OCTOBER 11, 2012

PORTION OF 300 BLK OF HARBOR RIDGE DR

ZONE CHANGE

From: A-U Urban Agricultural
To: R-1C Single Family Residential

Proposed Use: Residential

Acreage: 0.097

Applicant: Orville Miller; Robert Wimsatt (1208.1852)

Surrounding Zoning Classifications:
North: A-U  South: R-1C
East: R-1C  West: R-1C

Proposed Zone & Land Use Plan
The applicant is seeking an R-1C Single-Family Residential zone. The subject property is located in an Urban Residential Plan Area, where urban low-density residential uses are appropriate in limited locations.

SPECIFIC LAND USE CRITERIA
(a) Building and lot patterns – Building and lot patterns should conform to the criteria for “Urban Residential Development” (D6).

(b) Existing, expanded or new sanitary sewers – Urban low-density residential use should occur only where sanitary sewer systems exist or may be expanded, or where new systems may be property established.

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GENERAL LAND USE CRITERIA

Environment
- It appears that the subject property is not located in a wetlands area per the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service dated March 6, 1990.
- The subject property is not located in a special flood hazard area per FIRM Map 21039CO116 D.
- It appears that the subject property is not within the Owensboro Wellhead Protection area per the GRADD map dated March 1999.
- A portion of the property may be designated as prime agricultural farmland per the US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service map dated March 1980.
- The developer is responsible for obtaining permits from the Division of Water, The Army Corp of Engineers, FEMA or other state and federal agencies as may be applicable.

Urban Services
All urban services, including sanitary sewers, are available to the site.

Development Patterns
The subject property is a portion of a large remainder tract from previous residential subdivision development in the vicinity. This portion of the subject property is located outside the corporate boundary of the City of Owensboro. Land uses in the area are typically single-family residential in nature with a few larger tracts to the north. The application states the intended use for the property is residential.

The applicant proposes to consolidate the subject property with an existing lot located at 300 Harbor Hills Drive in the Harbor Hills Subdivision. A minor subdivision plat has been submitted to consolidate the existing 0.3 acre tract with this portion of the subject property creating an approximately 0.4 acre tract of land. The existing tract is zoned R-1C and located inside the corporate boundary of the City of Owensboro. A consolidation cannot be completed unless the subject property is rezoned to R-1C and annexed into the City of Owensboro.

SPECIFIC LAND USE CRITERIA
The applicant’s proposal is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. Sanitary sewer serves the lot to which the subject property will be consolidated and the proposal is a logical expansion of existing R-1C Single Family Residential located immediately south, east and west of the subject property.

Planning Staff Recommendations
The planning staff recommends approval subject to the conditions and findings of fact that follow:

Conditions:
1. Annexation of the subject property by the City of Owensboro; and,
2. Approval of a minor subdivision plat consolidating the subject property with the adjacent lot in Harbor Hills Subdivision.

Findings of Fact:
1. Staff recommends approval because the proposal is in compliance with the community’s adopted Comprehensive Plan;
2. The subject property is a portion of a large remainder tract from the surrounding residential development;
3. The subject property will be consolidated with an existing, adjoining lot within the residential subdivision;
4. Sanitary sewer currently serves the existing property to which the subject property will be consolidated; and,
5. The proposed residential use of the property complies with the urban residential development criteria for building and lot patterns.