REF: Z-7005-24 DATE: October 10, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

Subject		
Request	-	Zone Change from RM36 (Multifamily Residential) to CR (Regional Commercial)
Location	-	0 Executive Parkway (Parcel #22-89174)
Applicant / Owner	-	Jon Roumaya 3340 Secor Road Toledo, OH 43606
Civil Engineer	-	Lewandowski Engineers 219 S. Erie Street Toledo, OH 43604
Site Description		
Zoning Area Frontage Existing Use Proposed Use	- - - -	RM36 (Multifamily Residential) ± 2.51 acres ± 212' along Executive Parkway Vacant Parking Lot, Grass Hotel
Area Description		
North South East West	- - -	RM36, RS9 / Apartments, Single-Dwelling Houses CO, CR / Donation Center, Hotel, Shopping Plaza CR / Fast Food, Jeweler, Smoke Shop RM36, CO / Senior Apartments, Offices
Parcel History		
Z-290-79	-	Zone Change from R-4 to C-2 (Subject to Commercial Plat, PC approved 1-24-80, Ord. 91-80, 2/12/80)
Z-7007-12	-	Zone Change from RM-36 to CO (Withdrawn, submitted commercial plat for Z-290-79)
S-16-12	-	Final Plat of Executive Parkway Business Park Plat 1 (PC approved 10/11/12, Recorded 2/16/13)
Z-5010-13	-	Zone Change from CO to RM-36 (PC approved 7/11/13, Ord. 402-13 8/20/13)

GENERAL INFORMATION (cont'd)

Parcel History (cont'd)		
SUP-5008-13	-	Special Use Permit for a 44-bed Memory Care Facility (PC approved 7/11/13, Ord. 403-13 8/20/13)
S-12-13	-	Replat of Executive Parkway Business Park Plat 1 (PC approved 6/13/13)
SPR-42-24	-	Major Site Plan Review for a New Hotel at 0 Executive Parkway (<i>Companion Case</i>)

Applicable Plans & Regulations

- Toledo Municipal Code (TMC), Part Eleven: Planning and Zoning Code
- Forward Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan

STAFF ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting a Zone Change from RM36 (Multifamily Residential) to CR (Regional Commercial) for 0 Executive Parkway (Parcel #22-89174). The ± 2.51 acre parcel currently contains a vacant parking field. To the north are apartments and single dwelling homes, to the south is a donation center, a hotel, and a shopping plaza, to the east are fast food restaurants, a jeweler, and a smoke shop, and to the west are senior apartments and offices.

The applicant is requesting the zone change to permit the development of a new hotel on the site. The RM36 (Multifamily Residential) zoning district does not permit lodging (hotels). The CR (Regional Commercial) zoning district does permit lodging by-right. The applicant has submitted companion case SPR-42-24, a Major Site Plan Review for a New Hotel.

Executive Parkway was created primarily to serve CO (Office Commercial) land uses. This is reflected by the fact that most parcels fronting on Executive Pkwy are zoned CO (Office Commercial). One of the benefits of the Executive Parkway CO (Office Commercial) corridor is that it serves as a buffer between the intensive CR (Regional Commercial) Secor Road corridor and the residential areas to the north and west. This important CO buffer is highlighted on page 174 of the draft Forward Toledo Plan as an example of the type of buffering the plan promotes between intensive commercial and low-density residential land uses. Allowing an encroachment of CR (Regional Commercial) zoning into this corridor will set a precedent resulting in the remaining CO parcels becoming vulnerable to more intense commercial uses. This development pressure will then begin to degrade the corridor, causing friction between land uses.

An alternative zoning district which would permit the proposed hotel is CO (Office Commercial). CO (Office Commercial) districts permit lodging (hotels) by-right similarly to the proposed CR (Regional Commercial) district. CO (Office Commercial) also permits any restaurant or tavern the hotel may want to incorporate into their building, so long as the restaurant or bar is incorporated into the structure of the hotel. The CO (Office Commercial) zoning designation can adequately serve the intended hotel development.

STAFF ANALYSIS (cont'd)

Forward Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan

The Forward Toledo Comprehensive Land Use Plan Future Land Use Map targets this site for General Commercial land uses. Designations in the plan have three components which must be evaluated for compatibility: physical design, land uses, and geographic characteristics. The General Commercial land use designation provides space for auto-oriented and large-scale commercial operations which may also cater to regional demand. Commercial structures nearest to residential or medium- and high-density land uses should prioritize pedestrian features over auto-oriented development. Offices & Multi-dwelling uses are most appropriate as a land use buffer within General Commercial Areas when abutting residential land uses. The Forward Toledo Plan also emphasizes restraint with additional CR zoning due to an imbalance of citywide vacant/underutilized commercial space for basic goods and services, the wide range of potential commercial uses, and the decreasing need for brick-and-mortar space. CO zoning would allow the hotel while restricting the amount of alternative commercial uses for the site and be more in conformance with Forward Toledo.

Staff recommends disapproval of the Zone Change from RM36 (Multifamily Residential) to CR (Regional Commercial) at 0 Executive Parkway (Parcel #22-89174) because a lower intensity zoning classification would permit the intended development. Staff instead recommends approval of a zone change to CO (Office Commercial) as the site is physically suitable for the allowed uses, and the district is compatible with land uses within the general vicinity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Toledo City Plan Commission recommend disapproval of Z-7005-24, a Zone Change from RM36 (Multifamily Residential) to CR (Regional Commercial) at 0 Executive Parkway (Parcel #22-89174), to Toledo City Council for the following reason:

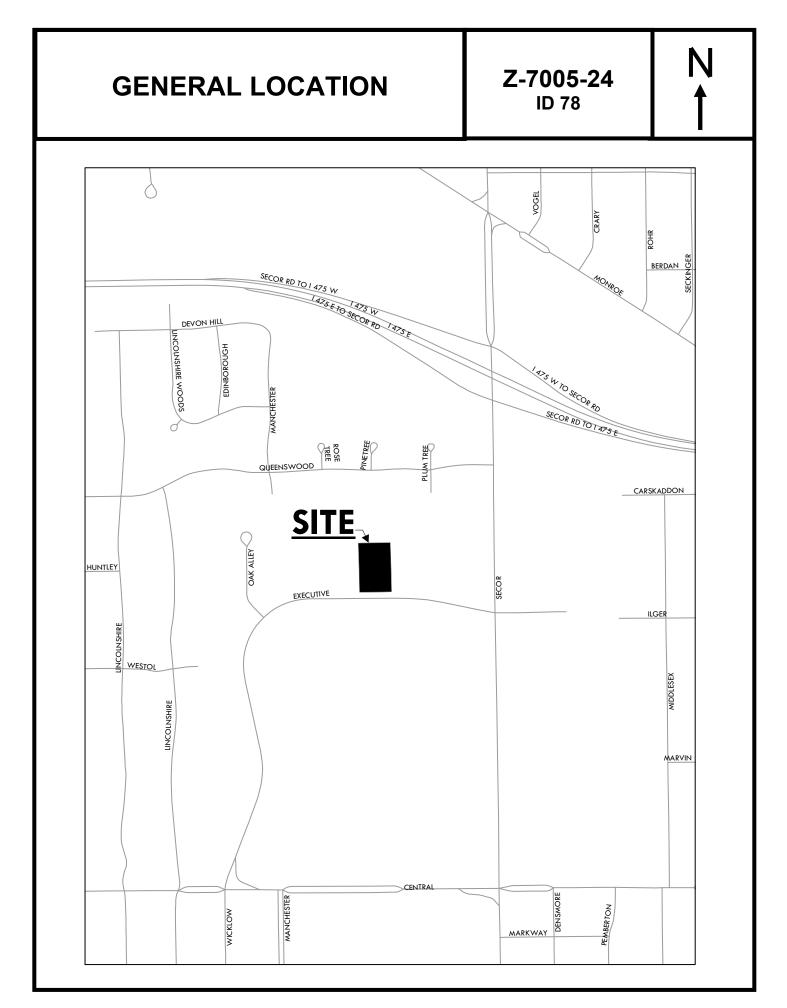
1. CR (Regional Commercial) zoning is not compatible with existing land uses within the general vicinity of the subject property (TMC§1111.0606(B))

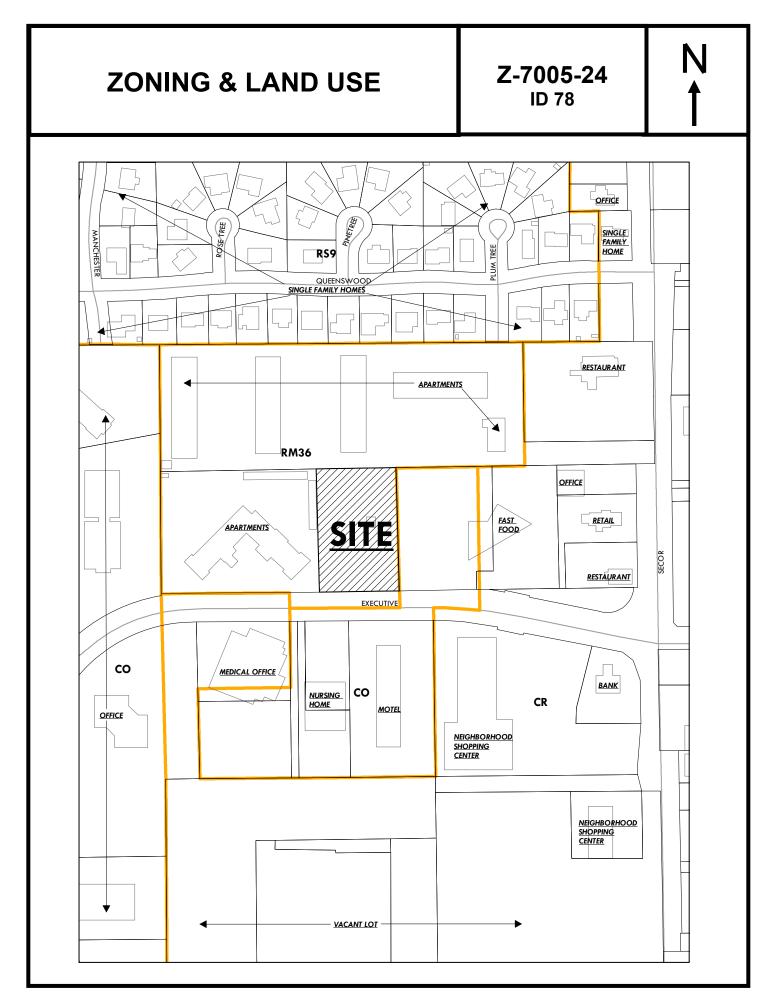
Although staff recommends that the Toledo City Plan Commission recommend disapproval of the request for a Zone Change to CR (Regional Commercial), staff would recommend the Toledo City Plan Commission recommend approval of a request for a Zone Change from RM36 (Multifamily Residential) to CO (Office Commercial) at 0 Executive Parkway (Parcel #22-89174) to Toledo City Council for the following two (2) reasons:

- 1. CO (Office Commercial) zoning is compatible with the existing land uses within the general vicinity of the subject property (TMC§1111.0606(B) *Review and Decision Making Criteria*); and
- 2. The subject site is physically suitable for the uses permitted under the CO (Office Commercial) Zoning District (TMC§1111.0606(D) Review and Decision Making Criteria.

ZONE CHANGE TOLEDO PLAN COMMISSION REF: Z-7005-24 DATE: October 10, 2024 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE DATE: November 12, 2024 TIME: 4:00 P.M.





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