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STAFF REPORT

Case # GPA22-01

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
 From: Rodolfo Lopez, Development Services Director
 Meeting Date: March 1, 2022

REQUESTS

GPA22-01 Minor General Plan Amendment: A request by the City of Maricopa on behalf of Pinal Feeding Company, Pinal Energy, AZ Grains, and Electrical District #3 to amend an appr the city’s General Plan Land Use Map, approximately 154 acres from Master Planned Community (MPC) to Employment (E). The site is generally located just southeast from the southeast corner of N. White and Parker Rd and W. Maricopa Casa-Grande Hwy. **Discussion and Action.**

APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER

City of Maricopa
 Project Manager: David Mclish
 39700 W. Civic Center Plaza
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Owner:
 Northside Hay Company
 8950 S. 52nd St, Suite 310
 Tempe, AZ 85284

Pinal Enegy LLC
 38585 W. Cowtown Rd.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

Electrical District #3
 41630 W. Louis Johnson Dr.
 Maricopa, AZ 85138

AZ Grain Inc.
 PO Box 11188
 Casa Grande, AZ 85130

COUNCIL PRIORITIES CONSIDERED

- Quality of Life
- Economic Sustainability
- Managing the Future
- Public Safety

PROJECT DATA

Site Gross Acres	154 acres
Parcel #	502-42-003A, 502-43-001M, 001L, 001P, 001N, 001H, 502-06-009F
Site Address	N/A
Existing Site Use	Various active industrial uses.
Existing General Plan, Land Use	Master Planned Community
Proposed Generla Plan, Land USE	Employment (E)

SURROUNDING ZONING/LAND USE

Direction	General Plan Land Use	Existing Zoning	Existing Use
North	N/A	N/A	Maricopa Casa Grande Hwy
East	Employment	Industrial Zone (CI-2)	Vacant Land
South	N/A	N/A	Ak Chin Reservation
West	Employment	Transitional (TR)	Feed Lot

SUBJECT SITE



ANALYSIS

A healthy local economy provides a mixture of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. As Maricopa continues to grow, there has been an exponential increase in residential homes, and the retail and commercial areas are beginning to expand as well. However, there is a lack of industry throughout Maricopa. To promote greater industry, the City has initiated a Minor General Plan that will create an industrial corridor.

The amendment request will modify the existing land use from Master Planned Community (MPC) to Employment (E). Located south of Maricopa-Casa Grande HWY and east of N White and Parker RD (See Attached exhibits for subject location).

This Minor General Plan Amendment will promote industry growth to the area, which will bring in job growth, income, and economic strength for citizens and the City.

PLANNING MARICOPA (GENERAL PLAN) IMPLEMENTATION:

The land use designation per the General Plan calls out the area as both Employment and Master Planned Community. Master Planned Community is intended to foster creative design for developments that desire to combine commercial, office and residential components and Employment is a broad designation intended to accommodate numerous types of development including office, industrial and commercial, allowing for varying scale and intensity of land uses.

The following General Plan Objectives are being met with this rezoning request.

1. Objective B1.14 Promote commercial and office development in close proximity to neighborhood nodes along arterials, and other appropriate locations.
2. 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.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Prior to recommending approval of the General Plan Amendment, the city completed the required notification outreach via mail, newspapers notice and on-site posting to inform surrounding property owners of the proposed amendment as required per the city's Zoning Code. A copy of the Participation Plan is available to be reviewed upon request. A timeline of the participation event is shown below.

- January 20 – Notification Letters, Sign Postings and Legal Notices
- February 3 – Neighborhood Meeting
- February 14 – Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Staff did not receive any public comment at the time of writing this report.

CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

As required by the City's Zoning Code, the Planning & Zoning Commission made the following findings in their recommendation to the City Council:

1. The amendment is consistent with the General Plan;

Staff Analysis: *The General Plan Amendment is consistent with the intent of the General Plan, as the proposed Employment designation will still contain Commercial and Employment elements.*

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;

Staff Analysis: *The General Plan Amendment will allow the city to continue its development plan for the proposed Industrial Corridor.*

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 General Plan Amendment will not negatively impact the health, safety and general welfare of the area and will promote growth in an orderly manner.*

CONCLUSION:

On February 14, 2022 the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council approve Case # GPA22-01, and adopt Resolution 22-11.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: Narrative

Exhibit B: General Plan, Subject Site Map

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