

## **STAFF REPORT**

| TO:   | Planning Commission  |
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| FROM: | Curtis Hindman, Interim Community Development Director       |
| DATE: | 5/10/2023  |
| RE:   | Site Plan Approval– Village West, Lot 1, Current Zoning – GC |
|       | Not located within an overlay district                       |

The site meets the minimum requirements for site plan approval as documented in checklist below. At this time a tree protection plan or landscape plan have not been provided but are required prior to land disturbance approval.

| Section 40-93 – Site Plan Checklist  | Indicated on<br>Site Plan | Comments         |
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| Name of development and streets  | yes                       |                  |
| Name, address and telephone number of property owner and developer   | yes                       |                  |
| Vicinity map showing the location of the proposal development in relation to surrounding development   | yes                       |                  |
| Location of property by land lot and district, graphic scale, north arrow, approximate total acreage, and date   | yes                       |                  |
| Contour lines based on sea level datum shall be included and shall be<br>drawn at intervals of not more than two feet. Contour lines shall be<br>based on field surveys or photogrammetric methods from aerial<br>photographs, and the basis for the topographic contour shown shall<br>be specified | yes                       |                  |
| The location and widths of streets   | yes                       | existing         |
| The location and size of any parcels of land to be set aside for park<br>and playground use or other public use, or for the exclusive use of<br>property owners on said property.  | n/a                       |                  |
| The zoning of the property to be developed and adjacent property.  | yes                       | All GC           |
| The location of greenbelts and other areas to be landscaped.   | yes                       |                  |
| Setback lines  | yes                       |                  |
| Location and size of building.   | yes                       |                  |
| Height of building.  | Yes                       | 40 feet          |
| Parking area and number of spaces required and obtained.   | yes                       |                  |
| Distance between buildings.  | n/a                       |                  |
| Use of building.   | Gas station and two       | Conditional uses |



|   | restaurants and one drive | previously approved                          |
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|   | thru                      | 8/15/2022                                    |
| Location of sanitary sewage disposal if applicable.   | yes                       |  |
| LANDSCAPE PLAN REQUIREMENTS (CH<br>A landscape plan is required for any o<br>other than the development of individual lots for s  | development in Senoia     |  |
| A landscape plan shall include one canopy tree with a minimum<br>trunk caliper of two and one-half inches (at four inches from the<br>ground) for every 1,000 square feet of permanently disturbed area on<br>the site. An area is considered permanently disturbed if it is covered<br>with a building, structure, or other impervious surfaces like walks,<br>drives and patios.  | no                        | Landscape plan not<br>provided at this time. |
| A landscape plan shall include one understory tree with a minimum trunk caliper of one of one inch (at four inches from the ground) for every 1,000 square feet of permanently disturbed area on the site.  | no                        | Landscape plan not provided at this time.    |
| All landscape areas within parking lots shall be 100 percent landscaped with deciduous trees, shrubs, ground cover (not requiring mowing), and/or flowers in mulched beds.  | no                        | Landscape plan not provided at this time.    |
| The perimeter of all parking areas shall be landscaped. Parking areas designed to accommodate no more than 20 automobiles are not required to install interior landscapes areas like islands, peninsulas, and medians. Parking areas designed to accommodate more than 20 automobiles must install interior landscaped areas so that no more than 12 adjacent parking spaces exist without a landscaped separation of at least five feet in width. If significant tree-save areas or natural areas exist within a parking area, the city may make an exception to this requirement, as appropriate. | no                        | Landscape plan not<br>provided at this time. |
| Screening shall be used as a buffer between incompatible uses, and to reduce the effects of headlight glare, noise and other objectionable activities.<br>SCREENING<br>All vegetation used for screening shall be at least six feet in height at time of installation. Plants shall be placed as to provide for effective   | No                        |  |
| visual screening within three growing seasons.<br>Planting beds required for screening shall be a minimum of six feet in width;<br>Screening may consist of a fence, a wall, or vegetation and/or a mix   |                           | Landscape plan not provided at this time.    |
| of any or all of the foregoing.<br>The outer or public side of fences and walls shall be landscaped<br>enough to soften the structure with a tree or shrub at least 50 feet,<br>subject to approval of the zoning administrator;  |                           |  |
| Screening shall be installed on all lot lines where commercial,<br>industrial, and institutional uses abut residential zoning districts<br>except for entrances or exits;   |                           |  |



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| No screening shall be removed without the written permission of the zoning administrator   |  |  |  |  |
| Screening vegetation and fencing shall be maintained in a healthy and attractive manner  |  |  |  |  |
| The zoning administrator may require screening in conjunction with<br>the issuance of a building permit not requiring plat or site plan<br>approval.   |  |  |  |  |
| If significant trees are saved on a development site, then up to a 50 percent credit can be issued by the city. This will only be issued if the tree-save areas are considered to be aesthetically or environmentally significant by the zoning administrator.   | No   | Landscape plan not provided at this time.  |  |  |
| If there are significant landscape problems on site (for example, areas totally void of trees), the zoning administrator <b>may not allow tree credit, even though trees may be saved.</b>   | Yes  | Site is void of trees<br>today   |  |  |
| TREE PROTECTION/ COLLECTOR ROAD BUFFERS<br>(preserved or established) Section 30-102   |  |  |  |  |
| Landscape buffer along Collector Roads – per tree protection<br>ordinance Article V, Chapter 30.<br>These roads are Rockaway Road, Highway 16, Highway 85,<br>Stallings Road from city line to Matthews Street, Pylant Road<br>from city line to Clarke's Street, Rockhouse Road, and Luther<br>Bailey Road.   | No   | Site fronts on Hwy 16<br>and would therefore<br>be required to<br>preserve or establish a<br>50 foot buffer or a<br>reduced buffer. No<br>buffer provided due to<br>the sanitary sewer<br>easement |  |  |
| <ul> <li>The required tree-save/landscape buffer for any nonresidential property may be reduced as follows, subject to the approval of the city landscape architect and the planning commission:</li> <li>A. Buffer may be reduced from ten feet, provided the developer installs additional landscaping that amounts to at least ten-percent of the caliper inches of the trees required for the entire site by the landscape ordinance.</li> <li>B. Buffer may be reduced from 15 feet, provided the developer installs additional landscaping that, amounts to at least 15 percent of the caliper inches of the trees required for the entire site by the landscape ordinance.</li> </ul> | Even with a reduction<br>allowed in ordinance<br>this will not be able to<br>be met due to conflicts<br>with existing sanitary<br>sewer easement | A variance may be<br>needed to reduce the<br>buffer along Hwy 16.  |  |  |
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## **Re-vegetation Plan**—The replacement of trees to satisfy the conditions of zoning, or this article, shall occur under the following conditions

- To establish the minimum tree density requirements for the site.
- Where grading occurs outside the buildable portion of the lot.
- If the lot's buildable area leaves no protected zone.
- If no trees are present within an existing zone.
- Where specimen trees or stands of trees within the buildable portion of the lot are to be removed.

• Where specimen trees or stands of trees and trees within otherwise designated protective zones have been irreparably damaged or removed through land disturbance or construction activities.

## HERITAGE AND SPECIMEN TREES:

In fair or better condition equaling or exceeding the following diameter sizes.

Hardwoods: 25–inch d.b.h. (Oak, hickory, yellow poplar, sweetgum, beech, etc.) Softwoods: 26-inch d.b.h. (Pine, Deodar Cedar) Native Flowering: 8-inch d.b.h. (Dogwood, Redbud, Sourwood)

| Trees (d.b.h.) saved on this site plan:                 | None | No tree protection<br>plan provided at this<br>time. |
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| Required Tree Density provided on this site plan:       |      | No londacono nlon                                    |
| 80 D.B.H inches per acre (not including stream buffers) | No   | No landscape plan<br>provided at this time           |

## TREE REPLACMENT FUND:

The following criteria apply when tree density cannot be met with replacement plantings

| • Tree replacement cost obtained from three plant nurseries<br>must be provided for approval and the tree replacement cost<br>will be based on the average of these estimates.   | Staff are not able to verify a pervious tree<br>replacement plan was approved for this<br>development. |  |  |  |  |
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| • The required replacement fee will be 100 percent of the total cost to replant the balance of trees that were unable to be planted to satisfy the site density requirements.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ZONING CONDITIONS:   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Planning Commission Recommendation:<br>Commissioner Williams made a motion was made to recommend approval with the condition that the Planning Commission<br>can work with the applicant on the elevations and that there is a designated area for employee parking. Commissioner<br>Smith seconded the motion; approved it 5-0. |  |  |  |  |  |





Mayor and Council Decision:

Motion to approve the conditional use based on planning commission's recommendations. Motion 2nd by Councilperson Reeder. Motion carried with 3 votes for approval and Councilpersons Brady and Foust against.

The next step will be for the applicant to submit construction drawings which will include landscape plans for land disturbance permit approval.

