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Zoning and Neighborhood Plan Amendments (Public Hearings and Possible Action) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 55

Subject: C14-06-0029 - 620 North - Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the Austin City Code by rezoning property locally known as 15400-15402 North FM 620 (Lake Creek Watershed) from interim-rural residence (I-RR) district zoning and development reserve (DR) district zoning to general commercial services (CS) district zoning. Staff Recommendation: To grant neighborhood commercial-conditional overlay (LR-CO) combining district zoning. Zoning and Platting Commission Recommendation. To grant development reserve (DR) district zoning. Applicant and Agent: Ali Bahrami. City Staff. Wendy Walsh, 974-7719.

Additional Backup Material (click to open)

Staff Report

For More Information:

ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

CASE: C14-06-0029

Z.A.P DATE: April 18, 2006 June 6, 2006 July 18, 2006 August 15, 2006 September 5, 2006

ADDRESS: 15400 – 15402 North FM 620

OWNER AND APPLICANT: Alı Bahramı

ZONING FROM: I-RR; DR TO: CS AREA: 2.157 acres

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Staff's recommendation is to grant neighborhood commercial – conditional overlay (LR-CO) combining district zoning. The Conditional Overlay limits development of the property to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day

ZONING & PLATTING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

April 18, 2006: 1ST MOTION: APPROVED GR-CO DISTRICT ZONING; PROHIBIT <u>ALL</u> AUTOMOTIVE USES, PAWN SHOPS, EXTERMINATING SERVICES & PERSONAL SERVICES; 2000 VEHICLE TRIP LIMIT

[K JACKSON, M HAWTHORNE 2ND] (3-4) B. BAKER, C HAMMOND, T. RABAGO, J PINNELLI – NAY; S HALE, J. MARTINEZ – LEFT EARLY [MOTION FAILED]

2ND MOTION: CONTINUED TO 06/06/06 (ZAP) [M. HAWTHORNE, J PINNELLI 2ND] (7-0) J. MARTINEZ, S HALE – LEFT EARLY * PUBLIC HEARING REMAINED OPEN,

- * COMMISSIONERS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON FLOOD PLAIN, WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICES FOR THE AREA; AND PROJECTION ON 620 IMPROVEMENTS
- June 6, 2006: APPROVED A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST TO 07-18-06 (APPLICANT) [J. MARTINEZ; J PINNELLI – 2ND] (9-0)
- July 18, 2006: APPROVED A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST TO 08/15/06 (APPLICANT) [M HAWTHORNE, C HAMMOND 2ND] (6-0) B. BAKER, J MARTINEZ, J GOHIL – ABSENT

August 15, 2006 APPROVED A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST TO 09/05/06 (APPLICANT) [J MARTINEZ, J. PINNELLI 2ND] (8-0) K JACKSON – ABSENT September 5, 2006: 1ST MOTION: APPROVED STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LR-CO DISTRICT ZONING

[K JACKSON, C HAMMOND 2ND] (4-3)B BAKER, J. PINNELLI, S. HALE – NAY; {MOTION FAILED}

2ND MOTION: MOTION MADE TO MAINTAIN DR DISTRICT ZONING AND ZONE THE I-RR PORTION TO DR.

[B. BAKER, J. MARTINEZ 2ND] (5-2) S. HALE, K. JACKSON – NAY; T RABAGO – OFF DAIS; J. SHIEH – ABSENT

ISSUES:

The Applicant would like to discuss the Zoning and Platting Commission recommendation.

At the April 18th ZAP meeting, the Commission requested that additional information be provided on transportation, water / wastewater, and floodplain issues

Transportation: The subject tract is about 3,000 feet from the intersection of SH 45 at RM 620, and at this time, work on SH 45 is currently underway. SH 45 will be a toll facility with the connection to RM 620 occurring as an overpass. SH 45 will have main lanes and frontage roads. A connection to RM 620 east of the proposed SH 45 will remain as a signalized intersection under the overpass. Please refer to Exhibit A-4 for a schematic of the area depicting this connection.

Water / Wastewater. City water and wastewater lines presently terminate in the Davis Springs area, located more than 1 1/2 miles north and west of the subject property, near the intersection of FM 620 and Parmer Lane. The City does not have plans to extend utility services unless the rezoning area and surrounding area along FM 620 is annexed into the Full-Purpose jurisdiction and full funding is in place that allows for the City to extend this infrastructure. Alternately, it is possible for landowners to extend the infrastructure at their own expense Brushy Creek MUD (within the County and located to the north and east) purchases water and wastewater services at wholesale prices from the City of Round Rock

Flood Plain. Exhibits A-2 and A-3 show that the 100-year flood plain is located west of this tract and affects the first several lots within the Oak Park subdivision.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:

The subject rezoning area consists of two tracts containing pottery sales, used auto sales and a manufactured home and has been in the limited purpose jurisdiction since 1984 Both tracts take access to FM 620 and have development reserve (DR) and interim – rural residence (I-RR) district zoning. This property is situated at the edge of the City limits there are undeveloped lots and single family residences within the Oak Park subdivision to the west (DR, County) and to the east there are mini-warehouses, undeveloped property, and a fence company (County) On the south side of FM 620 there is the Robinson Ranch PUD

. including a segment of SH 45, as well as an existing pet clinic, single family residences, a skating rink and a church. Please refer to Exhibits A (Zoning Map) and A-1 (Aerial View).

The Applicant proposes general commercial services (CS) zoning in order to accommodate redevelopment of the property for retail and restaurant uses. The Staff recognizes the property's location along an arterial roadway and proximity to the FM 620 / SH 45 intersection, however, it is not located at a corner and furthermore, is located adjacent to an established single family residential neighborhood on Shady Lane. Therefore, Staff recommends neighborhood commercial (LR) zoning to balance its location on a major thoroughfare and provide compatibility and potentially services to the existing residences in the area. LR zoning would allow for general retail sales – convenience (the sale of commonly used personal or household items) and limited restaurant (retail sale of food and beverages, limited to 3,000 square feet if adjacent to residences, and excludes the sale of alcoholic beverages), but does not permit retail sales (general) or general restaurant. The Conditional Overlay calls for a maximum number of daily vehicle trips that will limit development to maintain acceptable traffic conditions on adjacent roadways and intersections

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:

	ZONING	LAND USES
Site	I-RR; DR	Pottery sales (retail sales - general); Auto sales;
		Manufactured home
North	DR, N/A (County)	Single family residences within the Oak Park subdivision;
		Woods of Brushy Creek subdivision
South	PUD, N/A (County)	Robinson Ranch (presently undeveloped), Pet services;
		Single family residences, Skating rink; Church
East	N/A (County)	Convenience storage; Undeveloped; Fence company
West	DR, N/A (County)	Two undeveloped lots and single family residences within
		the Oak Park subdivision, Garage

AREA STUDY: N/A

TIA: Is not required

WATERSHED: Lake Creek

DESIRED DEVELOPMENT ZONE: Yes

CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: No

SCENIC ROADWAY: No

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS:

604 – Davis Spring HOA

701 – Avery Ranch Neighborhood Association

SCHOOLS:

The subject property is within the Round Rock ISD

CASE HISTORIES:

NUMBER	REQUEST	COMMISSION	CITY COUNCIL
C814-04-006	DR, I-RR	Approved PUD with conditions	Approved PUD with
(Robinson	LI-PDA to	including the recommendations	conditions (6-17-04).
Ranch – City	PUD on	of the Environmental Board.	
initiated)	6,058 acres		
	of land.		

RELATED CASES:

The property was annexed into the Limited Purpose Jurisdiction in 1984.

ABUTTING STREETS:

Name	ROW	Pavement	Classification	Sidewalks	Bus Route	Bike Route
RM 620	100	60 feet	Major Arterial	No	No	No
	feet					

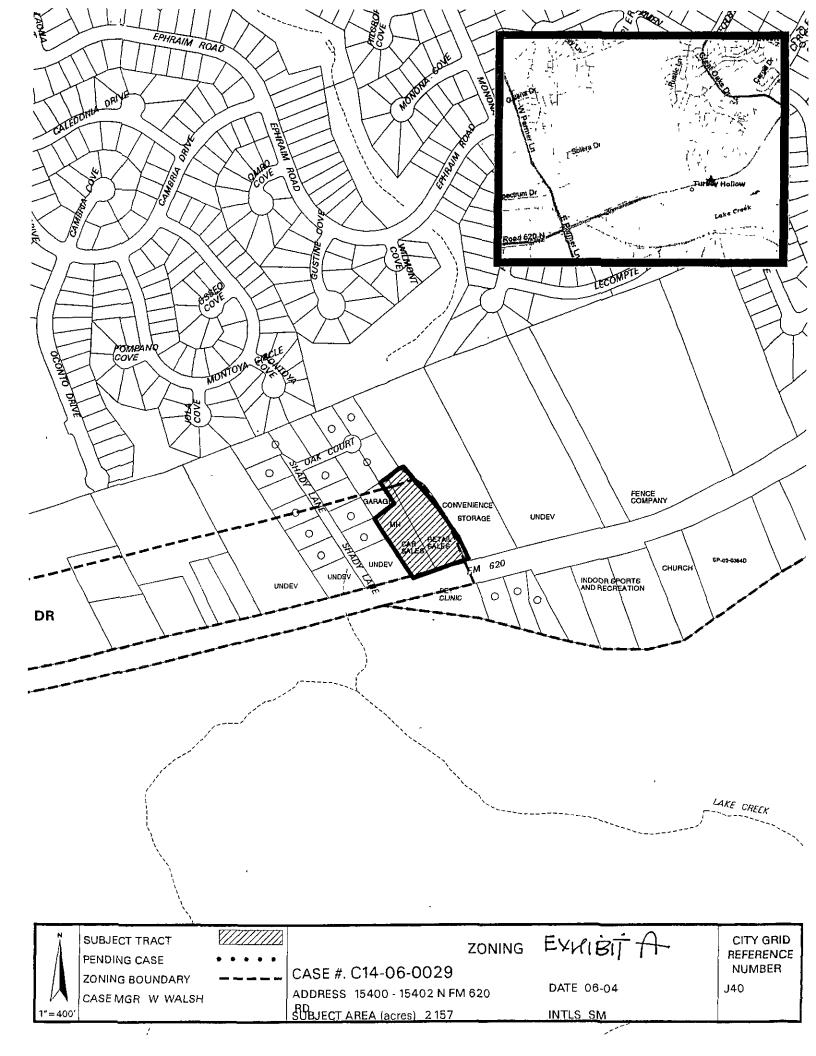
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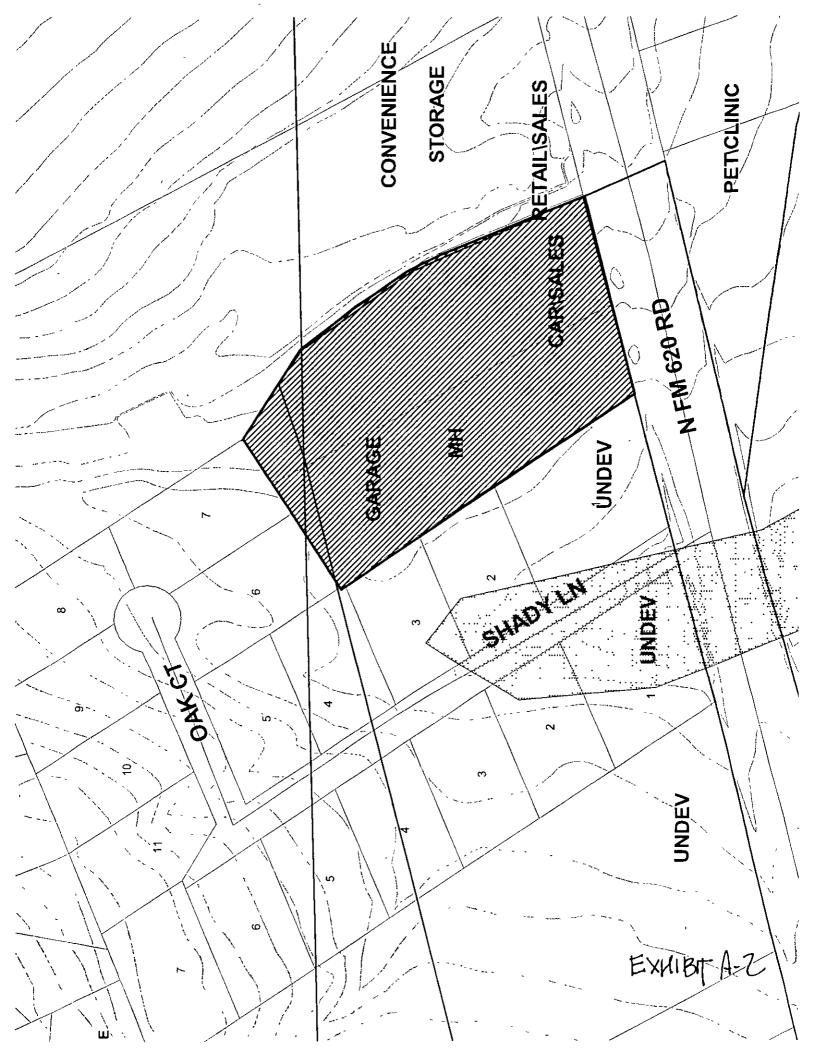
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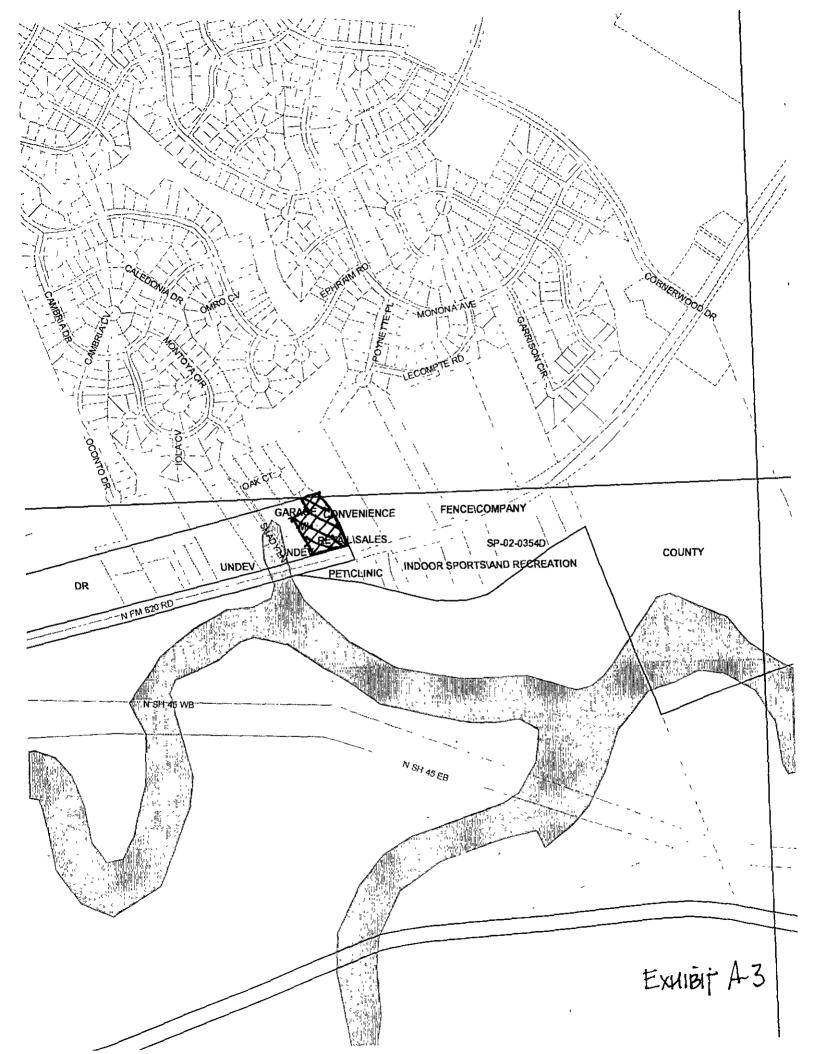
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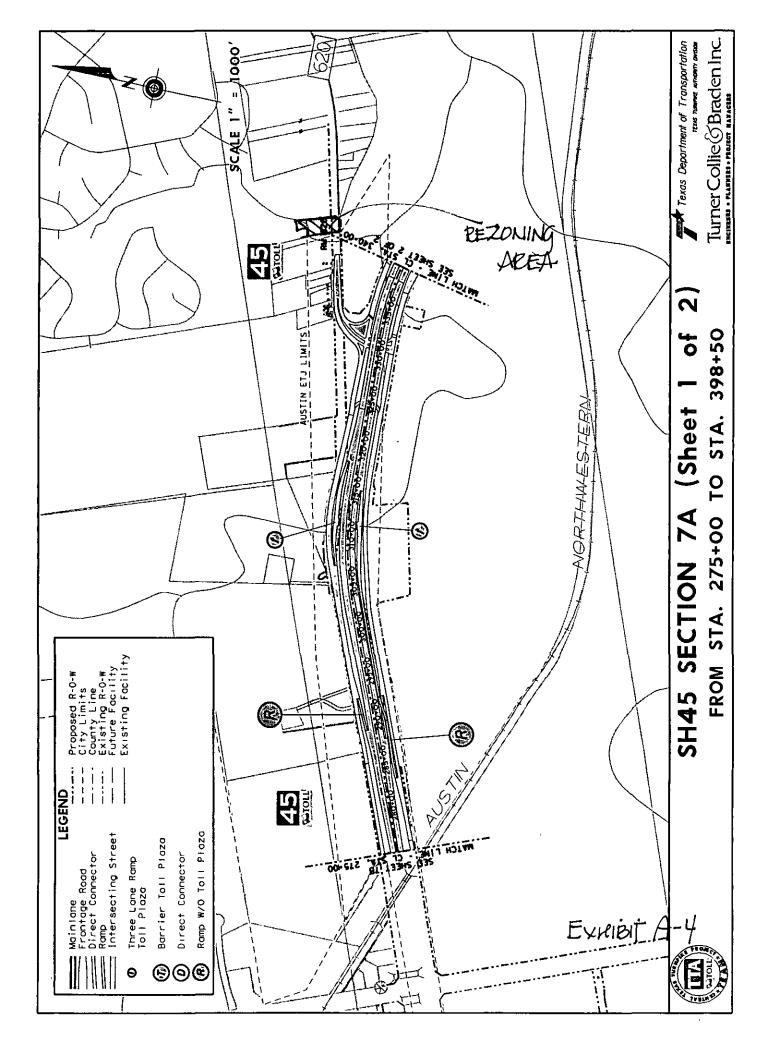
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SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Staff's recommendation is to grant neighborhood commercial – conditional overlay (LR-CO) combining district zoning. The Conditional Overlay limits development of the property to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day.

BASIS FOR LAND USE RECOMMENDATION (ZONING PRINCIPLES)

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

The general commercial services (CS) district is intended predominantly for commercial and industrial activities of a service nature having operating characteristics or traffic service requirements generally incompatible with residential environments. The CS district is best suited for uses located at intersections of arterial roadways or arterials with collector status. The intention is to promote safe and efficient use of transportation facilities.

The GR, Community Commercial district is intended for an office or other commercial use that serves neighborhood and community needs and is generally accessible from major traffic ways

The neighborhood commercial (LR) district is intended for shopping facilities that provide limited business services and offices to the residents of the neighborhood, such as consumer repair services, food sales, service stations, and pet services. The purpose statement listed in the City of Austin *Land Development Code* states: "The Neighborhood Commercial district is the designation for a commercial use that provides business service and office facilities for the residents of a neighborhood. Site development regulations and performance standards applicable to a LR district use are designed to ensure that the use is compatible and complementary in scale and appearance with the residential environment"

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

The property is located along an arterial roadway and in proximity to the FM 620 / SH 45 intersection, however, it is not located at a corner and furthermore, is located adjacent to an established single family residential neighborhood on Shady Lane Staff recommends neighborhood commercial (LR) zoning to balance its location on a major thoroughfare and provide compatibility and potentially services to the existing residences in the area. The Conditional Overlay calls for a maximum number of daily vehicle trips that will limit development to maintain acceptable traffic conditions on adjacent roadways and intersections.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Site Characteristics

The rezoning area is developed with a retail sales (general) use, automotive sales use and a manufactured home, and is moderately wooded There appear to be no significant topographical constraints on the site.

Impervious Cover

The maximum impervious cover allowed by the CS, GR or LR zoning district would be 80%, which is based on the more restrictive zoning regulations

Environmental

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The site is located over the northern Edward's Aquifer Recharge Zone The site is in the Desired Development Zone. The site is in the Lake Creek Watershed of the Colorado River Basin, which is classified as a Suburban Watershed by Chapter 25-8 of the City's Land Development Code Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following impervious cover limits:

Development Classification	% of Net Site Area	% with Transfers
Single-Family	50%	60%
(minimum lot size 5750 sq. ft)		
Other Single-Family or Duplex	55%	60%
Multifamily	60%	70%
Commercial	80%	90%

According to flood plain maps, there is no floodplain within, or adjacent to the project boundary.

Standard landscaping and tree protection will be required in accordance with LDC 25-2 and 25-8 for all development and/or redevelopment.

At this time, site specific information is unavailable regarding existing trees and other vegetation, areas of steep slope, or other environmental features such as bluffs, springs, canyon rimrock, caves, sinkholes, and wetlands

Under current watershed regulations, development or redevelopment on this site will be subject to the following water quality control requirements:

• Structural controls: Sedimentation and filtration basins with increased capture volume and 2 year detention

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

Transportation

The Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan calls for a total of 140 feet of right-of-way for RM 620. Dedication of additional right-of-way may be required during the subdivision or site plan process. [LDC, Sec. 25-6-51 and 25-6-55]

The trip generation under the requested zoning is estimated to be 10,233 trips per day, assuming that the site develops to the maximum intensity allowed under the zoning classification (without consideration of setbacks, environmental constraints, or other site characteristics).

A traffic impact analysis was waived for this case because the applicant agreed to limit the intensity and uses for this development. If the zoning is granted, development should be limited through a conditional overlay to less than 2,000 vehicle trips per day [LDC, 25-6-117]

Water and Wastewater

The landowner intends to serve the site with an on-site well and septic system

Compatibility Standards

Along the west property line, the following standards apply:

- No structure may be built within 25 feet of the property lines
- No structure in excess of two stories or 30 feet in height may be constructed within 50 feet of the property line.
- No structure in excess of three stories or 40 feet in height may be constructed within 100 feet of the property line.
- No parking or driveways are allowed within 25 feet of the property line.
- A landscape area at least of 5 feet wide is required along the property line. In addition, a fence, berm, or dense vegetation must be provided to screen adjoining properties from views of parking, mechanical equipment, storage, and refuse collection.

Additional design regulations will be enforced at the time a site plan is submitted.

Ali Bahrami P O BOX 200991 Austin, Texas 78720 512-560-1550

Re: C14-06-0029 Sub: 15400-15402 RM 620 N. Austin, Texas 78717

To: Zoning and Platting Commission

The application for zoning change from Development Reserve (DR) to Commercial Services (CS) is with intention of opening a small neighborhood Restaurant and Bar (<2500 FT SQ) as portion of a neighborhood shopping center. The average daily traffic volume for 2005 was 36,400 per RM 620 corridor study conducted by Williamson county and the proposal of changing the four (4) lanes to six (6) lanes based on the public meetings held on 6-18-05, due to projected traffic growth (attached).

I understand the residential neighborhood is located directly behind the subject property and set backs can be imposed adjacent to the residents on the west and north side of the property.

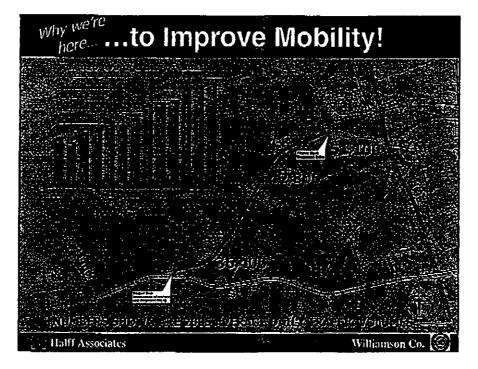
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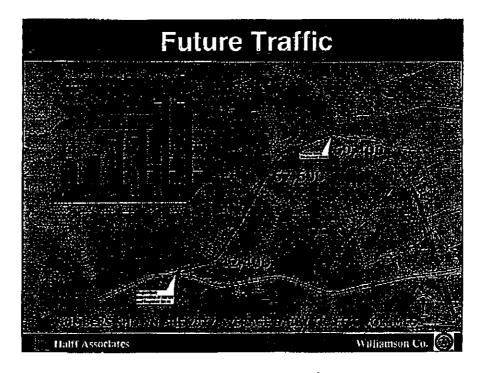
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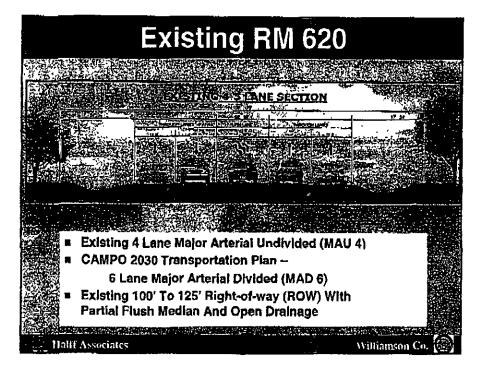


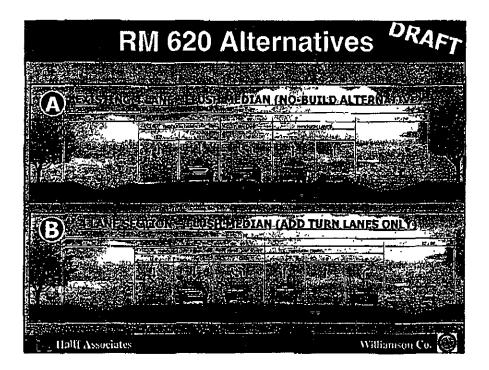




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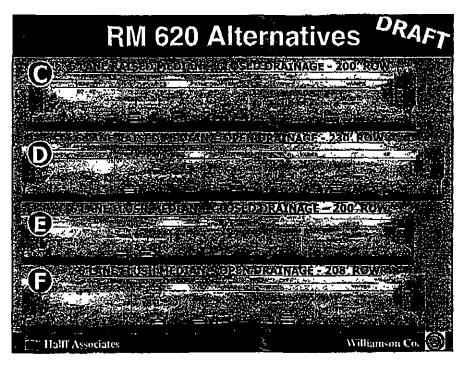


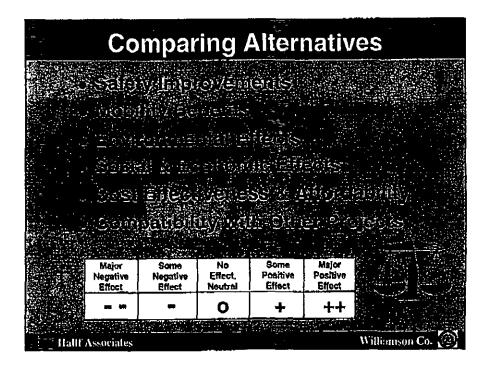




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Walsh, Wendy From: Tuesday, July 18, 2006 9 13 AM Sent: To: 'ali@rremco.com' Subject: RE- C14-06-0029 Mr. Bahramı, Please let me know which ZAP date in August - the 1st or the 15th) that you would like to request a postponement and provide the reason for seeking a postponement. Thank you, Wendy Walsh ----Original Message-----From: alu@rremco.com {mailto:alu@rremco.com} Sent: Monday, July 17, 2006 9:17 AM To: Walsh, Wendy Subject. RE. C14-06-0029 Dear Ms. Walsh, I would like to postpone the Zoning and Platting of C14-06-0029 scheduled for 7-18 to August. If you have questions or need additional info. please feel free to contact me Best regards, Alı 560-1550 > Dear Mr. Bahramı, > > After our discussion of this case on the phone, I am writing to confirm that the Applicant has requested a postponement to the Zoning and > > Platting Commission meeting of July 18th. > > Wendy > ≻ ----Original Message-----> From: ali@rremco.com [mailto.ali@rremco.com] > Sent · Tuesday, June 06, 2006 1 18 PM > To. Walsh, Wendy > Subject C14-06-0029 > > Hello Ms. Walsh, > I would like to postpone the Zoning and Platting commission meeting > scheduled for today (case number C14-06-0029) for 30 days If you have > questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me. > Best Regards, > Alı Bahramı > 512-560-1550 >

7.	Rezoning:	C14-06-0029 - 620 North
	Location.	15400 - 15402 North FM 620, Lake Creek Watershed
	Owner/Applicant:	Alı Bahramı
	Postponements.	Continued on 4/18/06 (ZAP); Postponed on 6/6/06 (applicant);
		Postponed on 7/18/06 (applicant); Postponed on 8/15/06 (applicant)
	Request:	I-RR; DR to CS
	Staff Rec.:	Recommendation of LR-CO
	Staff:	Wendy Walsh, 974-7719, wendy.walsh@c1.austin.tx.us
		Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department

1ST MOTION: APPROVED STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LR-CO DISTRICT ZONING. [K.JACKSON, C.HAMMOND 2ND] (4-3)B.BAKER, J.PINNELLI, S.HALE – NAY; {MOTION FAILED}

2ND MOTION: MOTION MADE TO MAINTAIN DR DISTRICT ZONING AND ZONE THE I-RR PORTION TO DR. [B.BAKER, J.MARTINEZ 2ND] (5-2) S.HALE, K.JACKSON – NAY; T.RABAGO – OFF DAIS; J.SHIEH – ABSENT

SUMMARY

Wendy Walsh, staff, gave staff presentation to the commission.

Commissioner Baker – Requested maps or a display that showed roadway improvements.

Ms Walsh - I do not have any maps today; but Exhibit A-4 shows the lanes on 620, going through the Robinson Ranch property.

Commissioner Baker – Is it elevated at this location?

Commissioner Jackson – No it's not elevated

Ms. Walsh – At this location it will just be at grade, there is an overpass at the intersection of 620.

Commissioner Baker – I'm looking at 140-feet of right-of-way, so we don't even know where his front property line is, do we? Or is it 140-feet from the center line?.....There's a lot that's sort of hanging.....Okay (sigh)

Ali Bahrami – I'm the owner and applicant on this property, the property is located directly on 620, which is a major artery to SH-45 and I am applying for CS zoning, based on the number of the traffic in that area

Commissioner Baker – What are your immediate plans for this area?

Mr. Bahrami – Depending on the zoning to develop it as a shopping center or depending on any recommendation from this commission

Commissioner Baker – What are the uses on this tract?

Ms Walsh – There is a pottery sales, used auto sales and a manufactured home presently on this tract

Commissioner Baker – You have uses now that are far greater and more permissive than you probably are going to be able to get with zoning; we do not know, staff does not know where your actual property line will be, the contour of the roadway, when utilities will be available to this site; you can continue what you're doing, except for the outdoor storage for 10-years Hopefully, by then there will be a roadway, some utilities, and full purpose annexation. If you look at the Land Development Code right now, it would tell us the definition of development reserve, which is the zoning that your currently have, and that is land that is not ready for development.

Commissioner Jackson – I don't understand, it's on 620 as it exists today.

Commissioner Baker – As it is today and he can continue these uses for 10 more years.

Commissioner Jackson – He's got 620 frontage in front; he's got highway frontage and if we look at the exhibit, the improvements are taking place to the east of his property; not directly in front of his property; although he doesn't have the utilities, water and sewage

Commissioner Hammond – Mr Bahrami, are you paying City taxes yet?

Mr. Bahrami – No sir and I do not get any City services either.

<u>FAVOR</u>

No speakers

OPPOSITION

Sue Mann, resident in the area – The major reason that we're opposed is because it is such a small piece of property that he owns and is oddly shaped. It is directly behind a line of homes that are self sustaining with their own wells and their own septic tanks. We feel that any type of use of this land is going to be large enough to produce a lot of wastewater that has to be treated and disposed of on the property. We are directly adjacent to it and most of our wells are very close to his line. I think it was said that his proposed plan was to make a restaurant at this location. Please delay zoning on this until municipal wastewater is provided to the area for everyone.

<u>REBUTTAL</u>

No Rebuttal was made by the applicant

Mr. Bahrami – At one time I did have someone who wanted to build a restaurant, but at this point I do not anymore. That was the intention initially. There are no immediate plans.

Commissioner Martinez and Hale moved to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Martinez – I make a motion to deny the zoning request.

Commissioner Pinnellı - Second.

Commissioner – It's DR and not I-DR?

Ms. Walsh – There is DR on most of the site, then there is I-RR for small corner, at the north east side of the site.

Commissioner Baker – Commissioner, would you like to amend your motion to deny the requested zoning and to zone the I-RR portion to DR?

Commissioner Martinez – Yes, I'll amend it

Commissioner Punnelli – I'm okay with that.

Commissioner Jackson – I know we're zoning it DR because he doesn't have water and sewer, but we have a gentleman who owns property, who has the right to come in and ask for a rezoning. I don't think it's appropriate when the City has taken the action to annexing in...for us to say, "because the City won't deliver water and sewer services, we won't give him zoning" However, I don't agree with his request for CS, but I think that any of us can make a case that LR is an appropriate use along the frontage of 620; so my substitute motion would be to zone this tract LR.

Commissioner Hammond – I'll second the substitute motion. I share Commissioner Jackson's comments about the annexation issue, but I also understand the neighborhood's concerns This strip of 620 is going to change sooner than later.

Commissioner Gohil – Will he be complying with his current uses, if we give him LR?

Commissioner Jackson – Probably not.

Commissioner Pinnelli – Where he would be if we left it the way it was.

Commissioner Jackson – No, he's not compliant there either; he can continue the use the same way today.

Commissioner Baker – His current uses were existing prior to annexation, which make them legal

Commissioner Jackson – Whether we change the zoning or not, I think he can keep the uses that he's got today, we cannot fix that problem.

Facilitator Wendy Walsh, 974-7719 City Attorney David Lloyd, 974-2918 Commissioner Hale asked for clarification on the motion.

Discussion continued between the commissioners regarding LR zoning and what would be allowed in LR.

Commissioner Baker – Am I looking at Page A-7/9 correctly? If so, does the big highway miss it?

Commissioner Jackson – The intersection of SH-45 and 620, misses it. It's an improved roadway today, it's a 4-lane roadway today and you can drive on it; it's right in front of his property. If you remember, we put downtown Austin (Robinson Ranch) across the street; we've already zoned that to more intensive than the Central Business District in Austin. It is completely unfettered with any restrictions.

Commissioner Baker – Does everyone understand the motion for LR-CO, limiting the trips to 2000 vehicle trips.

Motion failed with a vote of 4-3.

Commissioner Baker – Let's go back to the first motion, which was to deny the request and leave it DR and zone the I-RR portion to DR.

Motion carried. (5-2)

8.	Rezoning:	C14-06-0135 - Private Mini Storage
	Location:	604 and 700 Corral Lane; 7116 South IH-35 Service Road
		Southbound, South Boggy Creek Watershed
	Owner/Applicant	Amy Trost and Christopher Masey; DL Case Investments, Inc
		(Daniel Case)
	Agent.	Lopez-Phelps & Associates, L L C (Amelia Lopez-Phelps)
	Postponements:	Postponed on 8/1/06 (staff & applicant)
	Request	SF-2, SF-3 to CS
	Staff Rec.	Not recommended.
	Staff	Wendy Walsh, 974-7719, wendy.walsh@c1.austin tx.us
		Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department

POSTPONED TO 09/19/06 (NEIGHBORHOOD) [J.MARTINEZ, J.PINNELLI 2ND] (8-0) J.SHIEII – ABSENT