ZONING CASE NUMBER: C14-2015-0100 – Cameron Skilled Nursing Facility

DISTRICT: 4

REQUEST:
Approve third reading of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 by rezoning property locally known as 8324 Cameron Road (Walnut Creek Watershed) from limited industrial service-neighborhood plan (LI-NP) combining district zoning to general office-conditional overlay-neighborhood plan (GO-CO-NP) combining district zoning.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:
Approved on first and second readings with the condition that Staff and the Applicant work to develop buffering and landscaping provisions adjacent to industrial properties.

OWNER / APPLICANT: Madison Valley Mortgage-Cameron Industrial Park, LLC (Larry Vineyard)

AGENT: Cunningham-Allen, Inc. (Jana Rice)

DATE OF FIRST READING: First and second readings approved on November 12, 2015. Vote: 11-0.

CITY COUNCIL HEARING DATE: December 10, 2015

CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

ORDINANCE NUMBER:

ASSIGNED STAFF: Heather Chaffin
e-mail: heather.chaffin@austintexas.gov
ZONING REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-2015-0100
Cameron Skilled Nursing Facility

P.C. DATE: October 27, 2015

DISTRICT: 4

AREA: 6.909 Acres

ADDRESS: 8324 Cameron Road

OWNER: Madison Valley Mortgage-Cameron Industrial Park, LLC (Larry Vineyard)

AGENT: Cunningham-Allen, Inc.

FROM: Limited Industrial-Neighborhood Plan (LI-NP)

TO: General Office-Neighborhood Plan (GO-NP)

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff supports the general office-neighborhood plan (GO-NP) rezoning request.

TIA: Not required

WATERSHED: Little Walnut Creek

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: Yes

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:
October 27, 2015: TO GRANT GO-NP ZONING AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF, ON CONSENT (10-0) [N. ZARAGOSA - 1ST, S. OLIVER- 2ND; J. THOMPSON- ABSENT; J. SCHISSLER- RECARSED.]

ISSUES:
Although Industrial zoning districts are dominant in the immediate area, the wider area includes a mix of zoning districts. Also, several Civic and Social Service land uses have been developed and are planned in the immediate area. Although there have not been any rezonings in the area in approximately 15 years, it appears that the character of the area may be changing.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:
The subject property is located on the northwest corner of Park Center Drive and Cameron Road. The property is composed of two lots that are undeveloped and zoned LI-NP. Immediately west of the property is a distribution center that is zoned LI-NP, and immediately north is a former light industrial property that in design is a Religious Assembly campus. Across Cameron Road to the east is the Asian American Resource Center (AARC), which is zoned P- Public. Also directly across Cameron Road is another City of Austin property that housed Austin Police Department and Austin Health Department services. This property is zoned IP- Industrial Park. Across Park Center Drive to the south is a multi-tenant office/warehouse park that is zoned LI-NP. Tenants include Electrical contractors, IT consultants, and more. Moving further out from the subject property is a broad variety of land uses and zoning classifications. Please refer to Exhibits A and B (Zoning Map and Aerial Map).

Within approximately 1,000 feet from the property boundary are the following zoning classifications and land uses:

| GR-CO-NP | Building maintenance services |
| CS | Retail & Commercial |
| SF-3 | Duplex residential |
| IP | Counseling & other social services |
The number of Civic and social service-oriented land uses in the area is unique. In addition to those named previously, the following area located in the area:

Cross Creek Hospital  
Food Stamp Office  
Family Eldercare  
Texas Music Educators Association  
Texas Municipal League  
Hart Elementary  

Austin Area Urban League  
Catholic Charities of Central Texas  
Austin Partners in Education  
The ARC of Texas  
Tactix of Austin (Technology Education)  

The Applicant is proposing a 120-bed skilled nursing facility for the property. The facility will provide approximately 100 job positions to care for approximately 120 residents. The facility will care for permanent residents, physical rehab patients, and temporary residents (recovering from surgery, accidents, etc.). Approximately 80 beds will be provided for Medicaid residents. There will be private and semi-private rooms. This facility will not be certified for memory care. This land use is defined as Convalescent Services by the City of Austin, and is permitted in three zoning categories: Limited Office (LO), General Office, and Warehouse/Limited Office (W/LO). The land use requires additional approval/revision to be permitted in other zoning categories ranging from MF-3 to R&D.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

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<td>East</td>
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<td>West</td>
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EXISTING STREET CHARACTERISTICS:

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<td>Cameron Road</td>
<td>112 ft.</td>
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<td>Park Center Drive</td>
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<td>Local</td>
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NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

Austin Heritage Tree Foundation  
Friends of Austin Neighborhoods  
Harris Branch Master Association, Inc.  
Walnut Creek Improvement Association  
Heritage Hills/Windsor Park Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team  

Austin Neighborhood Council  
Friends of the Emma Barrientos MACC  
North Growth Corridor Alliance  
Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

CITY COUNCIL DATE/ACTION:

December 10, 2015:

November 12, 2015: CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE GO-NP ZONING ON 1ST AND 2nd READINGS, WITH THE CONDITION THAT STAFF AND APPLICANT WORK TO INCORPORATE BUFFERING AND LANDSCAPING PROVISIONS ADJACENT TO INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES (11-0). [G. Casar- 1st, P. Renteria- 2nd]

ORDINANCE READINGS: 1st & 2nd: 11/12/2015 3rd ORDINANCE NUMBER:

CASE MANAGER: Heather Chaffin  
e-mail: heather.chaffin@austintexas.gov  
PHONE: 512-974-2122
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
Staff supports the GO-NP zoning request. The property is in an area that is transitioning from light industrial land uses to a mix of uses that features a large number of civic and social service land uses. The Applicant is proposing a Convalescent services facility, which is permitted in a limited number of zoning categories (LO, GO, and W/LO). GO zoning and the proposed land use are compatible with the surrounding uses and zoning.

1. **The proposed zoning should be consistent with the purpose statement of the district sought.**

   General office (GO) district is the designation for an office or commercial use that serves community and city-wide needs. A building in a GO district may contain one or more different uses. Convalescent services land use meets that definition.

2. **Zoning changes should promote an orderly relationship among land uses.**

   GO zoning is in line with the industrial zoning and the wider mix of zoning in the area. The proposed land use is reflective of the growing civic and social service character of the area.

ADDITIONAL STAFF COMMENTS:

TRANSPORTATION:

TR1. The Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan calls for a total of 200 feet of right-of-way for Cameron Road. If the requested zoning is granted, then 75 feet of right-of-way should be dedicated and 25 feet of right-of-way reserved from the existing centerline of Cameron Road in accordance with the Transportation Plan. [LDC, Sec. 25-6-51 and 25-6-55]. Additional right-of-way maybe required at the time of subdivision and/or site plan.

TR2. A conditional overlay for a trip limit is not required for this zoning change. A traffic impact analysis was not required for this case because the traffic generated by the proposed development does not exceed the threshold of 2,000 vehicle trips per day. A TIA may be required at the time of site plan review. [LDC, 25-6-113]

TR3. Nadia Barrera, Urban Trails, Public Works Department and Nathan Wilkes, Bicycle Program, Austin Transportation Department may provide additional comments regarding bicycle and pedestrian connectivity per the Council Resolution No. 20130620-056.

TR4. According to the Austin 2009 Bicycle Plan Update approved by Austin City Council in June, 2009, a bike lane is recommended along Cameron Road.

SITE PLAN

SP1. Any new development is subject to Subchapter E. Design Standards and Mixed Use. Additional comments will be made when the site plan is submitted.

SP 2. It would appear the project is over 5 acres in size. Projects with a site area of 5 acres or more have a principal roadway or an internal circulation route. All Subchapter E requirements will be based on this roadway type.

ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The site is not located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The site is located in the Little Walnut Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as an Urban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code. It is in the Desired Development Zone.

2. Zoning district impervious cover limits apply in the Urban Watershed classification.

3. According to floodplain maps there is no floodplain within or adjacent to the project location.

4. Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.
5. Trees will likely be impacted with a proposed development associated with this rezoning case. Please be aware that an approved rezoning status does not eliminate a proposed development’s requirements to meet the intent of the tree ordinances. If further explanation or specificity is needed, please contact the City Arborist at 974-1876. At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands.

6. This site is required to provide on-site water quality controls (or payment in lieu of) for all development and/or redevelopment when 8,000 s.f. cumulative is exceeded, and on site control for the two-year storm.

7. At this time, no information has been provided as to whether this property has any preexisting approvals that preempt current water quality or Code requirements.

WATER UTILITY

The landowner intends to serve the site with City of Austin water and wastewater utilities. The landowner, at own expense, will be responsible for providing any water and wastewater utility improvements, offsite main extensions, utility relocations and or abandonments required by the land use. The water and wastewater utility plan must be reviewed and approved by the Austin Water Utility for compliance with City criteria and suitability for operation and maintenance. Depending on the development plans submitted, water and or wastewater service extension requests may be required. All water and wastewater construction must be inspected by the City of Austin. The landowner must pay the City inspection fee with the utility construction. The landowner must pay the tap and impact fee once the landowner makes an application for a City of Austin water and wastewater utility tap permit.
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