



City of Olathe

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: 5/4/2021

FOCUS AREA: Economy, Planning Division

STAFF CONTACT: Emily Carrillo, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: RZ21-0007: Rezoning from C-2 (Community Center) District to D (Downtown Core) District and preliminary site development plan for Olathe Downtown Library; Applicant: Jeff Blakeman, City of Olathe

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Consideration of Ordinance No. 21-19, RZ21-0007, requesting approval for rezoning from C-2 (Community Center) District to D (Downtown Core) District and preliminary site development plan for Olathe Downtown Library on approximately 3.05 acres; located at 250 E. Santa Fe Street. Planning Commission recommends approval 7 to 0.

SUMMARY:

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from the C-2 (Community Center) District to the D- (Downtown Core) District and a preliminary site development plan for the Olathe Downtown Library, located at the northeast corner of N. Chestnut and W. Santa Fe Street.

The preliminary site development plan includes a state-of-the-art library and office facility totaling over 46,000 square feet located adjacent to Civic Center Park with Mill Creek running along the eastern portion of the property. The proposed architecture presents design elements and architectural character that respects traditional design principles meeting and exceed all requirements of the D District.

The Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan identifies the subject property as Urban Center/Downtown and Primary Greenway. The proposed development aligns with the Comprehensive Plan and the standards of the Golden Criteria, by which rezoning applications are considered.

On April 12, 2021, the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the proposed request and no neighboring property owners spoke at the hearing. After discussion with staff and the applicant, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of RZ21-0007 with no stipulations as outlined in the staff report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

ACTION NEEDED:

1. Approve Ordinance No. 21-19 for a rezoning from the C-2 (Community Center) District to the D (Downtown Core) District as recommended by the Planning Commission.
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2. Deny Ordinance No. 21-19 for a rezoning from the C-2 (Community Center) District to the D (Downtown Core) District.
3. Return the rezoning application to the Planning Commission for further consideration with a statement specifying the basis for the Governing Body's failure to approve or disapprove.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Planning Commission Packet
- B. Planning Commission Minutes
- C. Ordinance No. 21-19