



**Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Regular Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:30 PM
Town Hall Commission Chamber,
535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, Florida 33403**

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. Present were Mayor O'Rourke, Commissioners John Linden, Roger Michaud, and Mary Beth Taylor, Assistant Town Manager Bambi McKibbin-Turner, Attorney Thomas Baird, and Town Clerk Vivian Mendez. Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro attended via Zoom.

Town Clerk Mendez performed the roll call and Patricia Leduc led the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/REPORT:

1. Proclamation – Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Mayor O'Rourke presented the Proclamation Declaring National Gun Violence Awareness Day to Ms. Sarah Bernardin and Associates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Ray, Town Resident, requested a second presentation on the Seawall vs. the Boardwalk for Lake Shore Drive. Director of Public Works Roberto Travieso announced that a formal solicitation would be drafted to retain a consultant and a second presentation is forthcoming.

Debra Field, Town Resident, expressed several concerns regarding the Pickleball Athletic Club. Mayor O'Rourke thanked Ms. Field for her comments.

Patricia Leduc, Town Resident, announced that she was unaware of upcoming Community Meetings and Events. She suggested improvements to Town Communication and Community Outreach. Director of Community Development Nadia DiTommaso explained the process of notification for Town Communication for Community Meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. May 18, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes.

3. Resolution 33-06-22 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with DRC Emergency Services, LLC (Contractor), for the Provision of Hurricane/Disaster Debris Removal, Reduction and Disposal Services per the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA)/Contractor Agreement No. 22-201D (Cooperative Purchase).

Motion: Commissioner Michaud moved to approve the consent agenda; Commissioner Linden seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Linden	X		
Commissioner Michaud	X		
Commissioner Taylor	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro			Via Zoom
Mayor O'Rourke	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

4. Nomination for Appointment to the Tree Board as a member.

Assistant Town Manager McKibbon-Turner explained the item. Ms. Phelan introduced herself to Town Commission and Staff. Mayor O'Rourke thanked her for volunteering to serve on the Town of Lake Park Tree Board.

Motion: Commissioner Taylor nominated Shana Phelan as a Regular Member of the Tree Board; Commissioner Linden seconded the nomination.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Linden	X		
Commissioner Michaud	X		
Commissioner Taylor	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro			Via Zoom
Mayor O'Rourke	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:

5. Ordinance 03-2022 Rezoning Seven Parcels from Commercial-4 to Campus Light Industrial and Commercial-1.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA REZONING SEVEN PARCELS AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 1 AND IDENTIFYING THE SPECIFIC PARCELS BY THEIR PARCEL CONTROL NUMBERS AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT "A" FROM COMMERCIAL-4 (C-4) TO CAMPUS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL-1 (CLIC-1); PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REFLECT THE REZONING TO CLIC-1; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Director of Community Development DiTommaso explained the item.

Motion: Commissioner Michaud moved to approve Ordinance 03-2022 on second reading; Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Linden	X		
Commissioner Michaud	X		
Commissioner Taylor	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro			Via Zoom
Mayor O'Rourke	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

Attorney Baird read the Ordinance by title only.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

6. Resolution 34-06-22 Dalfen Watertower Industrial Request for Site Plan Approval.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SITE PLAN FOR 184,880 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE/WAREHOUSE USE IN A ONE-STORY BUILDING GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF WATERTOWER ROAD AND WEST OF OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE USE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ex-Parte Communications/Disclosures:

Mayor O'Rourke- None

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro- None

Commissioner Linden- None

Commissioner Michaud- None

Commissioner Taylor-None

Town Attorney Baird swore in witnesses.

Director of Community Development DiTommaso explained the item. Josh Nichols of Schmidt Nichols and Stephanie Kimley of Kimley Horn & Associates presented to the Commission (see Exhibit "A"). Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro asked for clarification on the TPS Letter, specifically aligning the west driveway with 14th Street, providing cross access with properties to the east and west, and dedication of additional right-of-way along Watertower Road. Ms. Kimley explained the TPS Letter as recommendations provided by Palm Beach County, not conditions of approval. Mayor O'Rourke asked for clarification of the access points. Ms. Kimley explained that access points were on Old Dixie Highway and Watertower Road. Director of Community Development DiTommaso explained the Towns' Consulting Traffic Engineer did not express any concerns with the project. Commissioner Linden questioned the timeline from groundbreaking to completion. Mr. Nichols explained permit to completion was approximately 9-10 Months. Mayor O'Rourke announced that the proposed located was formally a

Brownfield Site, and questioned if there were foreseeable issues with the retention area. Jordan Haggerty, Professional Engineer with Kimley Horn & Associates announced the South Florida Water Management District reviewed the Stormwater Management design. He explained the Dry Retention System met all of the State criteria and regulations. He explained the Florida Department of Environmental Protection approved the proposed plan.

Motion: Commissioner Linden moved to approve Resolution 34-06-22; Commissioner Michaud seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Linden	X		
Commissioner Michaud	X		
Commissioner Taylor	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro			Via Zoom
Mayor O'Rourke	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Resolution 35-06-22 Offering for Sale of Real Property located at 1100 2nd Court.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, OFFERING FOR SALE THE REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS OWNED BY THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK LOCATED AT 1100 2ND COURT; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS OF SALE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Director of Community Development DiTommaso explained the item. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro requested clarification of the conditions of sale and the course of action due to non-compliance. Director of Community Development DiTommaso explained there would be a clause that indicates the ownership would revert to the Town. Attorney Baird explained that Resolution 35-06-22 was to allow staff the opportunity to offer the property for sale. Commissioner Michaud requested the definition of "immediate family member". Director of Community Development DiTommaso explained "family" was defined in the Town Code of Ordinances and meant to extend to spouses and children. She explained the definition may be extended.

Motion: Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Resolution 35-06-22; Commissioner Linden seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Linden	X		
Commissioner Michaud	X		
Commissioner Taylor	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro			Via Zoom
Mayor O'Rourke	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

8. Resolution 36-06-22 Adopting an Amended CRA Plan.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, RELATING TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT; ADOPTING AN AMENDED COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LAKE PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TRANSMIT THE AMENDED COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO PALM BEACH COUNTY.

Director of Community Development DiTommaso and Kevin Crowder of Business Flare explained the item.

Motion: Commissioner Michaud moved to approve Resolution 36-06-22; Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Aye	Nay	Other
Commissioner Linden	X		
Commissioner Michaud	X		
Commissioner Taylor	X		
Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro			Via Zoom
Mayor O'Rourke	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

9. Update on the Town Ordinance Associated with Implementation of a Traffic Calming Program and Request for Direction from the Town Commission Regarding Desired Review Process and Committee Structure.

Director of Public Works Travieso explained the item. Commissioner Michaud requested clarification of the section titled "Members; appointment; term" as related to the selection of a Town Resident. Director of Public Works Travieso explained the selection process and suggested a lengthy term limit for consistency. Commissioner Linden suggested improvements to the sections titled Criteria, Funding, Landscaping, etc., of the Draft Traffic Calming Ordinance. He announced that he was opposed to implementing an application fee. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro explained that municipalities offer Special Assessment guidelines; she also suggested improvements to the Draft Traffic Calming Ordinance. Mayor O'Rourke agreed with the suggestions of Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro.

10. Discussion of the Election Process with the Department of Justice.

Town Attorney Baird explained the item (see Exhibit "B"). Discussion ensued regarding the Limited Voting System. Mayor O'Rourke believed the Town of Lake Park Voting System was unconstitutional because it allowed the resident to only vote for one Candidate. Commissioner Taylor expressed support of the Limited Voting System. Commissioner Linden believed the system was unfair. Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro

explained that residents have expressed frustrations about being limited to one vote, and she suggested staggered terms. Commissioner Michaud explained that the Town was not large enough to divide into districts, he agreed with the Vice-Mayor's suggestion of staggered terms. Town Attorney Baird elaborated on Dr. Richard Engstrom's study of the Towns' voting data. He suggested continuing the discussion prior to August 2022. He also suggested for Town Manager D'Agostino to contact the Supervisor of Elections regarding the Cumulative Voting System. Per Consensus, the Commission agreed to continue the discussion during the July 6, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN MANAGER, COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Town Attorney Baird announced the Palm Beach County Settlement Agreement had an additional change. The Commission authorized Attorney Baird to notice the Department of Administrative Hearings that the Town would withdraw the previous Plan Amendment Ordinance.

Assistant Town Manager McKibbon-Turner announced the following within Exhibit "C". Per consensus, the Commission rescheduled the Private-P3 Commission Session to Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Linden announced that he attended Career Day at Lake Park Elementary, the Nautilus 220 groundbreaking, and the Town of Lake Park Memorial Day Celebration.

Commissioner Michaud announced that he had also attended Career Day at Lake Park Elementary. He announced that he serves on the Palm Beach County Sheriff Office Advisory Committee, and encouraged residents to email their concerns to rmichaud@lakeparkflorida.gov. He congratulated Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro on her tenure as the Palm Beach County League of Cities President. He thanked Patricia Leduc for her public comment.

Commissioner Taylor announced the following comments within Exhibit "D".

Vice-Mayor Glas-Castro thanked the Commission for attending the Palm Beach County League of Cities Installation Banquet. She encouraged Commissioners to serve on a Florida League of Cities Legislative Policy Committee.

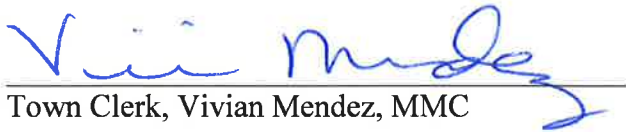
Mayor O'Rourke announced that he attended the Nautilus 220 groundbreaking ceremony. He thanked Director of Community Development DiTommaso for her efforts to the Nautilus 220 Project. He announced his intent to resign as Mayor, effective December 31, 2022. He announced plans to become a Candidate for Florida's Congressional District 22. He expressed his gratitude to the Town of Lake Park Residents, Commission, and Town Staff.

ADJOURNMENT

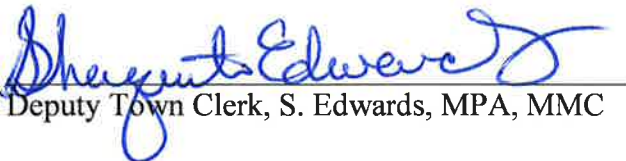
There being no further business to come before the Commission and after a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Michaud and seconded by Commissioner Linden, and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



Mayor Michael O'Rourke



Town Clerk, Vivian Mendez, MMC



Deputy Town Clerk, S. Edwards, MPA, MMC



Approved on this 15 of June, 2022



TOWN OF LAKE PARK
PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

MEETING DATE: 4/1/2022

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!
*****Three (3) minute limitation on all comments**

Name: JOHN RAY

Address: 321 Lake Shore Dr. #807

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: _____

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

Public Works - Sewer
the Park zoning map

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

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TOWN OF LAKE PARK
PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

MEETING DATE: 6/1/22

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!

*****Three (3) minute limitation on all comments**

Name: Deanna Riccio

Address: 5620 NW 5th Ave #318

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: _____

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

Private Pickleball Court in
Pinecrest Park

Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

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TOWN OF LAKE PARK
PUBLIC COMMENT CARD

MEETING DATE: 6/1/2022

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*****Three (3) minute limitation on all comments**

Name: Patricia Leduc

Address: 409 2nd Street Lake Park

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please
provide your E-mail address: patricialeduc@comcast.net

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

Public meetings, workshops and special events
How is the community and residents notified
for the best turnout? Can it be improved?

Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

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Exhibit "A"

Dalfen Industrial Watertower Road

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

PROPOSED PROJECT: Dalfen Industrial Watertower Road



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Location Map



Lake Park Future Land Use Map

2017-2027

SITE
(Commercial &
Light Industrial
w/ Bioscience
Overlay)



Legend

- Bioscience
- TWIN CITIES MIXED USE
- COMMERCIAL
- CONSERVATION
- FEDERAL HIGHWAY MIXED USE DISTRICT
- COMMERCIAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
- MIXED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
- OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
- RECREATION OVERLAY
- SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY
- RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY
- RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY
- DOWNTOWN
- TOWN BOUNDARY Annexation

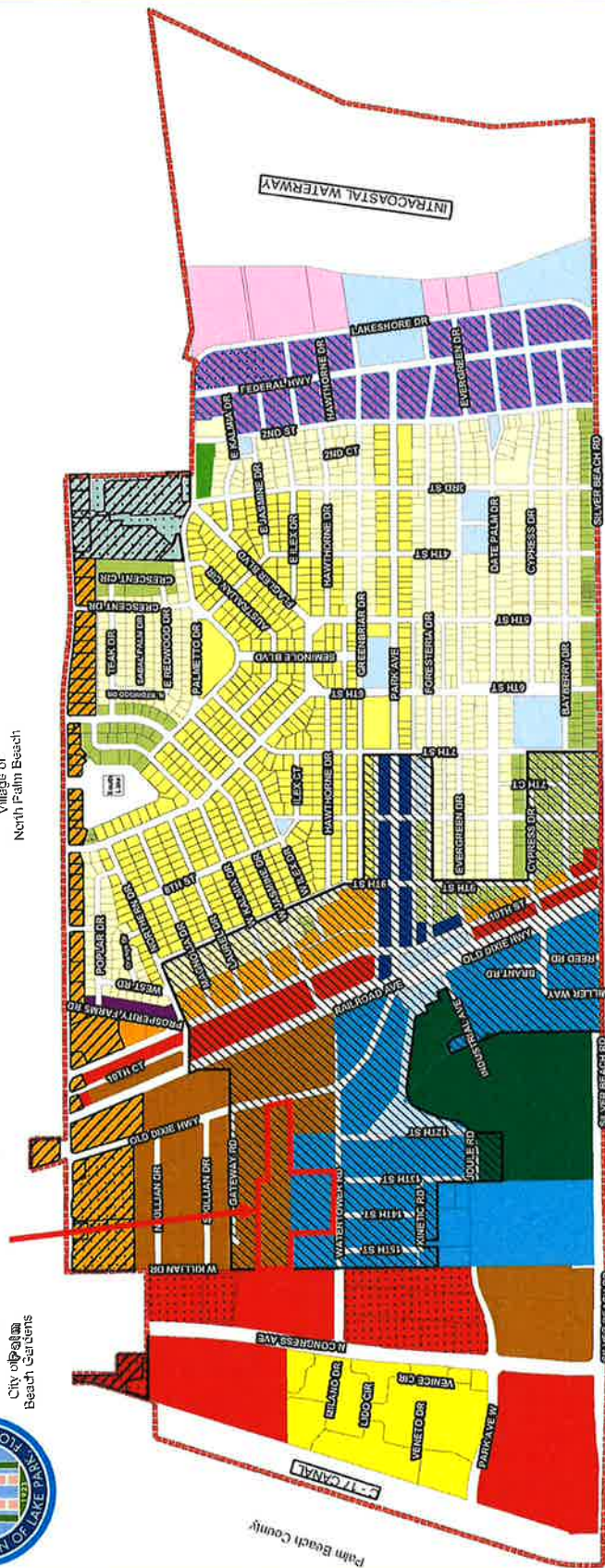


SITE Lake Park Zoning Map

(C-4 & CLIC-1)

City of Riviera Beach
Beach Gardens

Village of
North Palm Beach



Legend

- NEOZ Overlay
- TOWN BOUNDARY
- Planned Unit Development Overlay
- CRA Overlay
- FHMUD Federal Highway Mixed Use District Overlay

Zoning

- C1 BUSINESS DISTRICT
- C-1B NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
- C2 BUSINESS DISTRICT
- C3 BUSINESS DISTRICT

City of
Riviera Beach

- C4 BUSINESS DISTRICT
- CLIC CAMPUS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL
- CONSERVATION
- MU MIXED USE
- P PUBLIC DISTRICT

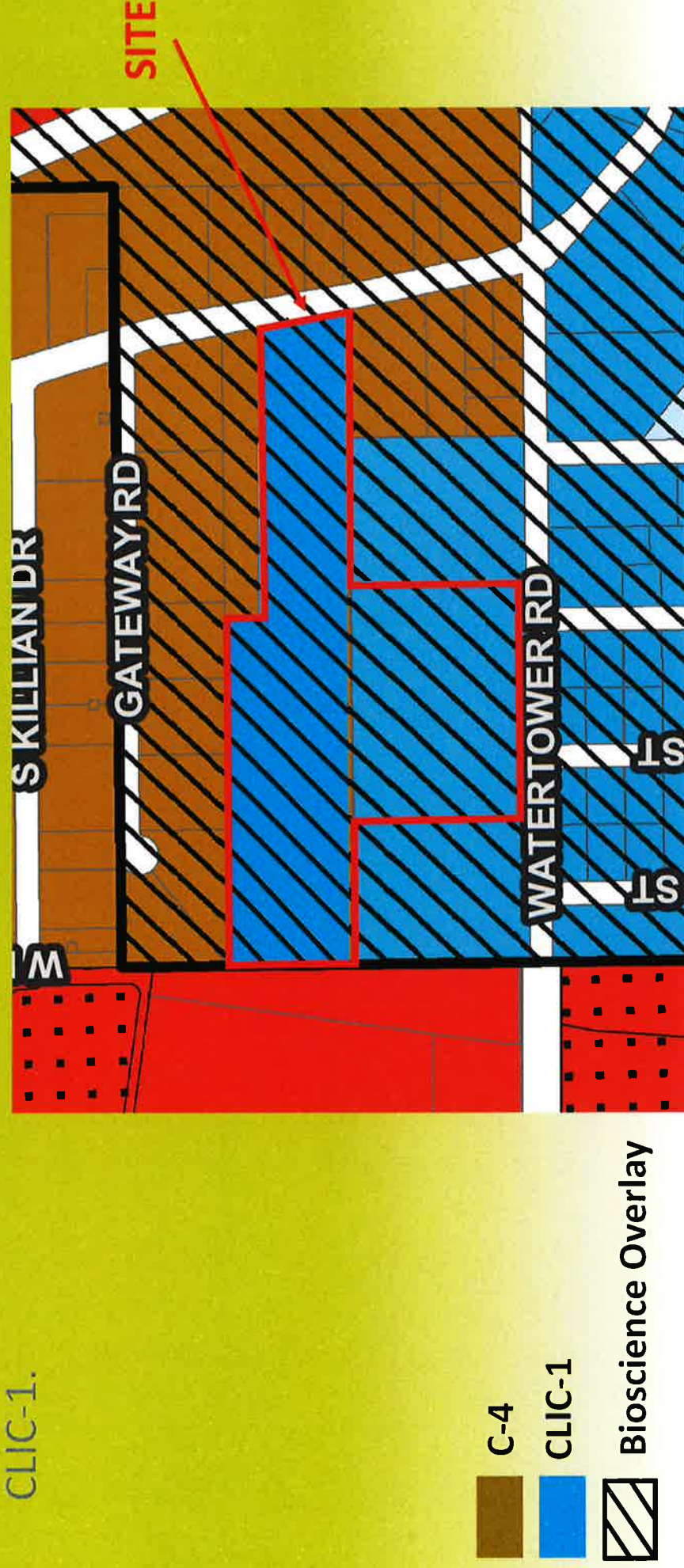
- PADD PARK AVENUE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT
- R1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT
- R1A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT
- R1AA RESIDENCE DISTRICT
- R1B TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT
- R2 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT
- R2A MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT
- TND TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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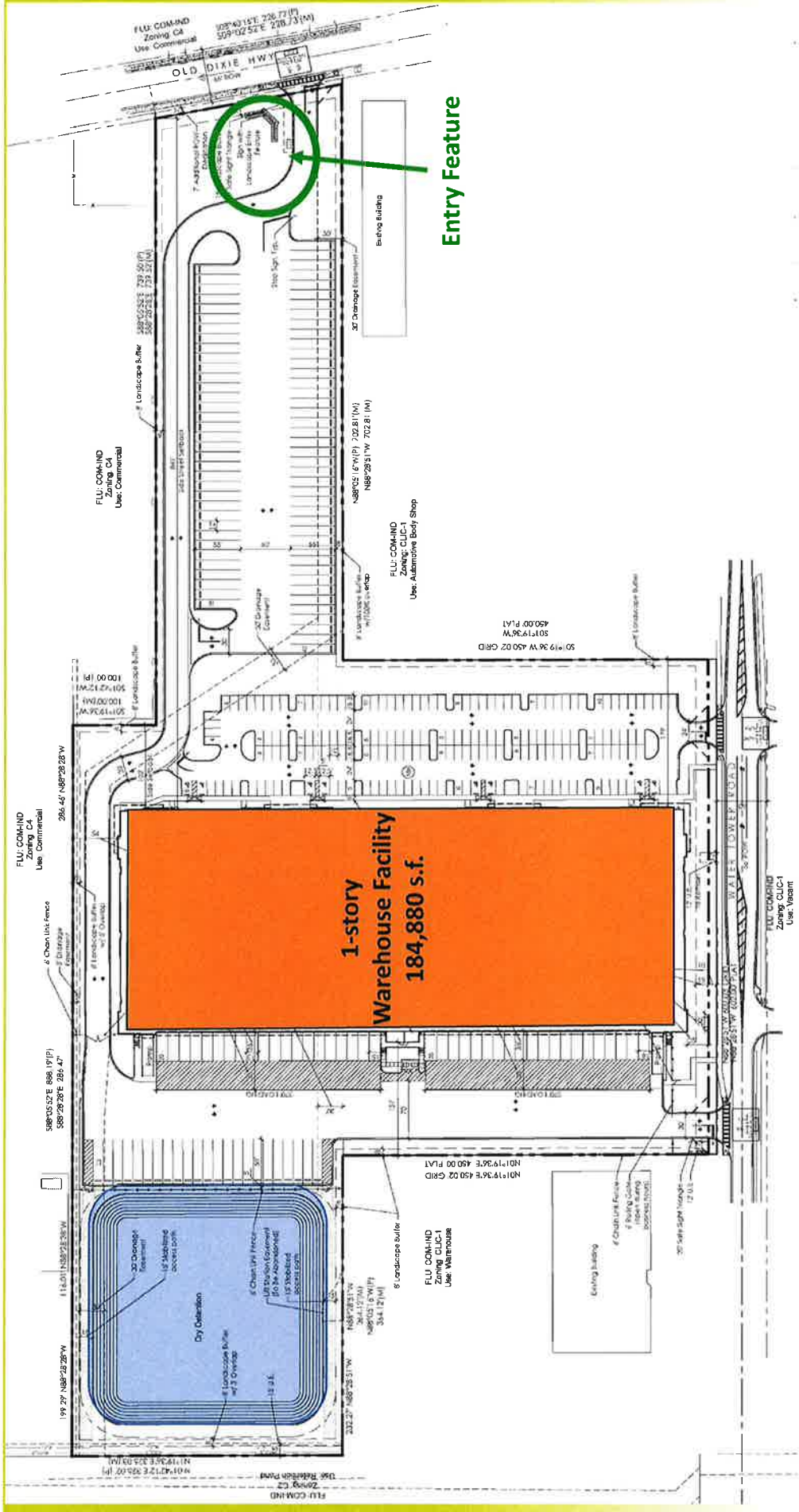
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Request 2: Site Plan Review for 184,880 s.f. Warehouse facility.

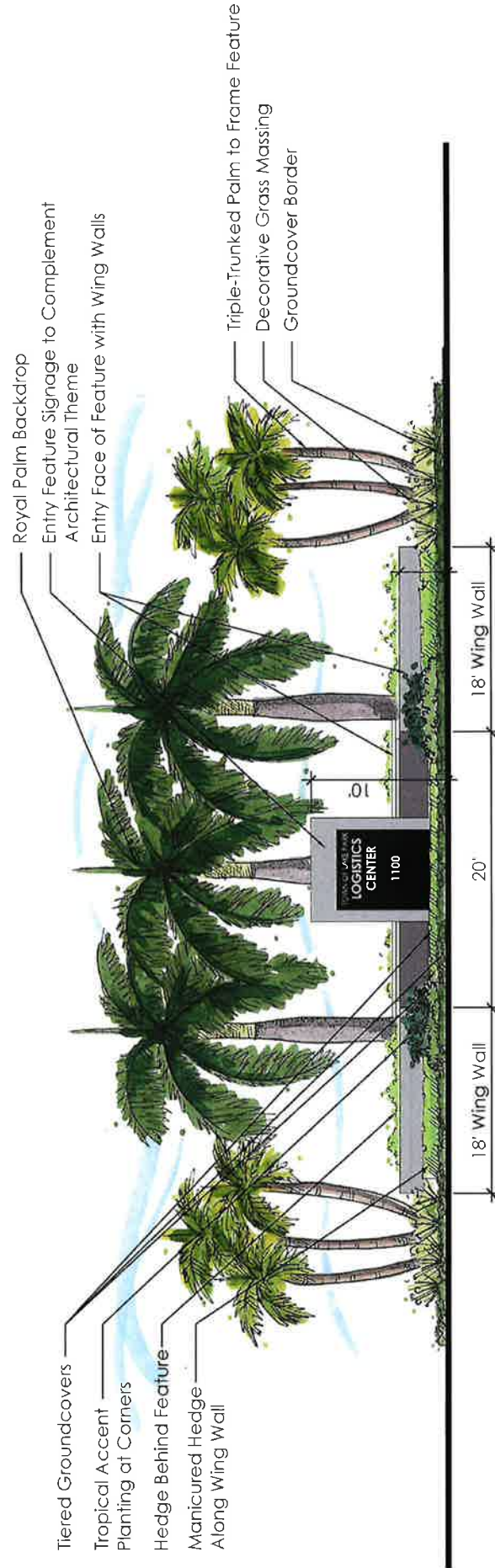
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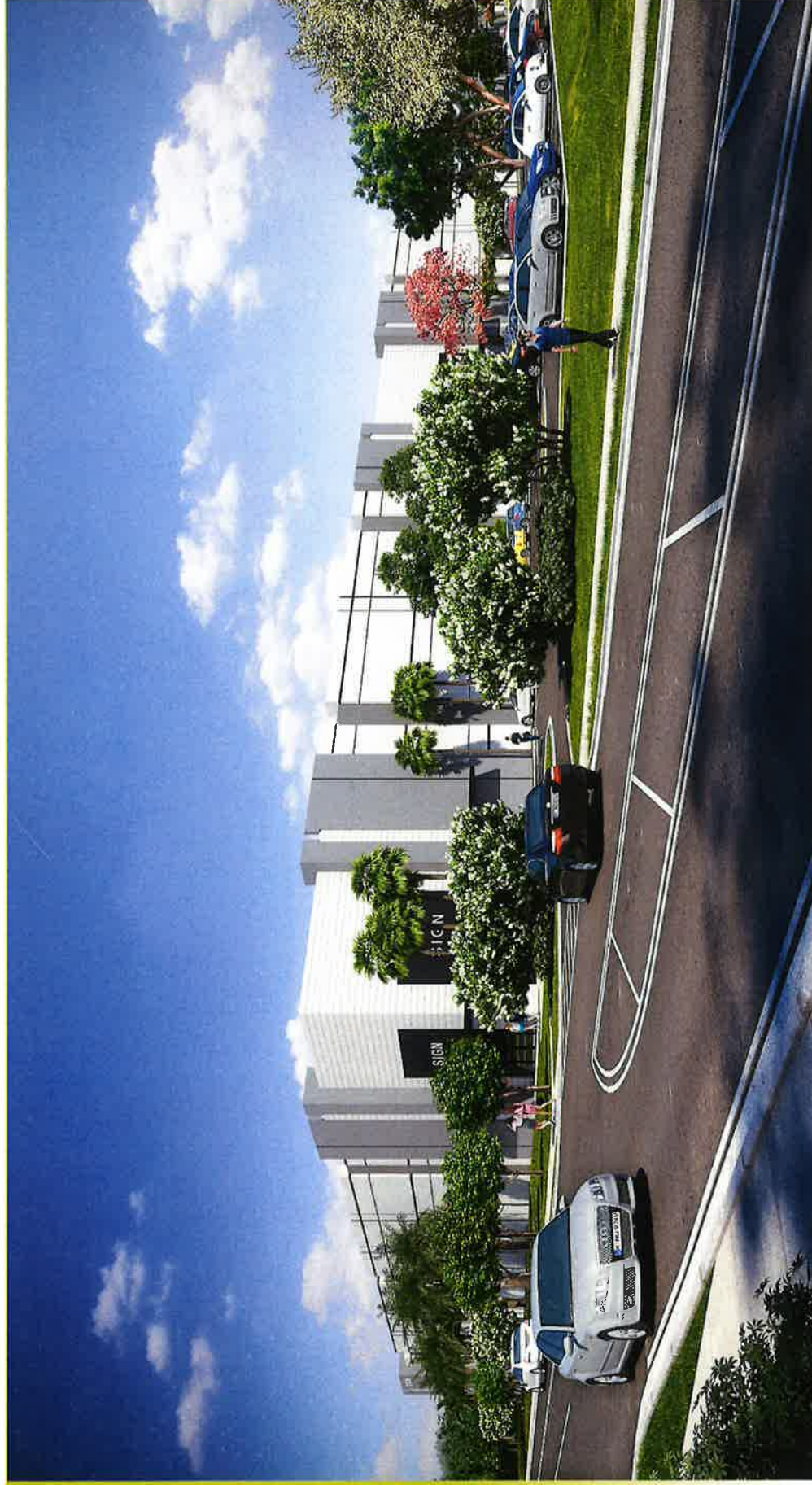


Request 2: Site Plan



ENTRY FEATURE



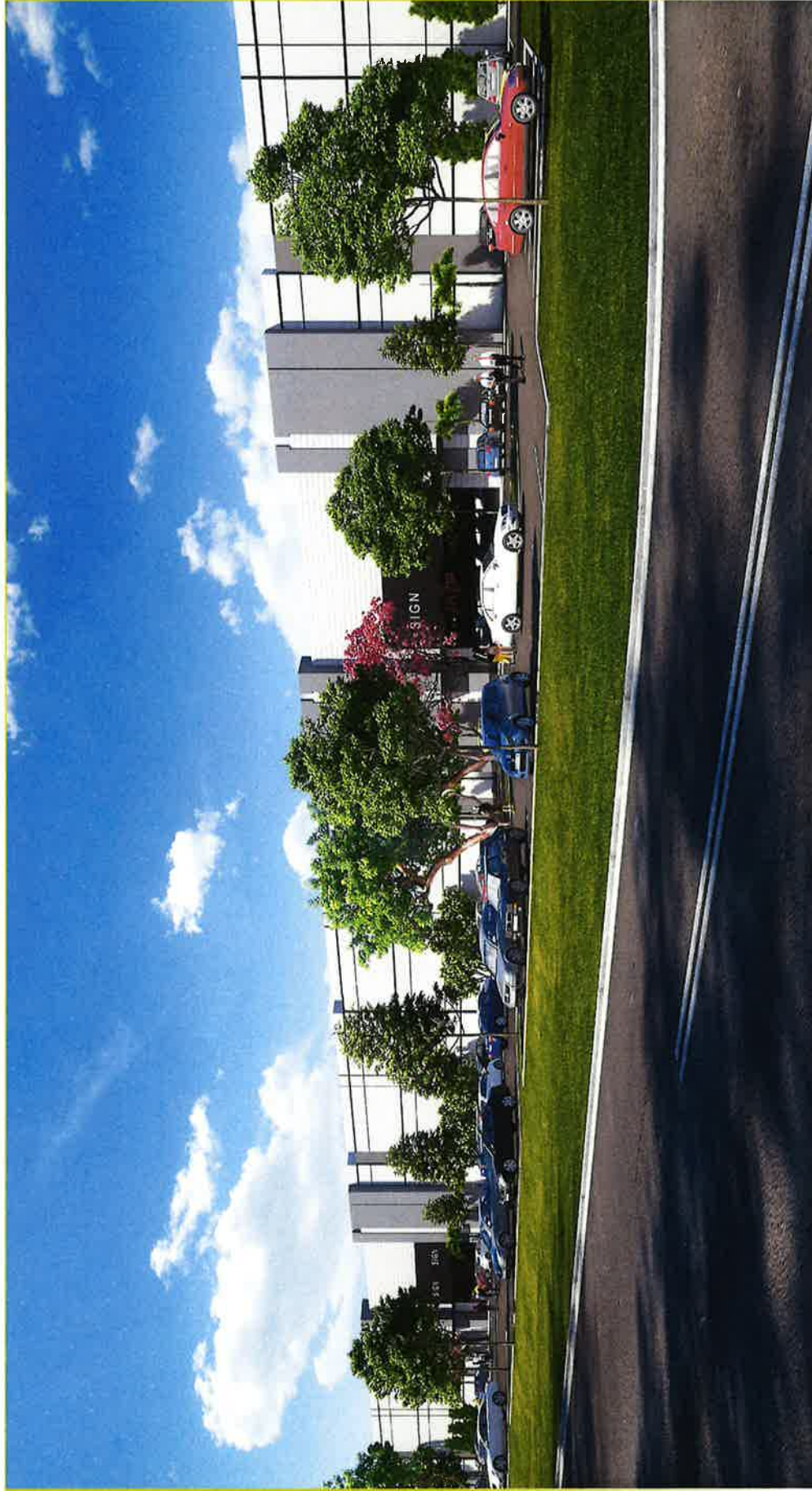






ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS – Interior of the Site East Facade

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CONCLUSION

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Thank you for your consideration of approval for this Rezoning and Site Plan Review!

Our team is here to answer any questions you may have.

Dalfen
INDUSTRIAL








SCHMIDT
NICHOLS
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
AND URBAN PLANNING



Kimley»Horn
Expect More. Experience Better.

RLC
Architects

Rezoning Standards:

-  a. That the requested change would be consistent with the land use plan and would not have an adverse effect on the comprehensive plan.
-  b. That the requested change is consistent with the existing land use pattern.
-  c. That the requested change will not result in increase or overtaxing of public facilities (schools, streets, utilities, etc.)
-  d. That the requested change will not adversely impact public safety.
-  e. That the requested change will not adversely impact living conditions in the neighborhood or other surrounding areas.

Rezoning Standards:

-  f. That there are substantial reasons why the property cannot be used in accord with existing zoning.
-  g. Whether or not the requested change will constitute a grant of special privilege to an individual owner as contrasted with the public welfare.

Request 2: Site Plan Review for 184,880 s.f. Warehouse facility.

1. Nature of the request:

Response: Applicant requests site plan approval for 184,880 s.f. warehouse facility.

2. Impacts to the surrounding area?

Response: Minimal impacts to the surrounding area. Proposed use is similar to other uses in the general vicinity. Plan has received PBC TPS approval, Seacoast Utility approval, and approval by the Town's engineer. Applicant proposing left turn lane on Watertower Rd. in accordance with traffic requirements.

3. Comply with development regulations?

Response: Complies with setbacks, lot coverage, parking, and landscaping.

Benefits:

- Hot market for high volume industrial – strong demand in northern Palm Beach County
- Jobs:
 - 225 Construction - 250 Permanent
- Tax Base:
 - From Vacant to income producing
 - \$35,000,000 estimated value
 - \$187,000 estimated yearly property tax revenue for Lake Park



Exhibit "B"

Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: June 1, 2022

Agenda Item No. Tab 10

Agenda Title: Town of Lake Park Department of Justice Voting Process

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BOARD APPOINTMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OLD BUSINESS |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW BUSINESS | |
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Approved by Town Manager

Date: 5-26-22

John O. D'Agostino, Town Manager

Name/Title

Originating Department: Town Manager	Costs: \$ 0 Funding Source: General Fund Acct. # <input type="checkbox"/> Finance _____	Attachments: • Town Attorney Memo dated May 9, 2019
Advertised: Date: _____ Paper: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	All parties with interest in this agenda item are notified of the meeting date and time.	___ Yes, Notified everyone or ___ Not applicable in this case Please initial one.

Summary Explanation/Background: The issue of the voting format for the Town of Lake Park usually reoccurs each time there is an election. Residents want to know why our Town voting process only allows residents to vote for one candidate even though four candidates are elected every three years.

The Town Attorney's memo explains the historical aspects of the Department of Justice's decision resulting in the present day voting format. The focus for the decision of the Department of Justice was that since the Town's incorporation back in 1923, there has not been a black citizen elected to the Town Commission. However, in 2019 and again in 2022, Commissioner Michaud was elected to the Town Commission. In both instances,

Commissioner Michaud was the top vote getter in each election. Based on the Department of Justice's options, a single member district in which three districts would be made up of a majority of minority voters. In offering the limited voting system option, the Department of Justice felt that this option would change the composition of the Commission to better reflect the Town wide population. The third option was removed from consideration by then SOE (Supervisor of Elections) because the SOE could not implement a voting system different from the majority of municipalities in Palm Beach County. The SOE advised the Department of Justice the cumulative voting method would not be an option. Left with just two options, the then Town Commission voted to implement the Limited Voting System.

Recommended Motion: No motion is necessary

Memo

To: John D'Agostino, Town Manager
From: Thomas J. Baird, Town Attorney
Date: May 9, 2019
Subject: Voting Process

This memorandum summarizes the history of the Town's Limited Voting System. In 2009, the Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a complaint in federal court alleging that the Town of Lake Park's (Town) at-large voting method of electing Commissioners, enhanced by the use of staggered terms, results in black citizens of the Town having less opportunity than white citizens to participate in the political process and elect candidates of choice in violation of § 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (the Act). The basis of this complaint was the extensive research of election results and its interviews of black citizens, some of whom had been candidates for Commissioner which was conducted by the DOJ prior to its filing. As part of its research, the DOJ referred to two black candidates that the DOJ asserted demonstrated that the at-large voting system worked against. The DOJ also relied upon the fact that since the Town's incorporation in 1923 no black candidate for the Commission had ever won an election.

The full force and weight of the federal government, through the DOJ was brought to bear on the Town. The then Commission recognized that a vigorous defense of the Town would be prohibitively expensive, and was unlikely to be successful. Consequently, the then Commission believed it had little choice but to settle the action on terms dictated by the DOJ. The Town retained a law firm based in Washington, DC and this firm negotiated a settlement of the action. Through the efforts of this law firm, the DOJ presented the Commission with three options: (1) Single member districts drawn such that at least three of the districts contained a majority of black population. This option would have resulted in at least two incumbent Commissioners vacating their seat on the Commission; (2) The Limited Voting System, which is the system the Town currently uses; and (3) a cumulative voting system. Although the cumulative voting system was most appealing to the Commission, the then Supervisor of Elections, Susan Bucher rejected it claiming that her office could not implement a system just for Lake Park. Consequently, Ms. Bucher advised the DOJ that this method of voting could not be an option.

The Commission selected the Limited Voting System and voted to enter into a Consent Judgment and Decree (Consent Judgement) with the United States of America. The Consent Judgement required the Town to amend its Charter to change its at-large voting system. The Consent Judgment was executed on October 26, 2009. The first election under this system took place in 2010. In 2013, after a second election using the Limited Voting System, the Commission

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The Town executed a contract with Dr. Richard Engstrom to study voting data. The contract was divided into two phases. IN the first phase, Dr. Engstrom assess whether, since 2009, the data he examined would indicate that racially polarized voting still existed in the Town. If not then he would proceed to Phase 2 of the contract. Dr. Engstrom performed a statistical analysis of elections of the Commission in 2010 and 2013; the congressional elections during that same cycle; the Florida Senate Primary between Mack Bernard and Jeff Clemons; and the Florida House Primary between Bobby Powell, Natasha Wells, Charles Bantel and Evelyn Garcia. His conclusion was that racially polarized voting still existed and because of this he was of the opinion that the DOJ would be unlikely to agree to a change in the Limited Voting System. Given this conclusion, the Commission determined that it would not be a good use of Town funds to proceed to the more detailed (and expensive) Phase 2. Although I had continued a dialogue with US Attorney Ernest McFarland, we discontinued furthur discussion regarding a modification to the Limited Voting System because of Dr. Engstrom's conclusions. It is important to note that I did not communicate the research conducted by Dr. Engstrom to the DOJ, or Attorney McFarland, in particular.



TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS

TOWN COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, June 1, 2022

P3 Marina Development Update in Private Session:

The Private Session with the Town Commission and Don Delaney, the Town's P3 consultant to provide an update on the negotiation process for the expansion of the Marina, has been canceled for this evening. The Commission Private Session will need to be rescheduled to one of the following dates June 6th, 8th or 9th.

Employee News

We are pleased to announce that Assistant Finance Director Jeffrey Duvall has been promoted to the position of Finance Director effective May 27, 2022. Jeffrey is a graduate of the University of Maryland at Baltimore County with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, and also graduated from Capella University with an MBA with specialization in Finance and Accounting. He also holds a Certificate of Administrative and Managerial Sciences from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Jeffrey has 30 years of operations and management experience and has made significant contributions in various leadership roles having served as a high level Director and having supervised in excess of 60 direct and 200 indirect reports. His supervisory responsibilities have encompassed treasury functions, including all banking and trustee relationships, accounts receivable, accountants payable, budget information and tracking, financial reporting and forecasting, and providing direction to the senior leadership team and the Board of Directors. We are very pleased to have him as part of our senior management team.

Town Job Openings

The Lake Park Harbor Marina is seeking qualified individuals with a valid Florida driver's license and the ability to swim to work as Dock Attendants. Two positions are being advertised. The deadline by which to apply is 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2022.

The Public Works Department is seeking a qualified individual with a valid Florida Class B Commercial Driver's License to work as a Maintenance Worker. The deadline by which to apply is 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2022.

The Public Works Department is still seeking a qualified individual with a valid Florida Class B Commercial Driver's License to work as a Stormwater Technician II. Must have high school diploma or equivalent supplemented by a minimum of three (3) years of related

experience, including a minimum of two (2) years verifiable heavy equipment or vacuum truck operating experience. The deadline by which to apply is 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2022.

The Public Works Department is also still seeking qualified individuals with a valid Florida Class B commercial driver's licenses to work as Sanitation Truck Operators I and II. Please note that the requirement for a high school diploma or equivalent has been eliminated; however, qualified applicants must not have lost any driving privileges by reason of revocation, suspension or denial of license, or have been convicted and/or had a adjudication withheld of three or more moving violations in the previous 36-month period. The deadline by which to apply for both positions is 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2022.

Those interested in applying for any of the above positions may contact the Town's Human Resources Department at 561-881-3300 Option 8, or may visit the Town's official website at www.lakeparkflorida.gov for additional information and to download an employment application.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sanitation

Due to equipment availability, the Department of Public Works' Commercial Sanitation Service continues to experience operational limitations related to the collection of cardboard. We are working diligently to restore normal operations as soon as possible and apologize for any inconvenience. For questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at (561) 881-3345 or publicworks@lakeparkflorida.gov.

Hurricane Season

The Atlantic Hurricane Season began today, June 1, and runs through November 30, 2022. Accordingly, we encourage the public to please:

1. Follow the Town's sanitation ordinances and service guidelines.
2. Proactively remove any dead or rotting trees, branches, and roots. Do not cut large healthy branches and keep cutting as small as possible. Also, trim overgrown vegetation and shrubs.
3. Inspect your properties early and properly discard of any yard items that could pose a danger to anyone, i.e. lumber, broken lawn furniture, etc.
4. Do not place any yard waste or other debris at the curb AFTER a tropical storm or hurricane watch/warning has been issued by emergency declaration for the town.

Sec.24-15.-Collection and enforcement during an emergency declaration.

A property owner, or the tenant of a residence or business shall not place any debris, trash vegetative yard waste, or recycling materials out for collection once the mayor has rendered a declaration of emergency for the town. In the event of a violation of this section occurs,

the town may immediately dispose of the materials and charge its actual costs of collection and disposal, along with a one-time \$250.00 fee and any other administrative charges it incurs and invoice the property owner or business for the payment of these costs. If the costs are not paid, the town may record a lien against the property.

5. Monitor public information systems to stay informed about the status of Town facilities and services to include www.lakeparkflorida.gov. Typically, sanitation services resume 3-5 days following storm impacts.

As an elected official and retired teacher, I would be amiss if I did not address the latest horrific mass shootings. I felt disbelief, but no shock, deep sorrow, then anger, now rage. Rage, that those with the **power** to save human lives, will not address the systemic root causes of our country's hate and carnage. Other First World Countries have evolved, while here we are experiencing **more** violence, **more** insanity, fueled by **hate**. Nowhere is safe. We must **pray, do what we can as individuals to promote peace**, and not give up **hope**!

PARK AVENUE, HISTORY

I have been increasingly discouraged about the very center of our town, **PARK AVENUE**, Main Street, 2nd to 5th Street. To put it bluntly, *it has never looked worse*. Since, I have lived here for so long, I am a credible witness to it's gradual decline. In the 1970's, swaying palms lined both sides of a tropical paradise. Then lethal yellowing infected the palms and all were lost. The great Black Olive trees were planted, *beautiful*, until some became diseased and died, leaving long hot treeless gaps. During the **great** 2004/2005 hurricanes winds brought the great weed invasion that took over most swales, continuing today. Then we contracted with the Sheriff Department and the on street parking was prohibited, so residents began parking on their swales, this further damaged even the green weeds, broke the aged sprinkler systems until all but a few dedicated residents just gave up. Now they just park in their front yards. The town disowned it's main street. Meanwhile, administration after administration, promised the Park Ave. improvement project was imminent.... Street plans were developed, paid for and then shelved... for at least **20 years**, I waited! You know what happens after 20 years of waiting? Someone on Park Avenue becomes a commissioner, I was elected!

PARK AVENUE TODAY

Okay, only a few people have experienced the gradual demise of the once beautiful avenue as I have. Many residents are new, and only know Park Avenue, as what they see today, a shabby, shadeless, unkept and uncared for street. The numerous walkers, bikers, scooters and strollers carefully try to navigate the old crumbling sidewalks. They may not live on Park Ave. but it matters to them. *And residents notice, visitors notice, business owners notice*. Lake Park's reputation is not improving much, because of the look and feel of Park Ave. between US I and 5th Street. Many of the CRA areas look better than Park Avenue. Now that I am a commissioner, maybe I will finally get an answer from the administration and my fellow commissioners, *Why*, is the MAIN STREET, PARK AVENUE *always put last*. *Later may once again mean years*. *Why*, are our beautiful and popular passive parks getting a makeover before our ugly, and most important main street? At this point there is no reasonable method, or incentive, for residents to improve their swales. At this point it has to be all or nothing for Park Avenue, so far it has been nothing.

PARK AVENUE TOMORROW

BUT, I'm not giving up. Time, and the looming economy is not on our side. **BUT**, the budget process is approaching and being a forever optimist, I have hope, not a lot, but some, that we can find a way to improve our Main Street, restore the beauty, the safety, the reputation, and the quality of life for all residents and visitors that traverse our Main Street....and do it in an environmentally sustainable way. I propose we enter a partnership with our residents, the stakeholders of our town, not just businesses and developers. We can make Lake Park, the Jewel of the Palm Beaches once again. Please, open your eyes and your minds, *we can find a way to do this....if we have the will!* If we work together, I promise the town will be on it's way to being the greatest little town in Palm Beach County. Our Centennial planning can be our launch pad, let's get everyone on board! **PLEASE!**

SO GOES MAIN STREET, SO GOES THE TOWN!