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STAFF REPORT

CASE NUMBER: ZON25-04

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

Through: Rodolfo Lopez, Development Services Director

From: Derek Scheerer, Senior Planner

Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

REQUEST SUMMARY

<u>ZON25-04 – Rezone/Zoning Map Amendment:</u> A request by the City of Maricopa, on behalf of Terrible C's gasoline service stations, and property owner German Dobson CVS, LLC, to rezone approximately 2.21 acres of land from the existing General Business (CB-2) zoning to the General Commercial (GC) zoning district, generally located at the southwest corner of W. Honeycutt Rd. and N. Porter Rd. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION.**

APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNERS

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COUNCIL PRIORITIES CONSIDERED

Well Planned Quality Growth and Development

• Economic Development

PROJECT DATA

Site Gross Acres 2.21 +/- gross acres Site Address 41595 W. Honeycutt Rd.

Existing Site Use Vacant Lot

Proposed Site Use Gasoline Station with Convenience Store Existing General Plan Land Use Master Planned Community (MPC)

Existing Zoning General Business (CB-2)
Proposed Zoning General Commercial (GC)

SURROUNDING ZONING/LAND USE

Direction	General Plan Land Use	Existing Zoning	Existing Use
North	Medium Density Residential (MDR)	Single-Family Residential (CR-3)	Residential
East	Employment (E)	General Business (CB-2)	Commercial
South	Medium Density Residential (MDR)	Single-Family Residential (CR-3)	Residential
West	Medium Density Residential (MDR)	Single-Family Residential (CR-3)	Residential

ANALYSIS

Details of the Request

The applicant is requesting to rezone the subject site from existing General Business (CB-2) zoning to the General Commercial (GC) zoning district, to develop a gasoline service station with convenience store. Additionally, the requested rezone application will remove the property from legacy Pinal County zoning and into an equivalent City of Maricopa zoning category per the directives of the City of Maricopa General Plan.

The proposed gasoline service station with convenience store is a by-right permitted use in both the existing and proposed zoning districts. The subject rezone application has been submitted in tandem with a Development Review Permit (DRP) application that is currently under review by City Staff.

As noted in the application Narrative, and subsequent to zoning approval, the applicant intends to develop the site with a seven (7) pump gasoline service station with an approximately 6,168 square foot convenience store. Access to the site will be via N. Porter Rd. and W. Honeycutt Rd. Further, the request, if approved, will be required to adhere to the prevailing City zoning and applicable codes, which will be processed and reviewed separately through the Development Review Permit (DRP) and Building Permit processes.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Prior to recommending approval of the Rezoning request, the applicant has submitted the public participation report to show the materials used to inform surrounding property owners of the proposed request required by the city's Zoning Code. The Public Participation Plan included one (1) neighborhood meeting, two (2) rounds of notification letters sent to all property owners within 600 feet of the subject area, two (2) public notice signs within the subject area, and a legal notice published in the Casa Grande Dispatch. Subsequent to the first mailed notification, site posting, and neighborhood meeting, it was discovered that the required newspaper notice had not been filed. The applicant filed the required newspaper notice, re-mailed notification letters and updated the site posting in accordance with applicable City and State notification requirements. A timeline of the participation event is shown below (refer to Exhibit C – Citizen Participation Report).

August 6, 2025
 Signs Posted

August 6, 2025 - 1st Notification letters sent

August 21, 2025 - Neighborhood meeting held

• September 2, 2025 - Sign Posting updated

September 2, 2025 - 2nd Notification letters sent

September 4, 2025 - Newspaper notice published in the Casa Grande Dispatch

• September 22, 2025 - Planning and Zoning Commission (Public Hearing)

PUBLIC COMMENT

At the time of writing this report, staff have received three (3) emails providing public comment in opposition to the request. Opposition to the request cite traffic and congestion concerns, noise, light, and air pollution concerns, and the site's proximity to schools in the area. Staff have included these letters of opposition as Exhibit D to this report. In response to the community concerns discussed at the neighborhood meeting, the applicant has provided responses that have been included in their Citizen Participation Report, which is attached to this report as Exhibit C.

At the September 22, 2025, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting several members of the public spoke in opposition to the request. Opposition to the request cited traffic and congestion concerns, noise, light, and air pollution concerns, and the site's proximity to schools and residences in the area.

REQUIRED FINDINGS

As required by Sec. 18.175.040 of the City's Zoning Code, the City Council shall make the following findings in their recommendation to the City Council:

- 1. The amendment is consistent with the General Plan.
- 1. **Staff Analysis:** The proposed Rezone/Zoning Map Amendment adheres to the General Plan's future land use designation for the site, Master Planned Community (MPC). Additionally, the request upholds the directives of "Objective B1.4.6: Transition all property zoning designations from pre-existing districts to existing zoning districts in a manner that best achieves the goals of this General Plan" by rezoning the site out of the legacy Pinal County Zoning category (CB-2) to the equivalent category (GC) in the current City of Maricopa Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. Any change in District boundaries is necessary to achieve the balance of land uses desired by the city, consistent with the General Plan, and to increase the inventory of land within a given Zoning District; and
 - **Staff Analysis:** The Rezone/Zoning Map Amendment will allow for the proposed gas station with convenience store. The proposed project will advance the development of a commercial corner in a well-traveled area of the city bounded by two (2) arterial roadways.
- 3. The amendment will promote the growth of the city in an orderly manner and protect the public health, safety, peace, comfort, and general welfare.

Staff Analysis: The request will not impact the health, safety, and general welfare of the area, and will promote growth in an orderly manner.

CONCLUSION

On September 22, 2025, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 5-2 for **approval** of Rezone/Map Amendment **case # ZON25-04** and recommends that the Mayor and City Council **approve ordinance # ORD25-13**.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A to the Ordinance: Legal Description

Exhibit A: Project Narrative

Exhibit B: Zone Change Map

Exhibit C: Citizen Participation Report

Exhibit D: Letters of Opposition

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