



## AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 22-05 An Ordinance of the City Council Approving Amendment of the Zoning Code and Official Map by Changing the Classification of Approximately 15.09 Acres, Located at the 6800 Block of South Farm Road 89, from Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H).

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### Issue Statement

Olde Savannah LLC has applied to change the Zoning Classification of **15.09 acres** of property located at the 6800 Block of South Farm Road 89 from **Agricultural (AG) to High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H)**.

### Discussion and/or Analysis

The property subject to this Rezoning Application is comprised of approximately **15.09 acres** of land located at the 6800 Block of South Farm Road 89. The property is currently vacant and was annexed into Republic in January 2022.

The Applicant owns an adjacent parcel to the east, which is also under consideration for Rezoning; the Applicant intends to develop the parcels as Olde Savannah Phase 4.

The following paragraphs contain brief analyses of present site conditions as well as the proposal's relationship to **adopted plans of the City**.

### Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan

The City's Comprehensive Plan generally encourages the expansion of residential development through proactive rezoning of land at appropriate locations. Appropriate locations are described generally throughout the Plan with regard to the **relationship of land at particular locations to infrastructure capable of supporting various intensities and densities of uses**.

The 2021 Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Plan identifies Land Use Goals and Objectives relating to residential development, including the following:

- **Goal:** Support market conditions to develop a greater variety of residential and commercial options
  - **Objective:** Support a variety of housing developments and styles to ensure a range of options are available



- **Goal:** Support new development that is well-connected to the existing community
  - **Objective:** Encourage development that improves and expands upon existing infrastructure
  - **Objective:** Promote development aligning with current adopted plans of the City
- **Goal:** Recognize potential infill sites as opportunities for development, while mitigating impacts to adjacent, established properties
  - **Objective:** Support the development of vacant parcels as opportunities for densification that is harmonious with surrounding development

The general trend of development in the vicinity of the subject property in recent years has been the development of **residential subdivisions**.

#### **Compatibility with Surrounding Land Uses**

The subject property is surrounded by The Lakes at Shuyler Ridge Planned Development District (PDD) to the east, Olde Savannah Phase 3 High-Density Single Family Residential (R1-H) to the north, Greene County Agricultural (A-1) zoned property to the west, and Christian County Rural Residence (RR-1) zoned property to the south.

The land uses permitted in the High Density Single-Family Residential (R1-H) Zoning District include single-family dwellings, residential accessory structures, golf courses, country clubs, and schools.

#### **Capacity To Serve Potential Development and Land Use**

**Municipal Water and Sewer Service:** This site is not currently connected to municipal utilities. The development of the parcel will require connection to the City's water and sanitary sewer systems. The exact locations of water and sanitary sewer connections will be determined during development of the property. Sanitary sewer would flow to the Shuyler Creek Lift Station before travelling through a force main to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The water and sewer system currently have capacity to serve a potential development.

**Transportation:** The subject parcel is currently accessible, for agricultural and residential purposes, from South Farm Road 89; subsequent development of the subject parcel will require review of new entrances through the Preliminary Platting process. South Farm Road 89 is identified as a Secondary Arterial on the Major Thoroughfare Plan, if the property is developed, a dedication of Right-of-Way will be required during the Final Platting Process. The Republic City Code will require the development of the subject property to include the extension of internal public streets to boundary lines, sidewalks, and the construction of public streets of sufficient width to accommodate the development. A Traffic Impact Study (TIS) has been completed by the Applicant and reviewed by the City; the report indicates no major improvements are needed to the City's existing transportation system to accommodate the increase in traffic generated by the proposed development.

**Floodplain:** The subject parcel **does not** contain a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA/Floodplain).



**Sinkholes:** The subject parcel **does** contain an **identified sinkhole**. All development will be in accordance with Section 410.700 Sinkhole and Karst Features. Among the requirements of this section is a mandatory setback of 30 ft from the sinkhole rim for any new construction.

#### **Recommended Action**

Staff considers the **proposed Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning)** to be generally consistent with the **goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan**, consistent with the **trend of development in the vicinity of the site**, generally **compatible with surrounding land uses**, and **able to be adequately served by municipal facilities**. Based upon this analysis (performed without the benefit of evidence and testimony of a public hearing), **Staff recommends the approval of this application.**