



TO: Linda Cox, Acting City Manager
FROM: Kerry C. Driver, Planner
RE: **Application for Voluntary Annexation
for Parcel ID: 2408-506-0002-000-5**
BOARD DATE: January 21, 2025

STAFF REPORT

**Property Owner/
Applicants** Fran Casner
Representative Fran Casner
Requested Action: Approval of a Voluntary Application for Annexation
Site Locations: 3302 Avenue B
Parcel ID: 2408-506-0002-000-5
Parcel Area: 0.30 acres
**Current
Future Land Use:** Commercial (COM)
Current Zoning: Commercial General (CG)
**Proposed
Future Land Use:** Residential Low Density (RL)
Proposed Zoning: Single-family Moderate Density (R-3)

Utilities: FPUA

Surrounding FLU:

Surrounding Zoning:

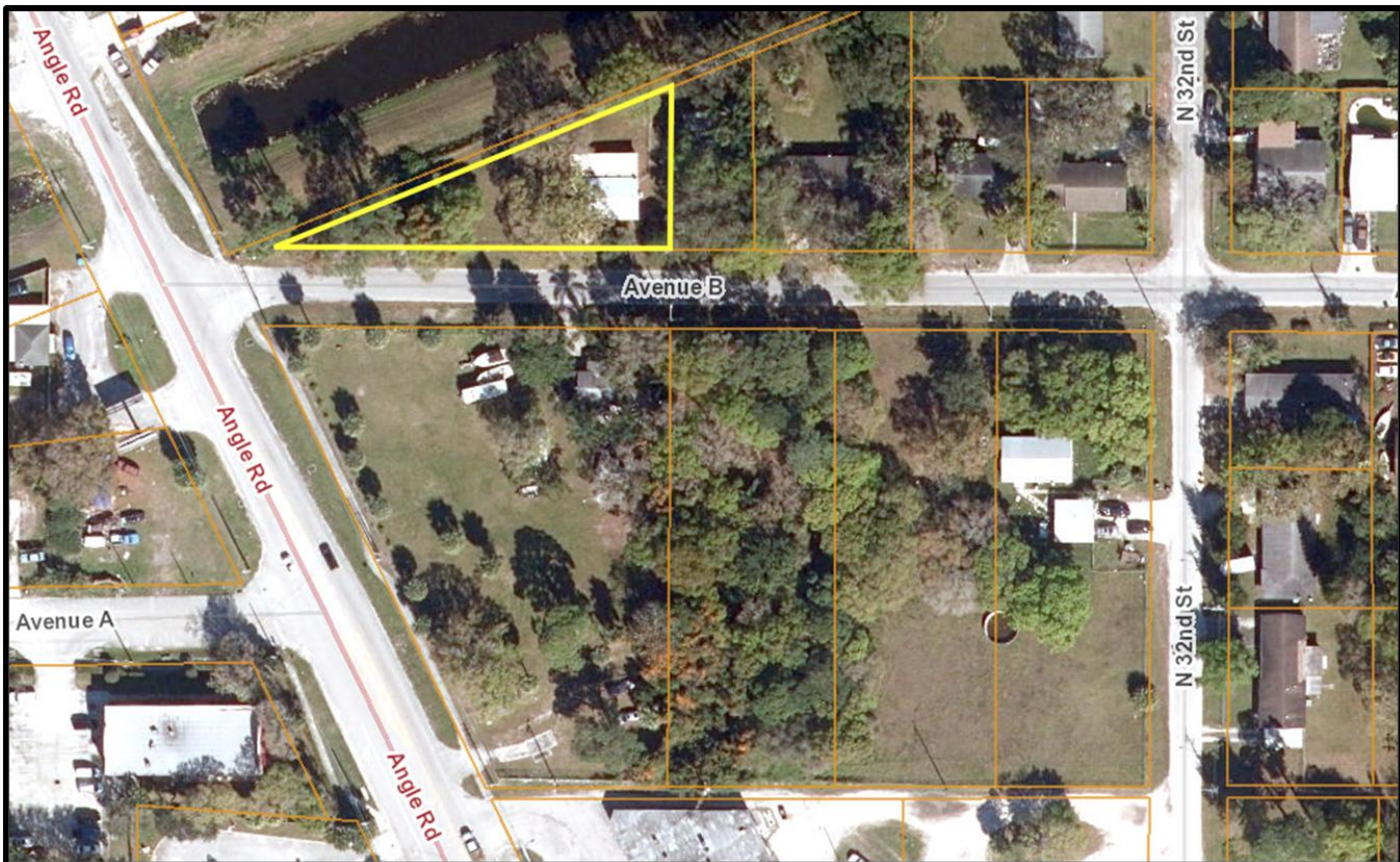
Staff Analysis:

North	East	South	West
City of Fort Pierce ROW	Residential Low Density (RL)	(COM) county (RL) city	Commercial (COM) county
City of Fort Pierce ROW	Single-family Moderate Density (R-3)	(GC) county (R-3) county	Commercial General (CG)

Request

This is a voluntary annexation on parcel ID: 2408-506-0002-000-5

INSERT LOCATION MAP



The subject property has a St. Lucie County Future Land Use Designation Commercial (COM) and a zoning classification of Commercial General (CG). To ensure consistency with Policy 1.11.5 of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the proposed City Future Land Use designation for the parcels will be changed to Residential Low (RL) and the Zoning classification of Single-family Moderate Density (R-3).

Pursuant to Comprehensive Plan policy 1.11.5 "properties annexed shall receive a land use designation compatible with the County land use designation, unless otherwise approved by the City Commission." Staff has confirmed that the property is located within unincorporated St. Lucie County and are contiguous to the Fort Pierce City municipal boundary and within the FPUA service area.

The current taxable value of the property is \$58,266. Should the Application for Annexation be approved, it could create a new source of ad-valorem tax revenue annually to the City of Fort Pierce, depending on the millage rate per year, which currently is 6.9000. Currently the property has a dwelling structure.

Comprehensive Plan

Staff has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and finds the proposed annexation is consistent with the following Objectives and Policies:

Objective 1.11 of the Comprehensive Plan: "Annex properties within the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Boundary in an orderly manner that promotes efficiency of public service provision and economic vitality of the City."

The property is within the FPUA service boundary. Policy, 1.11.1 of the City Comprehensive Plan: "The City shall evaluate proposed annexation within the urban service boundary based upon the following criteria:

1. The ability of the City to provide public services at a level equal to or better than that available from the current service providers;
2. The ability of the City to provide public services at the City's adopted levels of service;
3. Whether the annexation would eliminate an unincorporated island or could be expanded to eliminate an unincorporated island; and
4. Whether the annexation would eliminate an irregularity or irregularities in the City's boundaries, thereby improving service delivery."

The subject property is in an area that consists of properties that are within both the St. Lucie County and the City of Fort Pierce jurisdictions. The parcel abuts properties that are within the City limits. The annexation of the property would assist in the City's effort to eliminate jurisdictional irregularities along the City's boundary and provide more efficient public services. Staff is requesting that the City of Fort Pierce Future Land Use and Zoning be modified to Residential Low Density (RL) and Single-family Moderate Density (R-3), respectively, and the City's Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, the requested Future Land Use and Zoning Classifications of RL and C-3, respectively, would be consistent with Policy 1.11.5 and the City's Comprehensive Plan. Pursuant to the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan, annexations are reviewed for fiscal impacts, the effect upon adopted level of service standards for public facilities, and the elimination of the municipal boundary irregularities to improve service delivery.

Public Notification

In accordance with Policy Section 4.1.1 of the Joint Planning Agreement between the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County, the City Planning Department provided notice of the annexation by mail to the St. Lucie County Administrator's and Attorney's office on December 16, 2024, no fewer than thirty (30) days prior to the first reading of these annexations by the City Commission. Notice by newspaper was submitted for Sunday's January 5th and 19th, 2025 publication.

Technical Review Committee

All affected Departments have reviewed the submittals and have no objections regarding the proposed voluntary annexation applications based on compliance with the requirements of the City Code and Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Board

The City of Fort Pierce Planning Board, at their December 9, 2024, meeting, voted 5 to 5 to recommend Approval of the annexation.

Staff Recommendation

As proposed, the annexation meets the standards of the City's Comprehensive Plan, specifically Policy Section 1.11 regarding annexations. Therefore, the Planning Staff recommends approval of the proposed voluntary annexation, along with the associated Future Land Use designation of RL and the Zoning classification of R-3.