

### KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION USE ON REVIEW REPORT

۲	FILE #: 6-L-06-UR	AGENDA ITEM #: 96
		AGENDA DATE: 6/8/2006
►	APPLICANT:	BYRD & COOPER ARCHITECTS
	OWNER(S):	MESA PROPERTIES, LLC
	TAX ID NUMBER:	118 173.23
	JURISDICTION:	County Commission District 6
►	LOCATION:	Southeast side of Murdock Drive, southeast side of Simmons Road
►	APPX. SIZE OF TRACT:	6.13 acres
	SECTOR PLAN:	Northwest County
	GROWTH POLICY PLAN:	Planned Growth Area
	ACCESSIBILITY:	Access is via Murdock Rd., a collector street with a right-of-way width of 70' and Simmons Rd., a local street with a right-of-way width of 40'.
	UTILITIES:	Water Source: West Knox Utility District
		Sewer Source: West Knox Utility District
►	ZONING:	BP (Business and Technology) / TO (Technology Overlay)
►	EXISTING LAND USE:	Business offices
۲	PROPOSED USE:	Office Expansion
	HISTORY OF ZONING:	Property zoned BP / TO in the early 1980's. Development plan for phase one of this development approved by MPC in 2002
	SURROUNDING LAND	North: FedEx distribution center / PC/TO commercial
	USE AND ZONING:	South: Vacant land / PC/TO commercial
		East: Office / BP/TO
		West: Vacant land BP/TO
	NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT:	The site is located in an area of mixed commercial and light industrial uses. Development in this area has occurred in the BP, PC and CB zones. This site and much of the surrounding area is subject to the development review authority of the Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

### APPROVE the request for an office building expansion with up to 13,500 sq. ft. of floor area as shown on the development plan subject to 8 conditions

- 1. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knox County Health Dept.
- 2. Providing a revised landscaping plan to MPC staff that depicts the screening of parking areas within 50' of a public street as called for in the Knox County Zoning Ordinance.
- 3. Installing all landscaping within six months of the issuance of an occupancy permit for this project, or

posting a bond with the Knox County Dept. of Engineering and Public Works to guarantee such installation.

- 4. Providing detail regarding the proposed monument sign and any proposed building mounted signs.
- 5. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knox County Dept. of Engineering and Public Works.
- 6. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority.

7. Meeting all applicable requirements of the Knox County Zoning Ordinance.

8. A revised site plan reflecting the conditions of approval must be submitted to MPC staff prior to issuance of a building permit for this project.

With the conditions noted, this plan meets the requirements for approval in the BP / TO Zones and the other criteria for approval of a Use on Review.

### COMMENTS:

The applicant is proposing a 13,500 sq. foot expansion to the existing Mesa Associates, Inc. office building. The site is located on the south side of Murdock Rd. at Simmons Rd. In addition to MPC acting on this Use on Review, the Tennessee Technology Corridor Development Authority will be required to review and approve this project. The proposed building meets all of the setback, ground and floor coverage, and parking space requirements. Additional landscaping will be needed to screen the parking since it will be within 50' of both Simmons and Murdock Roads. The exterior of the building is proposed to be brick.

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

1. The proposed office expansion will have minimal impact on local services since water and sewer utilities are in place to serve this site.

2. The proposed use is consistent in use with the zoning designation.

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

1. With the stated conditions, the proposed office expansion meets the standards for development within the BP (Business & Technology Park) zoning district and all other requirements of the Knox County Zoning Ordinance.

2. The proposed office expansion is consistent with the general standards for uses permitted on review: The proposed development 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 additional traffic through residential area since the subdivision has direct access to a major arterial street.

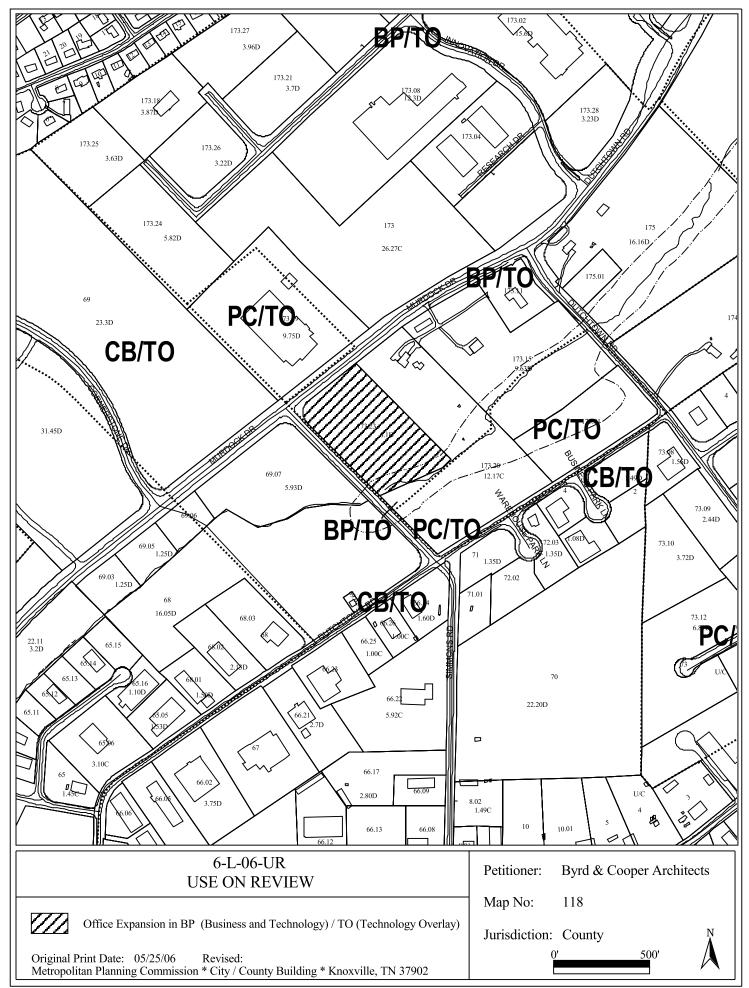
### CONFORMITY OF THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPTED PLANS

1. The Northwest County Sector Plan identifies this property for technology park use.

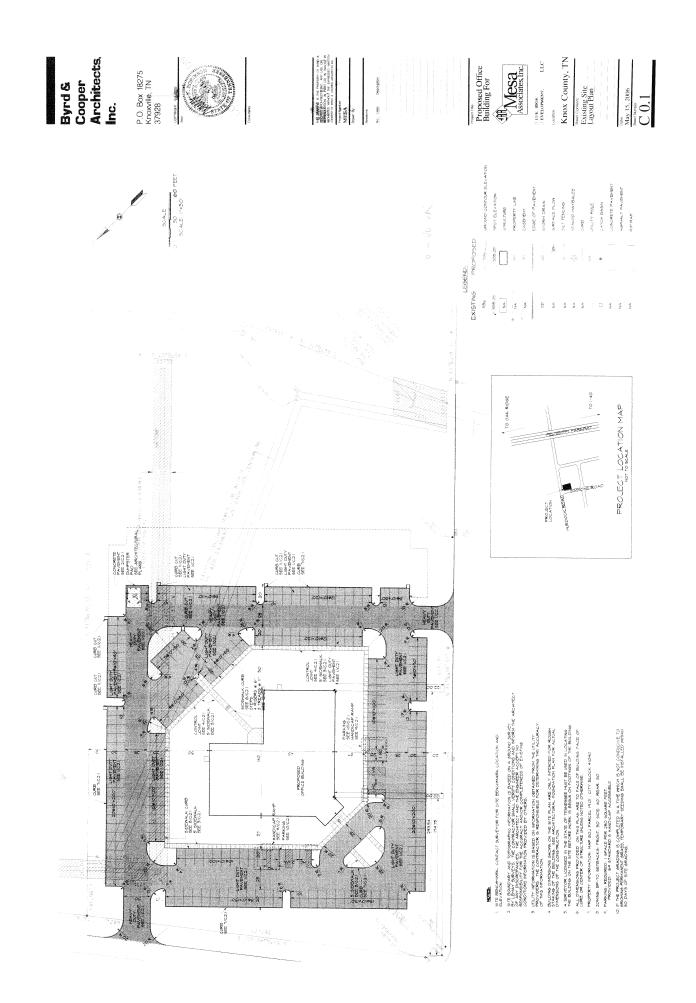
2. The site is located within the Planned Growth Area on the Knoxville-Knox County-Farragut Growth Policy Plan map.

MPC's approval or denial of this request is final, unless the action is appealed to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. The date of the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 30 days to appeal an MPC decision in the County.

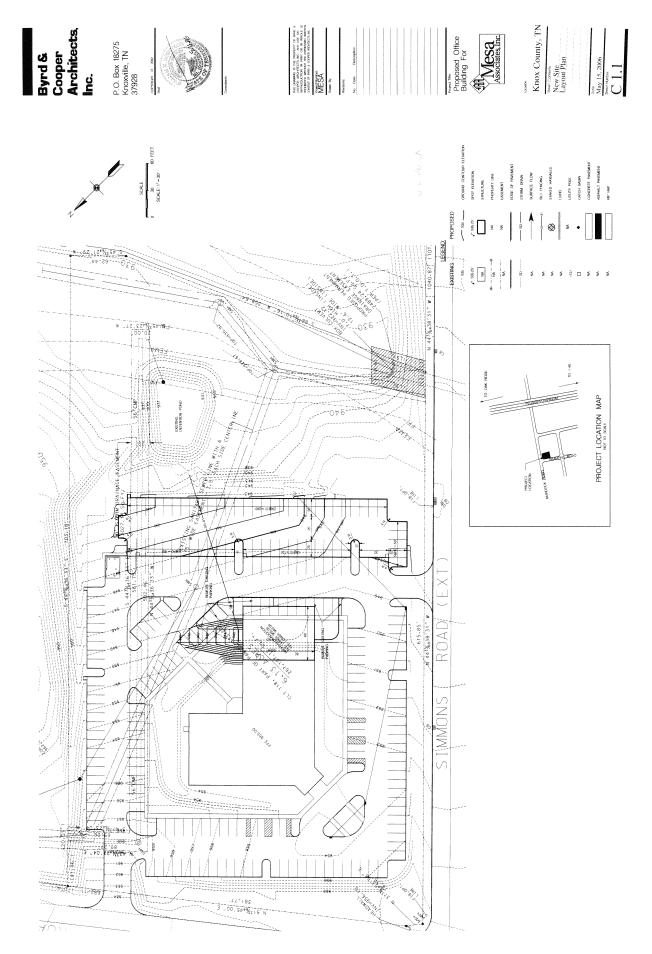
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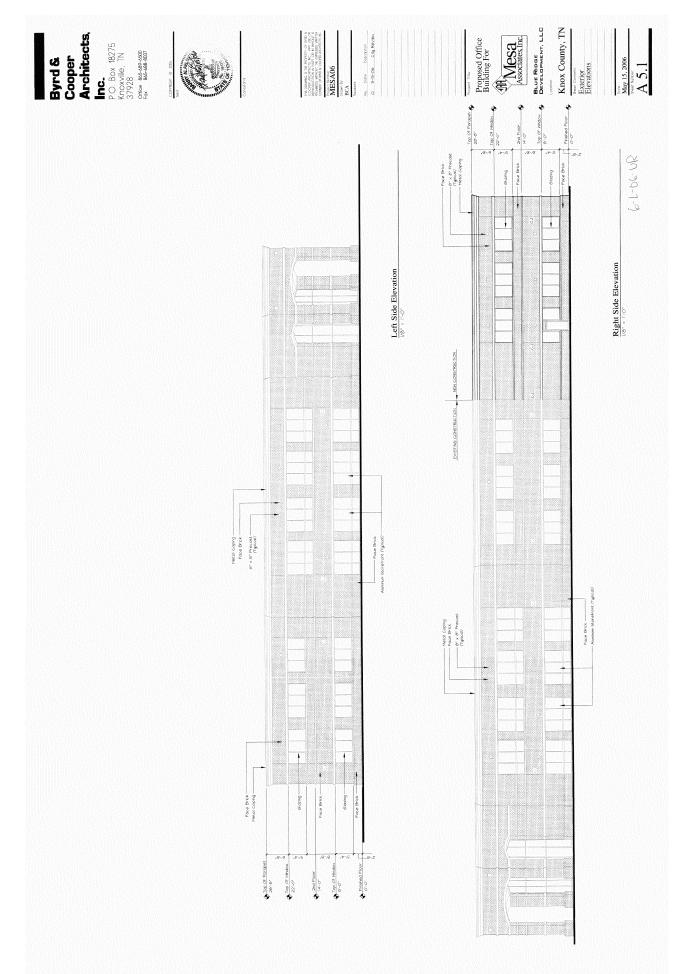


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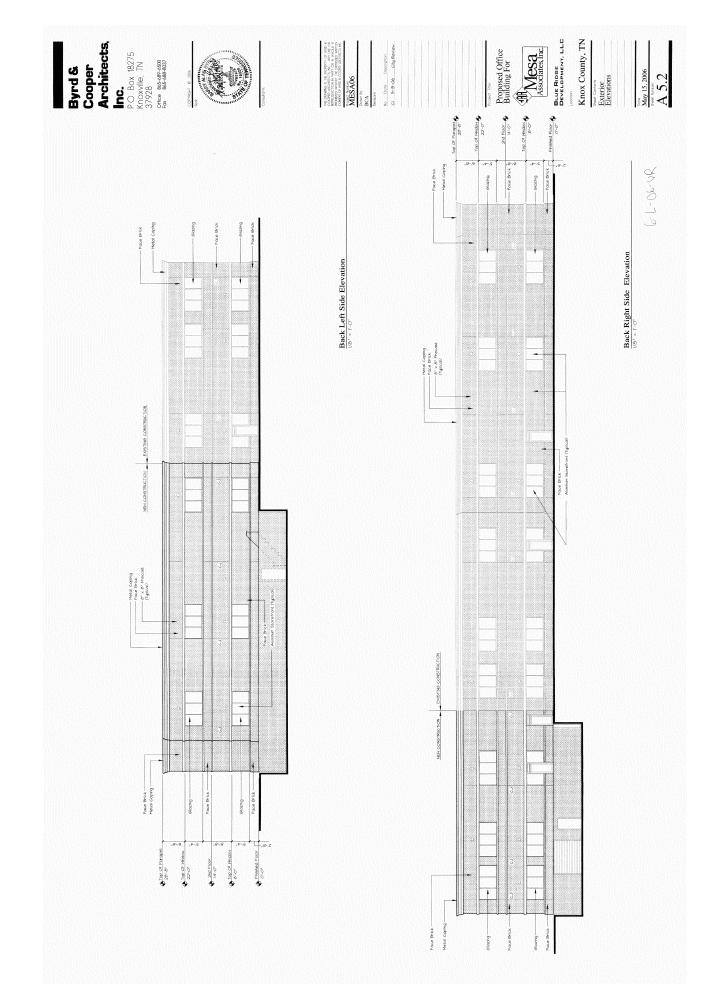


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