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Legislation Text

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A development plan depicting the existing building, parking and overall property configuration for the properties addressed as 1565 and 1581 York Road.

(Quasi-Judicial)

Related File: CPC ZC 18-00093

Presenter:

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Summary:

This project includes concurrent applications for a zone change and development plan for 0.75 acre of developed land located at 1565 York Road and 1581 York Road. The proposed zone change is from OC (Office Complex) to C-6/CR (General Business with conditions of record).

The development plan demonstrates an existing building on each of the two properties included on the plan along with required off-street parking. All of the applications relate to legalizing the existing non-conforming uses currently operating in the building located at 1565 York Road, and to allow a new use within the building. The development plan is required with the zone change as one did not exist prior...

Previous Council Action:

City Council previously took action on this property in April 11, 1995, during the review of the Yorkshire Estates rezoning related to when the property was annexed into the City of Colorado Springs (Ord. 95-60).

Background:

The site is located at 1565 York Road and 1581 York Road, and was annexed into the City under the FCY Estates #2 Annexation in 1995. The developed properties were rezoned in 1995 as part of the annexation to the OC (Office Complex) zoning district. No development plans were ever filed with the City for either property, however, the site is fully developed. The existing building located at 1565 York Road is 5,855 square feet with paved parking; the existing building located at 1581 York Road is 4,200 square feet with paved parking. A shed exists in the southeast portion of the property.

The project proposes concurrent applications to address Code compliance for various land uses both existing and proposed. The use of Veterinary Clinic - Small is currently operating in the 1565 York Road building as a legal non-conforming commercial use and has been since the property annexed into the City in 1995. A second use for Pet Services was added in the 1565 York Road building in

2011 and is not a permitted use within the OC (Office Complex) zone district.

The applicant also wishes to add a new use of Kennel - Indoor. With the proposed addition of this use, the owner is seeking Code compliance for all existing and proposed uses in the building. The rezone request would rezone the site from OC (Office Complex) to C-6/CR (General Business with conditions of record) in order to legalize the two existing uses and further allow the new use for Kennel - Indoor. Conditions of record are recommended to minimize impacts to the residential neighborhood located west of the site. The abutting property at 1581 York Road to the east was also recommended to be included in the rezone to provide a cohesive continuation of surrounding C-5 (Intermediate Business) and C-6 (General Business) zoning. The 1581 York Road building has an existing legal use of Personal Improvement Services, and will continue to be a permitted use if the zone change and development plan are approved.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Board/Commission Recommendation:

At the Planning Commission meeting held on September 20, 2018, both items were placed on the consent calendar, which was passed unanimously (8-0-0) without discussion.

Stakeholder Process:

The public process included posting the site and sending postcards to 154 property owners within a 1000 foot buffer as well as to the Yorkshire Estates Home Owner's Association on three occasions: once during the internal review stage and prior to the Planning Commission and City Council hearings. The site was also posted on those three occasions.

In response to the solicitation for comments; Staff received two phone calls during the public comment period; both were concerned the zone change would permit the MMJ use where it once was prohibited. Both individuals were informed the MMJ use would be recommended by staff to be a prohibited use by placing a condition of record on the zoning. No other phone calls were received in opposition or support of the applications.

Staff was also contacted by Yorkshire Estates Homeowner's Association (HOA), located west of the subject properties, via email correspondence. The HOA raised concerns regarding the zone change application, and was initially opposed to the zone change application. The HOA was specifically concerned that C-6 would allow some commercial land uses that could create high traffic volume and increase traffic along York Road.

Specific uses of initial concern were Sexually Oriented Business, Medical Marijuana, Convenience Food Sales, and other uses that would be permitted in C-6 where they were not permitted in OC. Staff and the owner of the property worked with the HOA to resolve their concerns by proposing a list of uses that would be prohibited by conditions of record. Yorkshire Estates HOA provided an email dated August 29, 2018 providing Board approval of the zone change provided their concerns referenced above were addressed by prohibiting specific uses by conditions of record with the zoning ordinance.

Staff input is outlined in the following section of this report. Plans were sent to the standard internal and external review agencies for comment. All comments received from the review agencies have

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been addressed. Commenting agencies include Colorado Springs Utilities, City Engineering, City Traffic, City Fire, Council of Neighborhoods and Organizations, and Enumerations.

Alternatives:

- 1. Uphold the action of the City Planning Commission;
- 2. Modify the decision of the City Planning Commission;
- 3. Reverse the action of the City Planning Commission; or
- 4. Refer the matter back to the City Planning Commission for further consideration

Proposed Motion:

Approve the development plan for 1565 and 1581 York Road, based upon the finding that the development plan meets the review criteria as set forth in City Code Section 7.5.502 (E).

N/A