

Augusta-Richmond County
Planning Commission
Staff Report

Hearing Date: December 2, 2024

Case Number: Z-24-33

**Applicant:** Drayton-Parker Companies, LLC **Property Owner:** Jay Jay Bajrangbali, LLC **Property Address:** 2311 Windsor Spring Road and 3221 Richmond Hill Road

Tax Parcel No(s): 121-1-021-00-0 and 121-

0-010-00-0

Current Zoning: B-1 (Neighborhood

Business)

Fort Eisenhower Notification Required: N/A Commission District 5: Bobby Williams

Super District 9: Francine Scott



REQUEST	PROPOSED USE/ACTIVITY	APPLICABLE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION(S)
Rezone from B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to B-2 (General Business)	Convenience Store with Gas Pumps	Section 22

## **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

This rezoning request consists of two adjacent properties with a combined total of 4.69 acres. The request is to change the zoning from B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to B-2 (General Business) to establish a 5,175 square foot convenience store with 16 fueling stations in accordance with the letter of intent and conceptual site plan submitted with the application. The property is in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and Richmond Hill Road.

This item was postponed last month due to concerns that surrounding residents were not properly notified of the meeting.

# **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY:**

According to the 2023 Comprehensive Plan, the property is located in the South Augusta Character Area. The 2023 Comprehensive Plan's vision for the South Augusta Character Area includes the continued mix of housing types at low to medium density to preserve the suburban-style, single-family residential character that is predominant in the area. Recommended development patterns for the South Augusta Character Area include maintaining low density single-family residential development in areas where it is



already the predominant land use, infill residential development at densities compatible with the surrounding area and to place additional commercial development at major intersections.

### **FINDINGS:**

- 1. The applicant requests to rezone two properties with a combined total of 4.69 acres from B-1 to B-2 to build a 5,175 square foot convenience store with 16 fueling stations. The plan is to construct a store that operates 24 hours per day.
- 2. The properties are currently vacant.
- 3. There were two previous zoning cases (Z-07-84) for a special exception to establish a convenience store at 2311 Windsor Spring Road which was approved but never constructed and (Z-22-62) for a rezoning of both properties from B-1 to B-2 to construct a 24-hr convenience store.
- 4. The properties can be served by both a public potable water system and a public sanitary sewer system.
- 5. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Function Classification Map, 2017, classifies this section of Windsor Spring Road as a major arterial road and Richmond Hill Road is classified as a minor arterial road. There are no transit routes or stops located within a half mile of the properties.
- 6. The properties are located outside of the 100-year Special Flood Hazard Area and there are no wetlands located on the properties.
- 7. Adjacent zoning districts to the north and west are B-1. Properties across Richmond hill Road to the east and across Windsor Spring Road to the south are zoned R-1A (One-family Residential).
- 8. The proposed change in zoning to B-2 would not be consistent with the 2023 Comprehensive Plan as property located at the intersection of Windsor Spring Road and Richmond Hill Road are primarily zoned R-1A (One-family Residential) and B-1 and mainly consist of low-density residential and vacant land.
- 9. The conceptual site plan submitted with the application shows the utilization of existing curb cut on Richmond Hill Road and creating two new curb cuts on Windsor Spring Road.
- 10. As of completion of this report, staff have received a few calls and inquiries concerning this rezoning application.

## **ENGINEERING/UTILITIES COMMENTS:**

Traffic Engineering Comments:

None received at this time

**Engineering Comments:** 

None received at this time

### **Utilities Comments:**

 There is a 10" water line on Richmond Hill Road that is available for your use. There is an 8" sewer line behind 3406 Rutherford Ct. that is available for your use. You will need to get recorded



easement agreements from that property owner and Jefferson Electric to tie into that sewer that will need to be in hand before site plans can be approved. There is an 8" sewer line across Windsor Spring that is available for your use if your engineer determines that it will work for your site. There is also a 20' easement over a 6" water line that is on the back side of this property that encroaches onto this property that will need to have no trees planted inside that easement.

**RECOMMENDATION**: The Planning Commission recommends <u>Approval</u> of the rezoning request with the following conditions:

- 1. There shall be no semi-truck parking at this location.
- 2. The development shall comply with all requirements as determined by traffic engineering for existing and proposed ingress/egress points during the site plan approval process.
- 3. No trees shall be planted along the 20-foot-wide water line easement that encroaches onto the back side of the properties. Trees are to be installed at a 3-inch caliber minimum and with a minimum height of 6 feet to 8 feet at the time of installation along the road frontage of Richmond Hill Road and Windsor Spring Road. Shrubs from the pre-approved tree list shall be installed along the shared property at 3219 Richmond Hill Road.
- 4. Approval of this rezoning request does not constitute approval of the concept site plan approval in compliance with Site Plan Regulations of Augusta, Georgia prior to construction commencing on the property.
- 5. Development of the property shall comply with all development standards and regulations set forth by the City of Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia, at the time of development.

NOTE: This staff report includes the information available approximately two weeks prior to the Planning Commission hearing. It represents an evaluation of the facts presented by the applicant, research done by the staff, and consideration of the relevant factors in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Augusta, Georgia. New facts may emerge, and staff reserves the right to make a verbal recommendation at the hearing based on all the information available at that time.



August 21, 2024

City of Augusta Planning and Development Planning Division 535 Telfair Street, Suite 300 Augusta, GA 30901 706-821-1796

RE: Rezoning Application Letter of Intent

2311 Windsor Spring Road & 3221 Richmond Hill Road

Augusta, GA 30906

Parcel #'s: 121-1-021-00-0 & 121-0-010-00-0

Attached please find the City of Augusta's application for rezoning. The petitioner, Drayton-Parker Companies, LLC, is requesting to rezone two (2) separate parcels (described above) from the current zoning **B-1** (**Neighborhood Business**) to the proposed zoning of **B-2** (**General Business**). The current property owner for both parcels is Jay Jay Bajrangbali, LLC.

The proposed use for the properties is a Convenience Store with fuel dispensing. This use classification is allowed under the current B-1 zoning with a Special Exception. At this time, this route is not being proposed because of the hours of operation limitation of 18 hours per day.

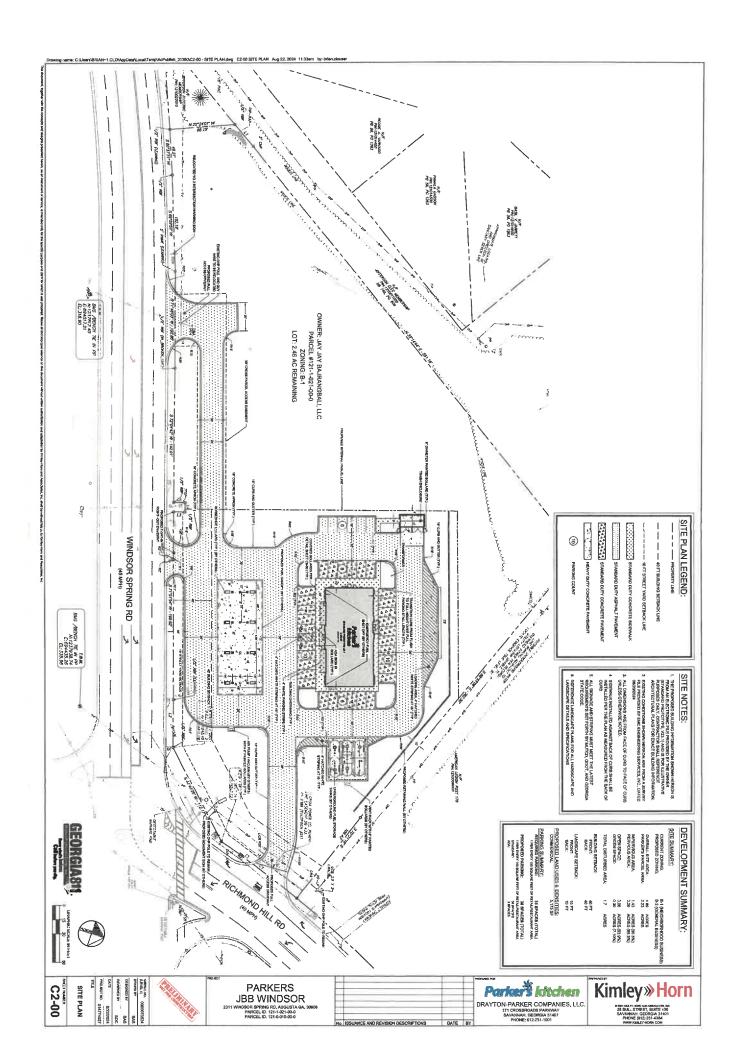
Therefore, the petitioner is requesting the properties be rezoned to B-2 to allow for the proposed use.

Please reach out to me at 912-328-4448 or at <u>brian.clouser@kimley-horn.com</u> if you have any questions regarding our application.

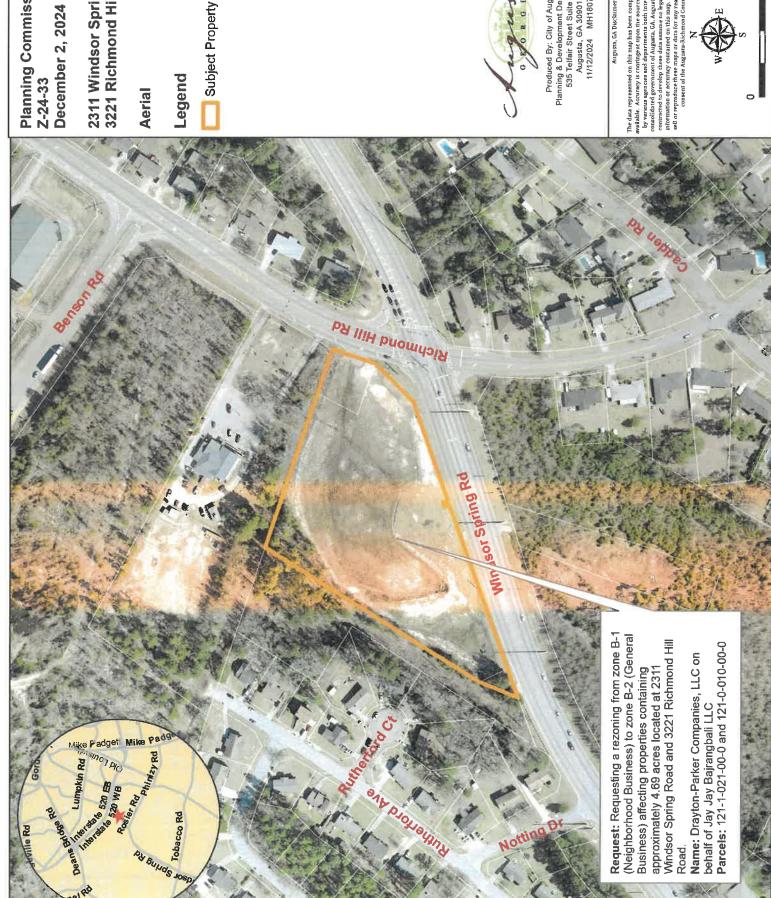
Sincerely,

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Brian Clouser, P.E.







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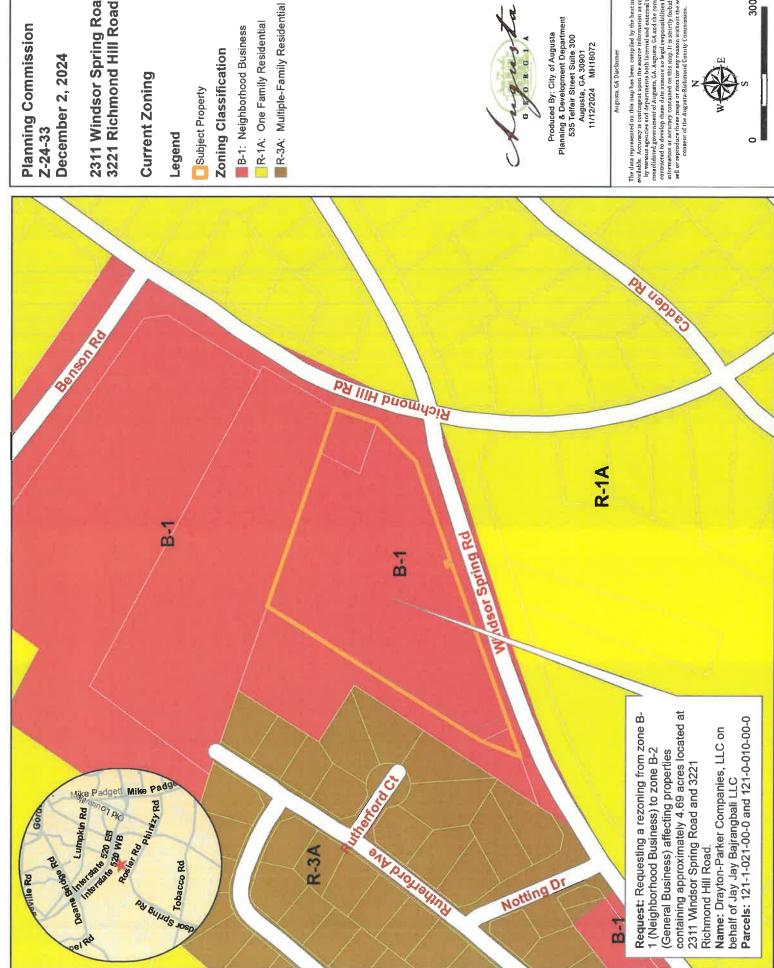
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**Current Zoning** 

B-1: Neighborhood Business

R-1A: One Family Residential

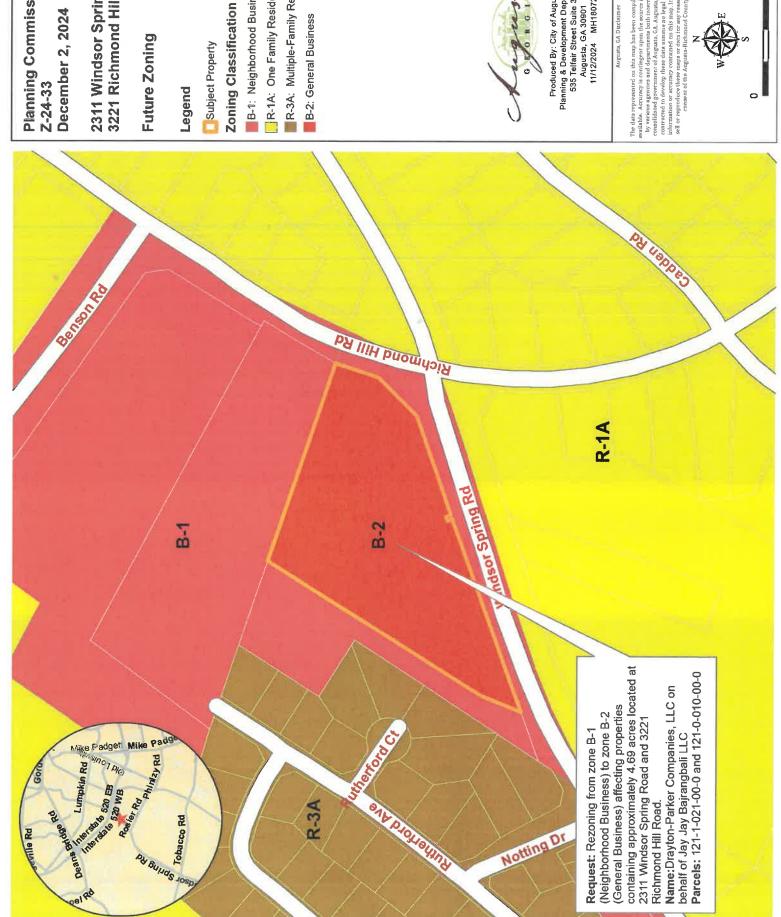
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Subject Property

B-1: Neighborhood Business

R-1A: One Family Residential

R-3A: Multiple-Family Residential

B-2: General Business

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