

**CITY OF MERIDIAN
FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND DECISION & ORDER**



In the Matter of the Request for Annexation of 23 acres of land with a request for the R-8 zoning district; Preliminary Plat consisting of 84 building lots and 31 common lot on 35.7 acres of land in the proposed R-8 zoning district and existing R-15 zoning district; and Conditional Use Permit for a multi-family development consisting of a total of 216 residential units on 12.74 acres in the existing R-15 zoning district, by Gem State Planning, LLC.

Case No(s). H-2020-0113

For the City Council Hearing Dates of: 4/6/2021, 5/11/2021, and 5/26/2021 (Findings on June 8, 2021)

A. Findings of Fact

1. Hearing Facts (see attached Staff Report for the hearing dates of 4/6/2021, 5/11/2021, and 5/26/2021, incorporated by reference)
2. Process Facts (see attached Staff Report for the hearing dates of 4/6/2021, 5/11/2021, and 5/26/2021, incorporated by reference)
3. Application and Property Facts (see attached Staff Report for the hearing dates of 4/6/2021, 5/11/2021, and 5/26/2021, incorporated by reference)
4. Required Findings per the Unified Development Code (see attached Staff Report for the hearing dates of 4/6/2021, 5/11/2021, and 5/26/2021, incorporated by reference)

B. Conclusions of Law

1. The City of Meridian shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by the "Local Land Use Planning Act of 1975," codified at Chapter 65, Title 67, Idaho Code (I.C. §67-6503).
2. The Meridian City Council takes judicial notice of its Unified Development Code codified as Title 11 Meridian City Code, and all current zoning maps thereof. The City of Meridian has, by ordinance, established the Impact Area and the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Meridian, which was adopted December 17, 2019, Resolution No. 19-2179 and Maps.
3. The conditions shall be reviewable by the City Council pursuant to Meridian City Code § 11-5A.
4. Due consideration has been given to the comment(s) received from the governmental subdivisions providing services in the City of Meridian planning jurisdiction.
5. It is found public facilities and services required by the proposed development will not impose expense upon the public if the attached conditions of approval are imposed.
6. That the City has granted an order of approval in accordance with this Decision, which shall be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and then a copy served by the Clerk upon the applicant, the

Community Development Department, the Public Works Department and any affected party requesting notice.

7. That this approval is subject to the Conditions of Approval all in the attached Staff Report for the hearing dates of 4/6/2021, 5/11/2021, and 5/26/2021, incorporated by reference. The conditions are concluded to be reasonable and the applicant shall meet such requirements as a condition of approval of the application.

C. Decision and Order

Pursuant to the City Council's authority as provided in Meridian City Code § 11-5A and based upon the above and foregoing Findings of Fact which are herein adopted, it is hereby ordered that:

1. The applicant's request for Annexation and Zoning, Preliminary Plat, and Conditional Use Permit are hereby approved per the conditions of approval in the Staff Report for the hearing dates of 4/6/2021, 5/11/2021, and 5/26/2021, attached as Exhibit A.

D. Notice of Applicable Time Limits

Notice of Preliminary Plat Duration

Please take notice that approval of a preliminary plat, combined preliminary and final plat, or short plat shall become null and void if the applicant fails to obtain the city engineer's signature on the final plat within two (2) years of the approval of the preliminary plat or the combined preliminary and final plat or short plat (UDC 11-6B-7A).

In the event that the development of the preliminary plat is made in successive phases in an orderly and reasonable manner, and conforms substantially to the approved preliminary plat, such segments, if submitted within successive intervals of two (2) years, may be considered for final approval without resubmission for preliminary plat approval (UDC 11-6B-7B).

Upon written request and filed by the applicant prior to the termination of the period in accord with 11-6B-7.A, the Director may authorize a single extension of time to obtain the City Engineer's signature on the final plat not to exceed two (2) years. Additional time extensions up to two (2) years as determined and approved by the City Council may be granted. With all extensions, the Director or City Council may require the preliminary plat, combined preliminary and final plat or short plat to comply with the current provisions of Meridian City Code Title 11. If the above timetable is not met and the applicant does not receive a time extension, the property shall be required to go through the platting procedure again (UDC 11-6B-7C).

Notice of Conditional Use Permit Duration

Please take notice that the conditional use permit, when granted, shall be valid for a maximum period of two (2) years unless otherwise approved by the City. During this time, the applicant shall commence the use as permitted in accord with the conditions of approval, satisfy the requirements set forth in the conditions of approval, and acquire building permits and commence construction of permanent footings or structures on or in the ground. For conditional use permits that also require platting, the final plat must be signed by the City Engineer within this two (2) year period.

Upon written request and filed by the applicant prior to the termination of the period in accord with 11-5B-6.G.1, the Director may authorize a single extension of the time to commence the use not to exceed one (1) two (2) year period. Additional time extensions up to two (2) years as determined and approved by the City Council may be granted. With all extensions, the Director or City Council may require the conditional use comply with the current provisions of Meridian City Code Title 11(UDC 11-5B-6F).

Notice of Development Agreement Duration

The city and/or an applicant may request a development agreement or a modification to a development agreement consistent with Idaho Code section 67-6511A. The development agreement may be initiated by the city or applicant as part of a request for annexation and/or rezone at any time prior to the adoption of findings for such request.

A development agreement may be modified by the city or an affected party of the development agreement. Decision on the development agreement modification is made by the city council in accord with this chapter. When approved, said development agreement shall be signed by the property owner(s) and returned to the city within six (6) months of the city council granting the modification.

A modification to the development agreement may be initiated prior to signature of the agreement by all parties and/or may be requested to extend the time allowed for the agreement to be signed and returned to the city if filed prior to the end of the six (6) month approval period.

E. Notice of Final Action and Right to Regulatory Takings Analysis

1. **Please take notice** that this is a final action of the governing body of the City of Meridian. When applicable and pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-6521, any affected person being a person who has an interest in real property which may be adversely affected by the final action of the governing board may within twenty-eight (28) days after the date of this decision and order seek a judicial review as provided by Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code.

F. Attached: Staff Report for the hearing dates of 4/6/2021, 5/11/2021, and 5/26/2021.

By action of the City Council at its regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT TREG BERNT VOTED _____

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRAD HOAGLUN VOTED _____

COUNCIL MEMBER JESSICA PERREAULT VOTED _____

COUNCIL MEMBER LUKE CAVENER VOTED _____

COUNCIL MEMBER JOE BORTON VOTED _____

COUNCIL MEMBER LIZ STRADER VOTED _____

MAYOR ROBERT SIMISON VOTED _____
(TIE BREAKER)

Mayor Robert Simison

Attest:

Chris Johnson
City Clerk

Copy served upon Applicant, Community Development Department, Public Works Department and City Attorney.

By: _____ Dated: _____
City Clerk's Office