

STAFF REPORT
August 9, 2007

No. 07RZ054 - Rezoning from No Use District to High Density Residential District **ITEM 17**

PUBLIC UTILITIES To Be Extended
DATE OF APPLICATION 7/13/2007
REVIEWED BY Jonathan Smith / Todd Peckosh

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Rezoning from No Use District to High Density Residential District be continued to the August 23, 2007 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant time to submit additional information.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The applicant has submitted a request to rezone 5.69 acres from No Use District to High Density Residential District. The property was annexed (#07AN002) into the City on April 16, 2007. A Planned Development Designation (#07PD053) was approved on the property on July 30, 2007. A Layout Plat (#07PL047), which includes the property, was approved by Council on April 16, 2007.

The property is located approximately 3,000 feet south of the intersection of South Dakota Highway 44 and Reservoir Road on the west side of Reservoir Road. Currently the property is zoned No Use District and is void of any structural development. The adopted Comprehensive Plan identifies the property as being appropriate for agricultural uses. An associated Comprehensive Plan Amendment (#07CA034) to change the future land use designation from Agriculture to High Density Residential with a Planned Residential Development has been submitted in conjunction with this rezoning request.

STAFF REVIEW:

Staff has reviewed this proposed rezoning for conformance with the four criteria for review of zoning map amendments established in Section 17.54.040(D)(1). A summary of Staff findings are outlined below:

1. *The proposed amendments shall be necessary because of substantially changed or changing conditions of the area and districts affected or in the City in general.*

The property has been annexed into the City limits and temporarily placed in a No Use Zoning District. The annexation of the property constitutes the changing condition requiring rezoning of the property.

2. *The proposed zoning is consistent with the intent and purposes of this ordinance.*

The High Density Residential District is intended to promote and encourage the establishment and maintenance of a suitable environment for urban residence in areas appropriate by location and character for occupancy by high-density, multiple-family dwellings. One of the important purposes of this district is to create adequate standards of residential development in order to prevent overcrowded and unhealthy housing conditions.

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The property is located within an area that is currently undeveloped and was recently annexed. Reservoir Road a principal arterial street currently abuts and provides access to the property. Staff acknowledges that additional information (see below) is needed to determine if a High Density Residential Zoning District is an appropriate use for the property.

- 3. The proposed amendment will not adversely affect any other part of the City, nor shall any direct or indirect adverse effects result from such an amendment.*

Staff has noted that additional information is needed in order to complete the review of this rezoning request. The associated approved Layout Plat indicates that the proposed development identified as "Morningstar Subdivision" will consists of several land uses/ zoning classifications including Neighborhood Commercial, Low Density Residential District, Medium Density Residential District, High Density Residential District, and General Agriculture District. The Layout Plat identifies that 388 acres will be subdivided into 734 lots with 910 dwelling units.

Pennington County Highway Department staff has indicated that the proposed development will overwhelm the structure and traffic capacity for Reservoir Road. As such staff is recommending that the applicant submit a traffic analysis for review and approval.

As stated the applicant has indicated that this rezoning request is part of a development that includes 388 acres subdivided into 734 lots with 910 dwelling units. The City Council has noted in the past that adequate water and sewer must be provided to justify the rezoning of property. Of particular concern is the water supply to this development. The consultant is currently completing a water system analysis to determine if water can be provided from the line in South Dakota Highway 44 without negatively impacting the supply of water at the Rapid City Regional Airport. Staff recommends that this rezoning request be continued to allow that study to be completed and submitted for review and approval.

- 4. The proposed amendments shall be consistent with and not conflict with the Development Plan of Rapid City including any of its elements, Major Street Plan, Land Use Plan, and Community Facilities Plan.*

The proposed rezoning to High Density Residential District currently conflicts with the Adopted Comprehensive Plan, which identifies this area as appropriate for a General Agriculture Land Uses. A Comprehensive Plan Amendment (07CA034) to change the future land use designation from Agriculture to High Density Residential with a Planned Residential Development has been filed in conjunction with this rezoning request. Reservoir Road, which abuts the property on the eastern boundary, is classified as a principal arterial street on the Major Street Plan. As noted above a traffic analysis study is needed to verify that Reservoir Road has adequate capacity for a development of this size.

LEGAL NOTIFICATION:

As of this writing, the required sign has been posted on the property but the receipts from the certified mailing have not been returned. Staff will notify the Planning Commission at the

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August 9, 2007 Planning Commission meeting if this requirement has not been met. Staff has received no inquiries or objections regarding the proposed request at the time of this writing.

Staff recommends that the request to rezone the property be continued to the August 23, 2007 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant time to submit additional information.