



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 24-0340A, Version: 1

Subject:

Case No. CW 24-05 - City of Tarpon Springs (continued from March 5, 2024)
Countywide Plan Map amendment from Retail and Services to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 0.88-acre more or less, located at 1201 Gulf Road.

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Countywide Planning Authority, adopt an ordinance approving Case No. CW 24-05, a proposal by the City of Tarpon Springs to amend the Countywide Plan Map from Retail and Services to Public/Semi-Public, regarding 0.88-acre more or less, located at 1201 Gulf Road.

- Although the property is currently vacant, it is the planned location for the new Tarpon Springs Fire Station 70. The fire station is currently in the design phase.
- Tarpon Springs is requesting an amendment to Public/Semi-Public for this proposed use.
- The property is located in the Coastal High Hazard Area. However, the proposed Public/Semi-Public designation would substantially lower the maximum density from 24 units per acre to 12.5 units per acre.
- The Multimodal Accessibility (MAX) Index score for the subject property's grid cell is 2.5, which is below the countywide average score of 9.7. However, the Sunset Connector is a local project that when completed will result in a continuous bicycle and pedestrian trail. The project would extend from the Pinellas Trail at East Klosterman Road to local beaches and schools to the west. The completion of this project will result in a MAX Index score increase for the proposed amendment area grid cell.
- Forward Pinellas and the Planners Advisory Committee each unanimously recommended approval of the requested amendment.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.3 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs.

Summary:

Forward Pinellas, in its role as the Pinellas Planning Council, voted 10-0 to recommend approval of the proposal. The Planners Advisory Committee recommended approval of this case by a vote of 12-0.

Background Information:

Forward Pinellas documentation is attached.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Rodney Chatman, Planning Division Manager, Forward Pinellas

Partners:

City of Tarpon Springs

Attachments:

Ordinance

Case Maps

Forward Pinellas Staff Analysis

Draft PAC Minutes

PowerPoint Presentation/Site Visit Photos

Supporting Documentation

Affidavit of Publication