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September 21, 2006

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**No. 06CA025 - Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan by revising the US Highway 16 Neighborhood Future Land Use Plan to change the land use designation from Office Commercial with a Planned Commercial Development to General Commercial with a Planned Commercial Development**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER

Dan Wilson for Site Work Specialists

REQUEST

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EXISTING

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Parcel "A" located in the NE1/4 SW1/4, Section 23, T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City Pennington County, South Dakota, located east of Highway 16 and ¼ mile north of Catron Boulevard. The point of beginning for said parcel bears N00°00'39"E a distance of 712.38 feet from the former southeast corner of Aladdin Heights Subdivision, said point of beginning also bears S00°00'39"W a distance of 30.01 feet from the southeast corner of Lot 3 of Block 3 of the Aladdin Heights Subdivision which is marked with a 5/8" rebar with survey cap marked "LS 1019", said parcel is more particularly described as follows: Thence First Course: along a line with a bearing of S89°59'21"E and a distance of 175.00; Thence Second Course: along a line with a bearing of S00°00'39"W and a distance of 475.19 feet; to an intersection with the northerly line of Lot 4 of Block 1 of Tower Ridge 2 Subdivision; Thence Third Course: along said Lot 4 with a bearing of N25°59'34"W and a distance of 55.28 feet; to the northeast corner of Lot 3 of Block 1 of Tower Ridge 2 Subdivision which is marked with a 5/8" rebar with survey cap marked "LS 6117"; Thence Fourth Course: along the north line of said Lot 3 with a bearing of N71°06'44"W and a distance of 159.33 feet; to an intersection with easterly line of Aladdin Heights Subdivision; Thence Fifth Course: along the easterly line of Aladdin Heights Subdivision with a bearing of N00°00'39"E and a distance of 373.95 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL ACREAGE

Approximately 1.634 acres

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LOCATION	Northeast of the intersection of Promise Road and South Highway 16
EXISTING ZONING	Office Commercial District (Planned Commercial Development)
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	General Commercial District
South:	General Commercial District
East:	Park Forest District
West:	General Commercial District
PUBLIC UTILITIES	City sewer and water
DATE OF APPLICATION	8/24/2006
REVIEWED BY	Vicki Fisher / Todd Peckosh

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan by revising the U.S. Highway 16 Neighborhood Future Land Use Plan to change the land use designation from Office Commercial with a Planned Commercial Development to General Commercial with a Planned Commercial Development be approved.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The applicant has submitted a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the U.S. Highway 16 Neighborhood Future Land Use Plan to change the land use designation of the subject property from Office Commercial with a Planned Commercial Development to General Commercial with a Planned Commercial Development. In addition, the applicant has submitted a Rezoning request to change the zoning designation of the subject property from Office Commercial District to General Commercial District. (See companion item #06RZ029.)

The subject property consists of 1.634 acres and is part of a 32.25 acre unplatted balance located directly east of the Tower Ridge No. 2 Subdivision. The applicant has also submitted a Rezoning request to change the zoning designation on a 2.336 acre portion of the 32.25 acre unplatted balance from Office Commercial District to General Commercial District. In addition, the applicant has submitted a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the U.S. Highway 16 Neighborhood Future Land Use Plan to change the land use designation of the 2.336 acres from Office Commercial with a Planned Commercial Development to General Commercial with a Planned Commercial Development. (See companion items #06RZ030 and 06CA026.)

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On June 3, 2002, the City Council approved a Rezoning request to change the zoning designation on 14.726 acres from General Agriculture District to Office Commercial District. In addition, a Planned Development Designation was approved for the subject property. The 14.726 acres included that property currently platted as "Tower Ridge Subdivision No. 2" and the subject property. In October of 2002, the City Council approved a Rezoning request to change the zoning designation of Tower Ridge Subdivision No. 2 from Office Commercial District to General Commercial District.

The subject property is located directly east and north of Tower Ridge Subdivision No. 2 and is currently void of any structural development.

STAFF REVIEW:

The adopted Comprehensive Plan is a framework within which development and rezoning proposals are measured and evaluated. The plan is intended to guide the orderly growth of the community. In order for the plans to remain viable and to keep pace with a changing market place, periodic adjustments to reflect changing conditions will be required.

Staff has reviewed this proposed comprehensive plan amendment for conformance with the six criteria for review of comprehensive plan amendments established in Section 2.60.160(D). A summary of Staff findings are outlined below:

1. *Whether the proposed change is consistent with the policies and overall intent of the comprehensive plan.*

One of the adopted goals of the Future Land Use Plan is to encourage compact and contiguous growth within the City that is linked to orderly extension and efficient use of public improvements, infrastructure, and services. Full utilization of properties currently served by infrastructure is encouraged. The purpose of the General Commercial District as stated in the Zoning Ordinance is to provide for personal and business services and the general retail business of the City. The location of the property in close proximity to the intersection of two major arterial roadways makes it a desirable location for general commercial activities serving the general retail business needs of the community.

2. *Whether the proposed change is warranted by changed conditions within the neighborhood surrounding and including the subject property.*

There does not appear to be substantially changed or changing conditions within this area. As noted above, the property located south and west of the subject property, known as "Tower Ridge Subdivision No. 2", was rezoned from Office Commercial District to General Commercial District in 2002. At that time, staff encouraged the property owner to include the subject property in the Rezoning application. In 2003, Preliminary and Final Plat(s) were approved creating the Tower Ridge Subdivision No. 2 into ten commercial lots. As a part of the platting, City sewer and water as well as a commercial street have been extended into

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the area.

- 3. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment is compatible with existing and proposed uses surrounding the subject land.*

An approximate 70 foot ravine located along the east lot line of the subject property separates the subject property from the existing and proposed residential development(s) located east of the subject property. In addition, the properties located directly north, south and west of the subject property are currently zoned General Commercial District. The topographic differential between the commercial properties and the residential properties serves as a separation and buffer between land use(s). As such, staff believes that the proposed amendment is compatible with existing and proposed uses surrounding the subject property. The additional review provided by a Planned Commercial Development process will insure that any possible adverse impacts are adequately mitigated as a part of the development of the site. In particular, the Planned Commercial Development must address traffic concerns and topographic and drainage concerns specific to the subject property.

- 4. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment would adversely effect the environment, services, facilities, and transportation.*

City sewer and water have been extended into this area as a part of the development of Tower Ridge No. 2 Subdivision. In addition, the subject property is located along U.S. Highway 16, a principal arterial street. Rezoning the subject property, a 1.634 acre parcel, will create minimal additional traffic due to the size of the area being rezoned. As such, staff has not identified any significant adverse impacts that will result from the requested rezoning. The additional review provided by a Planned Commercial Development process will insure that adequate water and sewer is available to meet the needs of the specific proposed commercial use. In addition, the Planned Commercial Development review will address traffic concerns and topographic and drainage concerns specific to the subject property.

- 5. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment would result in a logical and orderly development pattern.*

As noted above, the properties located north, south and west of the subject property are currently zoned General Commercial District. The proposed amendment will allow for the continuation of the established general commercial development pattern. In addition, the 70 foot ravine located along the east lot line of the subject property serves as a buffer between the commercial use(s) and the existing and proposed residential development(s) located east of the subject property resulting in a logical and orderly development pattern.

- 6. Whether and the extent to which the proposed amendment adversely affects any other*

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*part of the city, or creates any direct or indirect adverse effects.*

Staff has not identified any significant adverse effects that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment will have on the surrounding area or on the City with the assistance of the Initial and Final Planned Commercial Development. As noted above, an approximate 70 foot ravine separates the subject property from the existing and proposed residential development(s) located east of the subject property. In addition, the properties located directly north, south and west of the subject property are currently zoned General Commercial District. The topographic differential between the commercial properties and the residential properties serves as a separation and buffer between land use(s).

Notification Requirement: As of this writing, the sign has not been posted on the property nor have the certified mailings been returned. Staff will notify the Planning Commission at the September 21, 2006 Planning Commission meeting if these requirements have not been met.