, cultural entertainment center, transit center, governmental offices, medical offices, grocery or drug stores, apparel stores, arts and crafts stores, book and

record shops, hardware stores, auto services and supply, fast foods, bars, dry cleaners, bakeries, beauty or barber shops, multi-family residential, building materials and landscape supply.

The council preferences will be discussed Thursday night by the city Planning Commission.