City of Sugar Hill Planning Staff Report RZ 18-005

DATE:

May 24, 2018

TO: FROM: Mayor and City Council Planning Director

SUBJECT:

Rezoning RZ 18-005 City of Sugar Hill

West Broad Street and Nelson Brogdon Boulevard



RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of rezoning to OI for parcel four and BG for parcels one, two, three, five and six as shown on the attached exemption / recombination plat prepared by Precision Planning Inc. dated 3/22/2018.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Commission held a scheduled public hearing on May 21, 2018. Planner Randy Warren presented this request on behalf of the applicant City of Sugar Hill. Citizen who spoke on this request was adjacent property owner Dale Wren who was concerned the property lines might not be shown correctly. There were no other public comments.

Planning Commission recommends APPROVAL as presented.

ISSUE

The City of Sugar Hill has received an application dated April 2, 2018, from the City of Sugar Hill requesting to rezone and re-align properties per the exemption/recombination plat prepared by Precision Planning Inc., project 14217, dated 3-22-18. The current zonings are Light Manufacturing (LM) and Highway Service Business (HSB) and the requested zoning is Office-Institutional (OI) for Parcel 4 and General Business (BG) for Parcels 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and future R/W. The properties are located in the Central Business District.

DISCUSSION

- This request is to bring the E Center and City Hall zoning to be more consistent with the actual use of the property.
- The City Hall property is proposed for OI zoning and the E Center is proposed for BG zoning.
- There is no new development proposed for the site.

BACKGROUND

Applicant / Owner:

City of Sugar Hill

Existing Zoning:

Light Manufacturing District (LM) and Highway Service Business

District (HSB)

Request(s): Office Institutional District (OI) and General Business District (BG).

Purpose: Zoning map consistency

Property Size: \pm 9.415 acres

Location: Current Tax Parcel Id Number to be reassigned: 7-291-081, 7-291-085,

7-292-066, 7-292-067, 7-292-202, 7-292-162 and 7-291-343.

Addresses: 4979, 5009, 5019, 5039 West Broad Street and 5000 Nelson

Brogdon Boulevard.

Public Notice: Letters to adjoining owners via USPS regular mail on 5/2/18

Sign posted at 5039 West Broad Street 5/2/18

Ad in legal section of Gwinnett Daily Post on 5/2/18 & 5/23/18

Public Comments:

No comments as of 5/17/2018

FINDINGS OF FACT

North: BG/Agricultural-Forest (AF)

• South: OI/BG

East: BG

West: BG

ZONING ANALYSIS

1. Will the rezoning requested permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property?

Yes. The use of the property will not be changing from this rezoning.

2. Will the rezoning requested adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties?

No. The E Center and City Hall are an asset to the City of Sugar Hill.

3. Does the property for which the rezoning is requested have a reasonable economic use as current zoned?

Yes.

4. Will the rezoning requested create an overcrowding condition with respect to the existing streets, transportation facilities, or schools?

No. The new connector street will relieve some of the traffic off Level Creek Road.

5. Does the rezoning requested conform to the Sugar Hill Land Use Plan?

Yes. This rezoning and underlying development are consistent with the policies of the Central Business District promoting urban character, pedestrian oriented public and commercial spaces.

6. Are there other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which would give support to an approval or disapproval of the rezoning request?

Yes. The E Center and City Hall are integral parts of the downtown master plan. They serve as a catalyst for emerging downtown development.



