

KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

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AGENDA DATE: 2/11/2010

► APPLICANT: GFS MARKETPLACE, LLC

OWNER(S): KINGSTON PIKE LLC

TAX ID NUMBER: 132 PART OF 02701

JURISDICTION: City Council District 2

► LOCATION: South side of Kingston Pike, west side of Moss Grove Blvd., south of

Market Place Blvd.

► APPX. SIZE OF TRACT: 2 acres

SECTOR PLAN: Southwest County

GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)

ACCESSIBILITY: Access is via Moss Grove Blvd., a private Joint Permanent Easement with

access out to Kingston Pike, a major arterial street with a four and five lane

cross section within a required right-of-way of 100'.

UTILITIES: Water Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

Sewer Source: Knoxville Utilities Board

WATERSHED: Ten Mile Creek

ZONING: PC-1 (Retail and Office Park) (k)

EXISTING LAND USE: Vacant land

► PROPOSED USE: Food Service Market Place Store

HISTORY OF ZONING: Rezoning to PC-1 (k) (Retail and Office Park) was approved by Knoxville

City Council on 9/25/07.

SURROUNDING LAND North: Shopping center / SC-3 (Regional Shopping Center)

USE AND ZONING: South: Vacant land in Sherrill Hill Commercial Subdivision / PC-1 (Retail

and Office Park) (k)

East: Vacant land in Sherrill Hill Commercial Subdivision / PC-1 (Retail

and Office Park) (k)

West: Vacant land in Sherrill Hill Commercial Subdivision / PC-1 (Retail

and Office Park) (k)

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT: The Sherrill Hill Subdivision has residential development on three sides and

commercial development to the north across Kingston Pike. Zoning in the area includes SC and SC-3 Shopping Center, RAE, PR and RB Residential.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

► APPROVE the development plan for a food service market place store with approximately 15,871 square feet subject to 8 conditions.

1. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Zoning Ordinance and conditions of the approved rezoning.

2. Meeting all applicable requirements of the approved Master Plan for the Sherrill Hill development (11-A-07-

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- 3. Connection to sanitary sewer and meeting any other relevant requirements of the Knox County Health Department.
- 4. Prior to issuance of a building permit for this development, all permits required from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the installation of the Kingston Pike street improvements recommended in the Traffic Impact Study prepared by Cannon & Cannon, Inc. must be obtained. All the required improvements to Kingston Pike and the interior street and driveway system shall be completed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the store. Prior to the issuance of the building permit, Gordon Food Service's corporate office shall provide a letter to the City's Building Inspections Division stating that they understand that the certificate of occupancy will not be issued until the street and driveway improvements are completed.
- 5. Installation of the sidewalks as designated on the development plan.
- 6. Installation of landscaping as shown on the development plan within six months of the issuance of occupancy permits for this project.
- 7. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knoxville Department of Engineering.
- 8. Meeting all applicable requirements of Knoxville's Sign Inspector.

With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval in the PC-1 District of a use on review

COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing to develop a 15,871 square foot food service market place store (see attached letter from applicant) on a 2.0 acre site located on the west side of Moss Grove Blvd. (Joint Permanent Easement), the main entrance off of Kingston Pike into the Sherrill Hill development. Access to the site will be from a shared driveway that runs between Moss Grove Blvd. and a driveway that extends out to Kingston Pike (as a right-in / right-out driveway) located on the west side of the lot. There is no direct access from the Gordon Food Service site onto Kingston Pike.

The traffic impact study that had been prepared for the entire Sherrill Hill development had recommended improvements at the Kingston Pike and Moss Grove Blvd. intersection. Those improvements have not been put in place. To guarantee that the improvements will be in place prior to the opening of the grocery store, staff has recommended conditions that all required permits from TDOT must be obtained before a building permit is issued and all the required improvements to Kingston Pike and the internal street and driveway system shall be completed prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the store.

EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

- 1. Public water and sewer utilities are available to serve the site.
- 2. The traffic impact study that had been prepared for the entire Sherrill Hill development recommended improvements that will address the traffic impacts of this development.
- 3. This proposed commercial development will have minimal impact on the residences that adjoin the Sherrill Hill development since it is adjacent to Kingston Pike and only adjoins commercial property.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE KNOX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

- 1. With the recommended conditions, the proposal meets all requirements of the PC-1 zoning as well as the general criteria for approval of a use on review.
- 2. The proposed store with the recommended conditions is consistent with the following general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposal is consistent with the adopted plans and policies of the General Plan and Sector Plan. The use is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance. The use is compatible with the character of the neighborhood where it is proposed. The use will not significantly injure the value of adjacent property. The use will not draw substantial additional traffic through residential areas since the development is located off an arterial street. No surrounding land uses will pose a hazard or create and unsuitable environment for the proposed use.

CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED MPC PLANS

1. The amended Southwest County Sector Plan identifies this as a mixed use development area allowing commercial use. The One Year Plan also designates the site for commercial use. The development complies with both the Sector Plan and One Year Plan.

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2. The site is located within the Urban Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plar map.

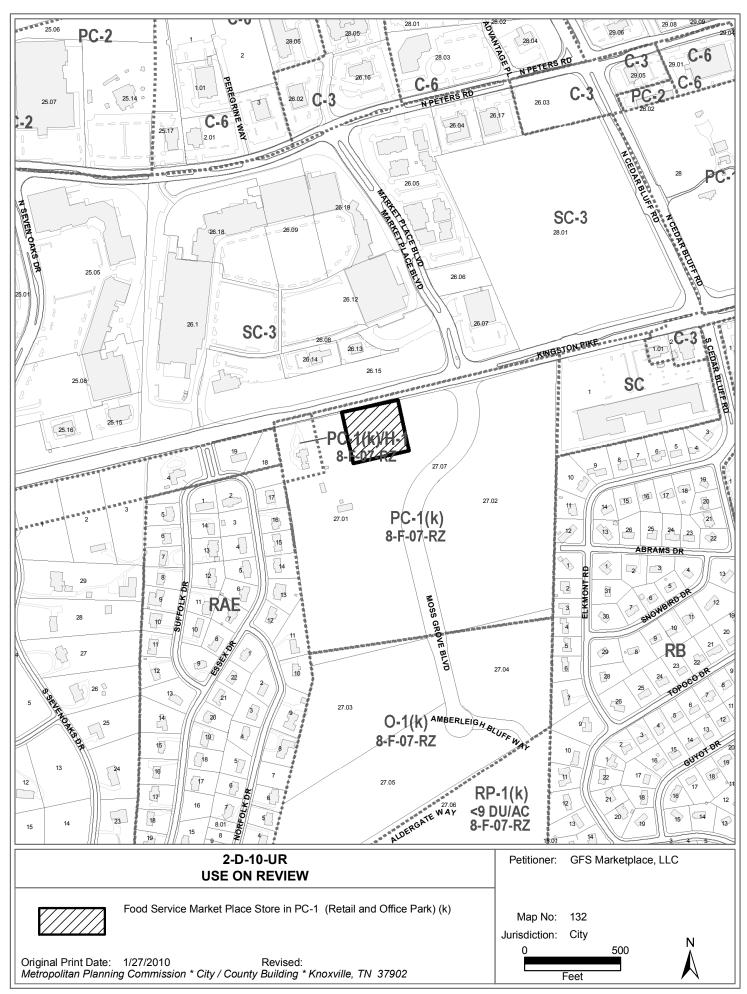
ESTIMATED TRAFFIC IMPACT 2053 (average daily vehicle trips)

Average Daily Vehicle Trips are computed using national average trip rates reported in the latest edition of "Trip Generation," published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Average Daily Vehicle Trips represent the total number of trips that a particular land use can be expected to generate during a 24-hour day (Monday through Friday), with a "trip" counted each time a vehicle enters or exits a proposed development.

ESTIMATED STUDENT YIELD: Not applicable.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knoxville City Council. The date of the Knoxville City Council hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.

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Rick Morgan Real Estate Manager

January 29, 2010

Re: Proposed GFS Marketplace -- Sherrill Hill Project, Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

Dear Mr. Brechko:

Following is some general information about Gordon Food Service (GFS) and the GFS Marketplace retail stores. Our web site, www.gfs.com is another good source of information.

Gordon Food Service and GFS Marketplace

GFS Marketplace is an operation of Gordon Food Service, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Gordon Food Service (GFS) is the largest privately held foodservice and supply company in the United States, providing restaurants, schools, churches, hospitals and other institutions with food and food service products. The bulk of these products are ordered through sales representatives and delivered directly to the customer from our distribution centers via the GFS fleet of delivery trucks.

GFS Marketplace currently operates 129 stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Florida. Our stores offer over 2500 of our products to the public as well as helping to support the wholesale customer base normally serviced by our sales representatives. GFS Marketplace sells restaurant quality/bulk-packaged food, food preparation and serving equipment, utensils and paper products. Store retail sales generally are geared toward smaller restaurant owners, churches, caterers, event planners and individuals hosting events and home banquets. The stores are typically around 15,500 SF in size and built on about 1.5 to 2 acres.

Given our product line, our stores draw from a wide surrounding area. We often locate the stores along a local arterial route near a major highway and/or interstate for ease of access from outlying areas and such that the location strikes a balance between having regional presence and local accessibility.

Our buildings are designed with neat, clean exterior architectural lines and colors so as to be easily identified. Building signage consists of the GFS corporate logo and a "bullet point" sign reading "Quality Foodservice and Party Supplies" that identifies the types of products found in the store. Because customers are drawn from a large area, easily



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identifiable and visible signage is critical to our customer's convenience and our store's success

The typical GFS Marketplace will generate between 200 -300 vehicular trips per day. The peak hour in the morning is from 11:00 to 12:00 and in the afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 when there will be approximately 35 and 45 trips, respectively. There will be 2-3 semis and 4-5 smaller delivery trucks per week. The traffic generated by the proposed GFS Marketplace is minimal considering the size of the property and the building. Also, the peak hours are different than what typical thoroughfares are. The Marketplace store will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday.

Our approximately 2 - acre site in the Sherrill Hill project is bordered on three sides by roadways and future commercial uses. As such, the GFS Marketplace will have minimal negative impact on the adjacent land uses or the surrounding area.

Current plans call for us to start construction in the summer or fall of 2010 and open in the spring of 2011.

I would be more than glad to meet with you and try to answer any questions you may have regarding our company and/or the store we are proposing to build in the city of Knoxville.

Sincerely,

ESCIE MORGALI Rick Morgan

MPC February 11, 2010

