

for two weeks, you would have to readvertise for the meetings. Mr. Davenport stated the recommendation is to hold a public hearing tomorrow, before the recommendation to table. Mr. Elliott responded if the public hearing is held and tabled, it needs to be tabled for two meetings instead of one. Mr. Elliott stated he would like to consult with Chairman Slaughter and Mrs. Dukes prior to the meeting tomorrow night.

REZ-2023-09 – South GA Boat and RV Storage, ~22 acres, 6153 Inner Perimeter, from I-S to C-H, Well & Septic

County Planner, J.D. Dillard, presented the item. Mr. Dillard stated this request is to rezone approximately twenty-two (22) acres from its current I-S (Intensive Services) zoning district to C-H (Highway Commercial) for semi-speculative commercial purposes. Mr. Dillard stated in 2009, the property was rezoned from E-A to I-S for a business fuel plant for a forty (40) megawatt biomass electric generating plant. Since that has not come to fruition, the applicant is now requesting to rezone to C-H (Highway Commercial) and the first phase, at least five acres will be used to construct an RV and boat storage facility, with the additional property being developed at a later date. Mr. Dillard stated it is within transportation and communication overlay, which allows for Commercial Highway zoning. Mr. Dillard stated the Planning Commission recommended approval and the TRC had no objectionable comments.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Alapaha Plantation Cerafiltec Pilot Study Proposal

Utilities Director, Steve Stalvey, presented the item. Mr. Stalvey stated at the last Commission meeting he gave information regarding this Cerafiltec Pilot Study Proposal. Mr. Stalvey stated Cerafiltec proposes to provide a ceramic flat membrane pilot unit at the Alapaha Plantation Water Treatment Plant for ninety (90) days, with an optional thirty (30) day extension. Mr. Stalvey stated the purpose of the pilot study is to determine the feasibility of removing organics and lowering the disinfection by-products to acceptable EPD levels. Mr. Stalvey stated the cost for the pilot study is \$10,000.00 for ninety (90) days and an additional \$3,500.00, if the extra thirty (30) days are added. Mr. Stalvey stated that staff recommends approval.

Purchase of 412-416 North Lee Street Property

Director of Engineering Services, Chad McLeod, presented the item. Mr. McLeod stated the County has an opportunity to purchase the properties located at 412-416 North Lee Street, in Valdosta, from Ms. Shirley D. Joseph in the amount of \$75,000.00. Additionally, Mr. McLeod stated staff also proposed the County agree to pay the 2023 property taxes. Mr. McLeod stated the County Attorney is working on the title history and hopefully that will be completed today. Commissioner Evans thanked Mr. McLeod. Chairman Slaughter added if there is a title issue, we could approve the purchase pending the positive outcome of the title search.

ACCG IRMA Property & Liability Insurance Program Renewal

Human Resources Director, Kevin Beals, presented the item. Mr. Beals stated over the last few years, we have experienced the impact that the pandemic, as well as inflation, has had on the economy, as well as the insurance industry. Mr. Beals stated in the last two months the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) has prepared the County for increases during the renewal process with the ACCG IRMA Board voting to pause the dividend disbursement process. Mr. Beals stated ACCG has provided information for different options for benefits.