
CITY OF OCALA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMO

Meeting Date: March 11, 2024

Subject: Annexation

Submitted by: Emily W. Johnson, AICP

City Council Date: April 2, 2024 (1st reading)
April 16, 2024 (2nd & final reading/public hearing)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION (Motion Ready): **Approval** of a request to annex into the City, four parcels located at the northeast corner of NW 60th Avenue and W Highway 40, Parcel Numbers 2303-013-001, 2303-012-067, 2303-012-072, and 23174-000-00; approximately 2.56 acres. (Case ANX24-45512).

OCALA'S RELEVANT STRATEGIC GOALS: Economic Hub

BACKGROUND:

- Petitioner: HWY 40 Investment LLC & Central FL Petroleum Distributors LC
- Property Owner: HWY 40 Investment LLC & Central FL Petroleum Distributors LC
- Agent: Craig Brashier, AICP, CHW Professional Consultants
- The subject properties are in unincorporated Marion County and the petitioner is requesting to annex the properties into the city to connect to City utilities and facilitate future development of a hotel; however, a site plan for the proposed development has not been submitted at this time.
- Two of the four subject properties are improved; Parcel Number 2303-013-001 is currently developed with an operating self-service station/convenience store use (Shell gas station), and Parcel Number 2303-012-067 is currently developed with a single-family residence. Both existing uses are permitted within the requested B-2, Community Business, zoning district under City of Ocala Code of Ordinances Section 122-622. Parcel Numbers 2303-012-072 and 23174-000-00 are vacant and undeveloped.
- The subject properties are contiguous to City limits to the south, across SR-40, and to the west, across NW 60th Avenue; the annexation into the city limits does not create an enclave.
- Adequate public facilities are available for the subject properties.
- The petitioner has submitted concurrent applications for a land use change to Low Intensity (Case: LUC24-45513) and rezoning to B-2, Community Business (Case: ZON24-45514).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS: The subject properties are contiguous to the city limits and the annexation into the city limits does not create an enclave. The existing uses are permitted within the requested B-2 zoning district. Adequate public facilities are available for the subject properties.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

- Approve with changes.
- Deny
- Table

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

- Staff Report
- Case Map
- Aerial Map