# CIRCLE K REDEVELOPMENT CONDITIONAL ZONING DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Bradshaw Robinson Slawter & Rainer LLP Applicants: Circle K Stores, Inc. and Manns Chapel II, LLC August 21, 2023

#### INTRODUCTION

- Nick Robinson on behalf of the Applicants, Circle K Stores, Inc. and Manns Chapel II, LLC.
- I am joined tonight by representatives of the Applicants: Andy Priolo for Circle K and also the engineering/ land planning team headed by Rick Baker of the Timmons Group.
- Zoning history of the parcels involved: (next slide)

#### CURRENT ZONING OF SUBJECT PROPERTIES



Subject Property: Parcels 2642, 2641 2562-2564, 2542 and 2560



#### CURRENT NEARBY USES

McDonald's BP Convenience Store/Retail Retail Shopping/Grocer/Pharmacy Furniture Store

# PROPOSED CONDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SITE PLAN



#### PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INPUT

- Applicants met with Planning Staff ahead of preparing the Application and conferred with them as to the approach of seeking a conditional zoning Neighborhood Business district.
- Applicants held a community meeting to which it invited all adjoining owners. None of the adjoiners attended the meeting.
- We applied for and received Chatham County Appearance Commission Review.
  We revised some of the landscaping selections at their suggestion and also added a condition reducing the minimum amount of parking required in order to possibly reduce impervious surface from parking.
- The Technical Review Committee met and had no concerns other than that the CC Historical Association may contact us to see the abandoned rental units to the west to see if any photographs would be useful for preservation of the design.

#### CONDITIONAL ZONING REQUEST

- The requested CU-NB district would allow for the Circle K Redevelopment and will also allow for one Outparcel to include a use allowed within the NB zoning district.
- Per Section 5.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, within a conditional zoning district, an Applicant may propose conditions that "relate to ... proposed support facilities such as parking areas and driveways, pedestrian and vehicular circulation ..."
- At the Appearance Commission meeting, the CCAC raised the question about whether the Applicant would be willing to consider less parking in order to reduce impervious surface. The Applicant reviewed and conferred regarding that point and, within the application, proposed the following condition.
- **PROPOSED CONDITION**: Applicants propose to reduce the overall impervious surface coverage by changing the minimum required number of parking spaces for the entire project from 1 space per 200 square feet of gross floor area (Zoning Ordinance Section 14.1.C) to 1 space per 300 square feet of gross floor area.
- Thus, Applicant seeks to have this condition approved along with the rezoning.
- (TURN PRESENTATION OVER TO RICK BAKER FOR OVERVIEW OF SITE PLAN)

## FINDING 1: ALLEGED ERROR IN ORDINANCE

- No error in the Ordinance is alleged apart from seeking to revise the Zoning Map to eliminate the existing Legacy districts and replace them with one coherent CU-NB District.
- Applicant believes Finding 1 is met.

## FINDING 2: CHANGED OR CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES

- Need and Desirability
  - This assemblage of parcels is in an ideal location for commerce in northeastern Chatham County at the intersection of U.S. Highway 15-501 South and Manns Chapel Road. The existing Circle K store is currently squeezed on an irregularly shaped +/-.848 parcel with awkwardly spaced driveway entrances/exits.
  - Redesign of the Circle K parcel will allow for conformity of the parcel to the revised roadway/intersection configuration and the redesign of the driveway entrances will conform to the roadway and increase safety and functionality at the intersection.
  - Implementation of the landscaping planting program recommended by the Appearance Commission will improve the appearance of the intersection.
  - More appropriately sized commercial use at a strategic intersection, in the heart of the Neighborhood Center designated on the Future Land Use Map.
  - No public improvements required.
  - 12-15 Jobs at Circle K alone.
  - Applicant believes Finding 2 is met.

## FINDING 3: INTENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

- This proposed rezoning is very much consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- Located in designated Neighborhood Center:



#### FINDING 3: COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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#### COMMERCIAL FACTORS

- · LANDS NEAR CONCENTRATIONS OF EXISITING RESIDEN-
- TIAL DEVELOPMENT LANDS PROXIMINAL TO EXISITING COMMERCIAL AND
- SERVICES
- LANDS PROXIMINAL TO ACCESSIBLE HIGH TRAFFIC ROAD-WAYS
- LANDS PROXIMINAL TO MAJOR ROADS (EXISTING AND
- FUTURE)
- LANDS PROXIMINAL TO EXITS
- LANDS PROXIMINAL TO EXISTING OR APPROVED COM-MERCIAL CENTERS
- · LANDS PROXIMINAL TO SEWER
- · LANDS NOT ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSTRAINED



**COMMERCIAL SUITABILITY** 



#### Applicant believes Finding 3 is met.

# FINDING 4: OTHER REASONS IN SUPPORT

- The proposed rezoning will clean up this section and blend it coherently with existing uses and with the Comprehensive Plan
- Additional notes:
  - Water Source no expansion is necessary as the property is serviced by Chatham County public water
  - Wastewater Management Circle K to continue to be served by Aqua; Outparcel will have on-site septic
  - Water/Sewer Impact plans will satisfy requirements of the Zoning Ordinance
  - Access Roads Mann Chapel Road; US 15-501
  - Stormwater Runoff to be planned on-site as required by Chatham County Stormwater Ordinance and NC Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Applicant believes Finding 4 is met.

## ESSENTIAL OR DESIRABLE FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR WELFARE

- The proposed rezoning is essential or desirable because it will facilitate services to meet the needs being created by other growth in this part of the County
- Additional notes:
  - Traffic no significant impact anticipated
  - Visual Impact Approved by the Appearance Commission
  - Lighting plans will satisfy requirements of the Zoning Ordinance
  - Noise no significant impact anticipated
  - Chemicals, etc. petroleum products are present and accounted for; other chemicals are not anticipated
  - Signs plans will satisfy requirements of the Zoning Ordinance
  - Emergency Services no significant imposition on fire, police, or 911 services are required
  - Impact to Surrounding Land Values no negative impacts anticipated
- Applicant believes these considerations are also met.

## CONCLUSION

- The Applicant has shown support for each of the Findings as required by the Zoning Ordinance.
- In sum, the proposed rezoning to Conditional Use-Neighborhood Business facilitates a variety of economic opportunities for Chatham County and its residents and complies with the Future Land Use Map.
- That concludes our initial presentation. We would like to reserve a short amount of time to respond to any concerns that may be raised by members of the public later in this hearing.