Midway City Council 16 February 2021 Regular Meeting

Lower River Annexation / Further Consideration

Memo



Date:

February 16, 2021

To:

Midway City Council

From:

Michael Henke

Re:

Lower River Annexation / Further Consideration

The City has received an annexation petition from Probst Raspberry LLC which was signed by Ken Probst for a potential annexation of 88.29 acres. There are two areas of annexation, a north area of 9.77 acres (north parcel) and a south area of 78.52 acres (south parcel). The first step in the annexation process for the City Council is to determine that the annexation petition provides the information and representations required by the City Code. If the City Council determines that the application is complete, then the petition may be accepted for further consideration.

Per the City Code, the intent of the annexation code is the following:

It is the intent of this Chapter to ensure that property annexed to the City will contribute to the attractiveness of the community and will enhance the rural, resort image which is critical to the economic viability of the community, and that the potential fiscal effect of an annexation does not impose an unreasonable burden upon City resources and tax base.

The general requirements that should be considered, as listed in the annexation code, include the following:

- Logical Extension of City Required
 - o Property under consideration for annexation must be considered a logical extension of the City boundaries.
- Consistent with General Plan and the Municipal Code

 Annexation of property to the City must be consistent with the intent and purpose of the annexation code and the Midway City General Plan, in addition to the Master Plan for water, sewer, and roads.

• Efficiency of Proposal Required

 Every annexation shall include the greatest amount of contiguous property area, which is also contiguous to the City's municipal boundaries.

Individual Small Parcel Proposals Discouraged

- Piecemeal annexation of individual small properties shall be discouraged if larger contiguous parcels are available for annexation within a reasonable time frame in order to avoid repetitious annexations.
- Islands, Peninsulas, and Irregular Boundaries of Annexation Areas Discouraged
 - o Islands of county jurisdiction shall not be left or created as a result of the annexation and peninsulas and irregular boundaries shall be strongly discouraged.
- City Must be Able to Serve Area at Consistent Level of Service
 - In addition to services provided by existing districts, such as sewer, fire
 protection, and public schools, the following urban level services, consistent with
 those normally provided in the rest of the incorporated boundaries will be
 provided to annexed areas:
 - Law enforcement protection.
 - Snow removal on public streets, subject to standard City snow removal policies.
 - Maintenance of existing public streets, provided that such streets have been constructed or reconstructed to City street standards or are acceptable to the City Engineer and City Council.
 - Planning, zoning, and municipal code enforcement.
 - Access to municipal sponsored parks and recreational activities and cultural events and facilities.
 - Water and sewage waste disposal services as the area is developed. Existing facilities for water treatment, storage and delivery, and/or for sewage removal and treatment, may be inadequate to provide water and sewer services to a proposed annexation area. The City shall determine the timing of and necessary capacity for the extension of water and sewer service to a proposed annexation area. New development in an annexation area shall pay the cost of improvements necessary for the extension and connection of new developments to City water and sewer lines and systems, as well as contribute to the cost of additional capital improvements, including but not limited to, storage and distribution facilities as necessary for safe, reliable, and efficient water flows and waste removal.

Annexations to be Scrutinized

 Before considering requests for annexation, the City shall carefully analyze the impacts of annexation of an area, taking into consideration whether the area will create negative impacts on the City and considering whether the City can economically provide services to the annexed area. Community issues such as location and adequacy of schools and community facilities, traffic, fire protection, particularly in wildfire/wild land interface areas, usable open space and recreation areas, protection of sensitive lands, conservation of natural resource, protection of view corridors, protection and preservation of historic resources, affordable housing, balance of housing types and ownership, adequate water and sewer capacity to serve the future needs of the proposed annexation area shall be considered.

Annexation for Preservation Allowed

Situations may exist where it is in the public interest to preserve certain lands from development in flood plains, where geologic hazards exist, where slopes are severe, or where the need for preservation of community open space and/or agricultural lands is consistent with the General Plan. In such circumstances, annexations may occur as a means of retaining those lands in a natural state.

Additional items to consider with the annexation petition:

One item that the City uses to evaluate a petition for annexation is a concept plan. A concept plan has been submitted with the application. The plan includes a resort development on the south parcel and a seven-lot residential development on the north parcel. The concept plan does not include much detail, but it does state the resort area would include resort and commercial buildings along with resort cottages. Between the two annexation parcels is property that would be left in Wasatch County's jurisdiction and includes seven relatively large lots ranging from 4.9 acres to 29 acres. It appears that an unincorporated peninsula would not be created with this petition.

There are three points of access on the plan including a southern access across the Kem Gardner property and the Utah Department of Fish and Game property. There is a second access from 850 South. There is also a third access from the Midway Crest subdivision accessing from Fox Den Road. Two of the three access points do not appear to be viable options. Kem Gardner, owner of some of the property under the southern access, has stated that access will not be allowed across his property. The access from the Midway Crest subdivision also has issues that make the access, as shown on the plat, not possible. The issues with this access will be discussed in more detail later in this memo.

Potentially, if the access issues were resolved and the City were to annex the south parcel and grant the zoning designation of RZ, the area could become a beneficial tax base for the City. A hotel and commercial area would create tax revenue along with the proposed resort cottages. The City's General Plan does promote economic development of resort areas and this would be an opportunity to create a new resort. A new resort would also help the City to retain the resort tax which the City has tried to retain. Once more detail is given, the City could better analyze the potential positive impact of a resort development.

Another benefit to the City could be an expanded public trail network. The City plans to build a trailhead on the Kem Gardner property to the west of the south parcel. From that trailhead, trails will head to Deer Creek, east to Heber, north to Midway Main Street, and potentially, northeast

near the Provo River across the proposed annexation property. The possible public trails across the property could be a great benefit to the City residents.

Another issue that staff has identified is the sensitive lands map that was submitted. It clearly shows all the FEMA floodplain on the property, but it does not give any other information about sensitive lands. Wetlands have been identified on the property, but the sensitive lands map does not address them. Depending on the amount and location of wetlands, the development potential of the property would be impacted.

The petitioner is requesting a zoning designation of RA-1-43 on the north 9.77-acre parcel. Currently, the Wasatch County zoning designation of the parcel is A-20 which allows for one dwelling for every 20 acres. One item to consider is the land use of surrounding properties. Heber Valley Special Service District (HVSSD) owns the properties east and south of the north parcel. HVSSD plans to create sewer lagoons on their property which will have an impact on the north parcel. The City has tried to limit residential development next to HVSSD properties because of potential impacts. This has been the case with the Peery property to the north, which is currently zoned industrial in Wasatch County. The owner of the property has attempted to amend Midway's General Plan to annex the property in as residential. Those petitions to amend the City's General plan have not been successful, partially because of the potential impact of allowing dwellings next to an odor nuisance. The current County zoning of A-20 would allow for greater amount of area per dwelling for property surrounding the HVSSD property which would help lessen the potential odor nuisance. Increasing the density from A-20 to RA-1-43, which would allow for seven lots, would increase the potential of the odor nuisance to a larger number of dwellings and future residences that would be built on the north parcel. The City took the approach of lowering the density on a neighboring annexation containing the Midway Crest subdivision partially because of the potential odor nuisance, to the extent that there is a note stating this potential nuisance on the Midway Crest plat. The County zoning on that parcel was RA-1 and the City annexed in the parcel as RA-1-43 but limited the density on the 24 acres to five lots. Whereas the petition of the north parcel would increase density from A-20 to RA-1-43. This could be a potential increase from zero lots (if the property is not a lot of record) to seven lots. Finally, the north parcel is not contiguous to the City boundary until the Midway Crest subdivision is annexed into the City.

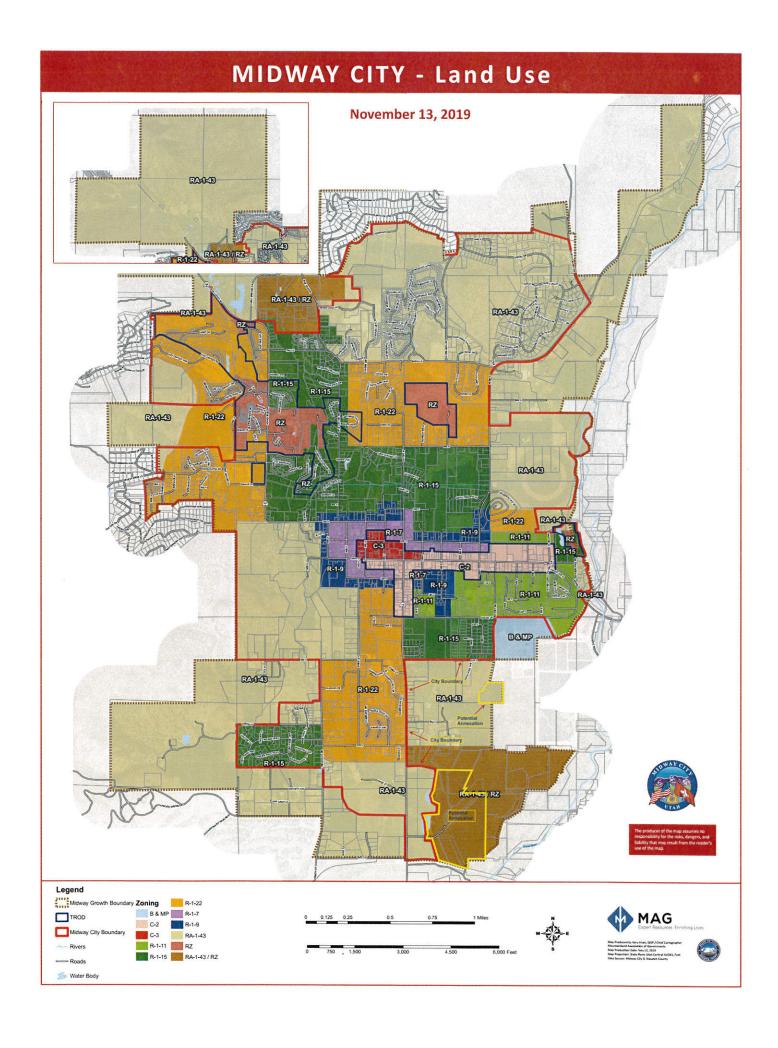
Another issue regarding the development of the north parcel is access. The concept plan has a connection to the parcel from 850 South and a connection from the Midway Crest subdivision. A potential future road easement was included on the Midway Crest plat that was recorded in Wasatch County because the property has not yet been annexed. The easement that was placed on the plat is for a future possible road but there are problems with using the easement as an access to the north parcel. One issue is the placement of the road easement crosses directly over an approved storm pond and storm pond easement. Moving the pond and easement would require engineering review and approval, approval from the owner of lot 4, along with discretionary approval by the City Council for a plat amendment to relocate the storm drain pond and easement. Another issue is the City cannot approve a road on the possible future road easement because the angle of the intersection where the road would connect to Fox Den Road does not comply with engineering standards for intersection angles. It is possible that if the south parcel annexation area had two points of access to Hwy 113 then the north parcel could be developed with a cul-de-sac that would access from 850 South. A cul-de-sac access from the south would make the access from Midway Crest unnecessary.

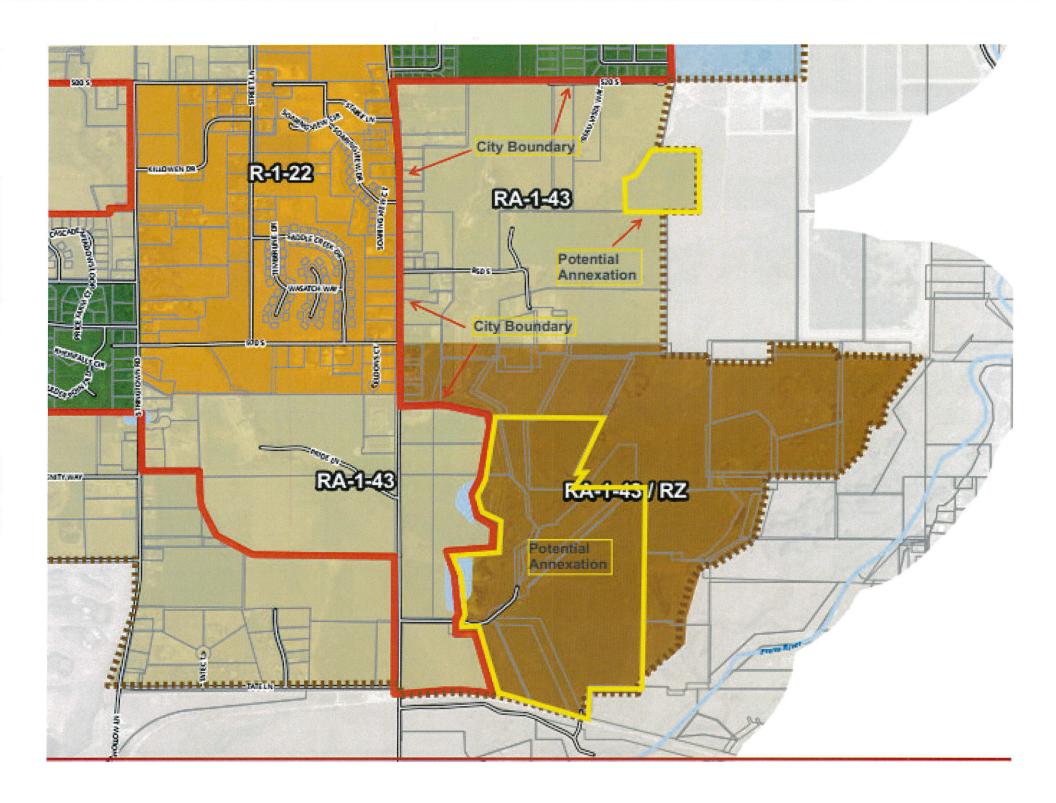
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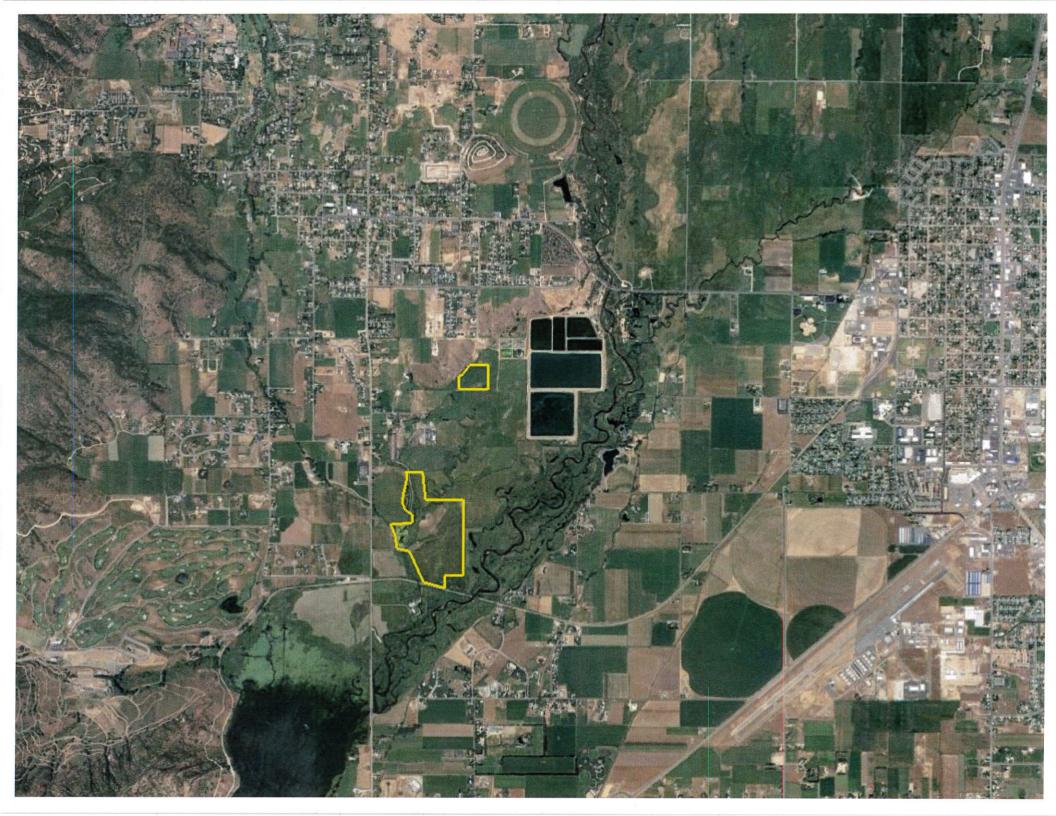
- The proposed annexation will not create an unincorporated peninsula.
- The proposal does not have two verified access points.
- A concept plan was submitted with the application.
- The petitioned zoning does match the planned zones for the annexation area on City's land use map.
- The sensitive lands map is incomplete and does not include any wetlands information.
- Increasing density near HVSSD property has the potential of being impacted by odors.
- Without more detail of the resort area, the City cannot determine the economic impact of the annexation on the City and surrounding community.
- Further consideration of the petition by the City Council does not guarantee the property will be approved for annexation by the City Council.

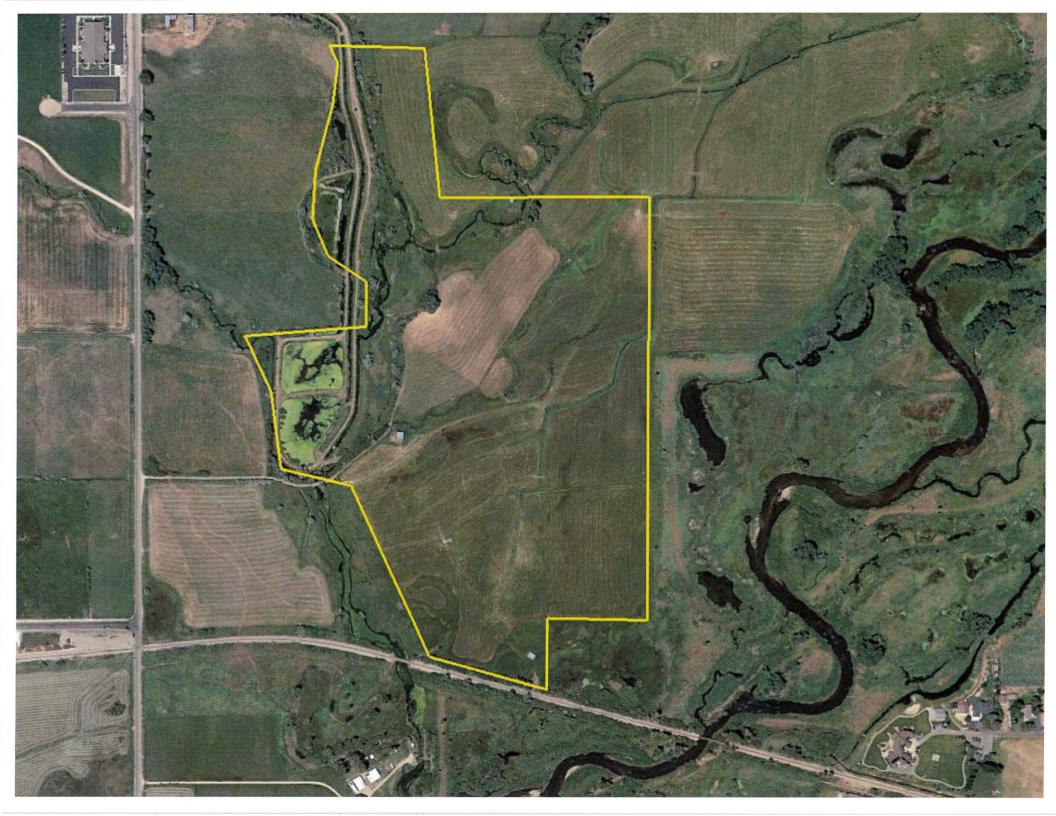
ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

- 1. <u>Approval of further consideration</u>. This action can be taken if the City Council finds that the application is complete and meets the intent of the annexation code.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings
- 2. <u>Continuance</u>. This action can be taken if the City Council would like to continue studying further consideration of the proposal.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings
 - c. Reasons for continuance
 - i. Unresolved issues that must be addressed
 - d. Date when the item will be heard again
- 3. <u>Denial of further consideration</u>. This action can be taken if the City Council finds that the application is not complete or does not comply with the intent of the annexation code.
 - a. Accept staff report
 - b. List accepted findings
 - c. Reasons for denial

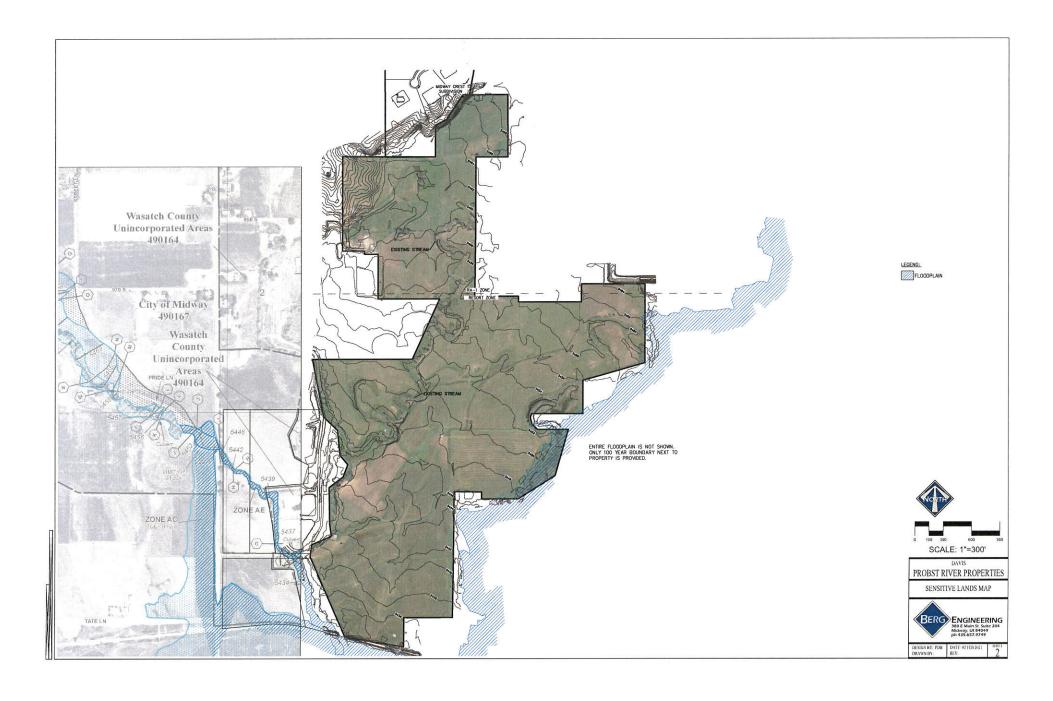


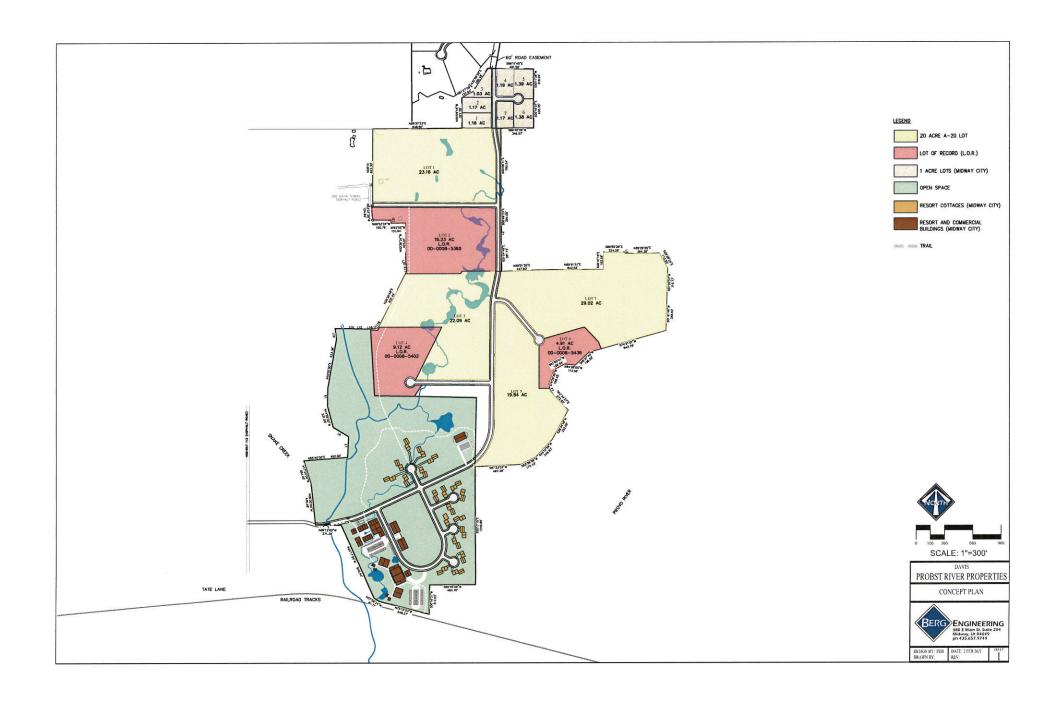


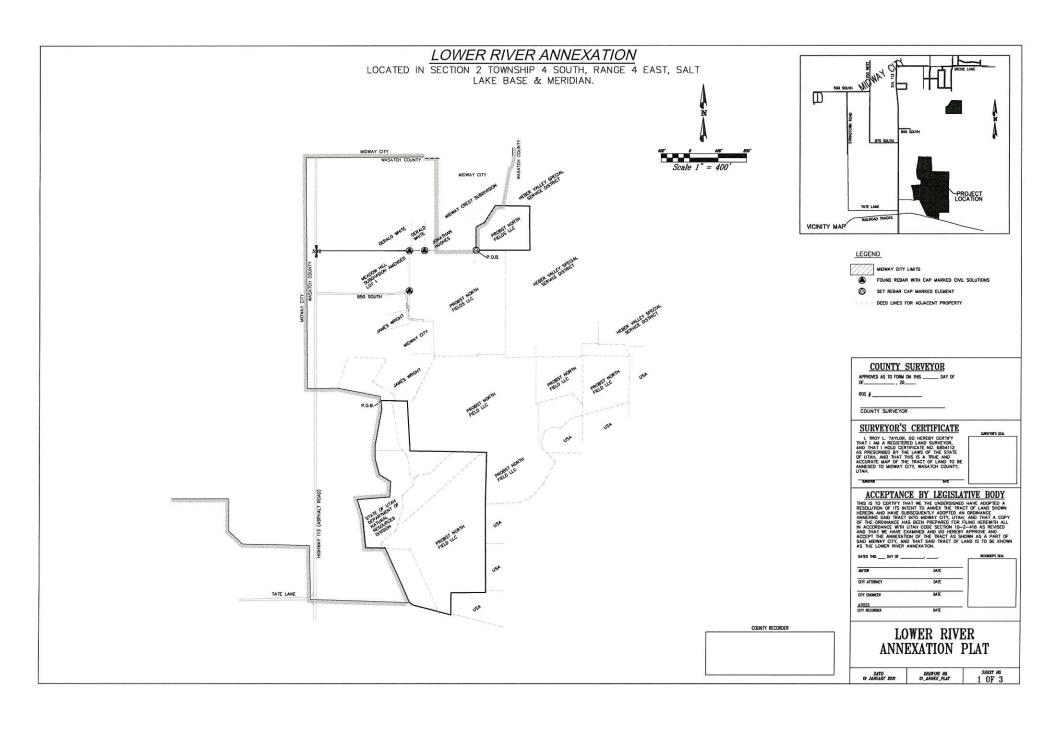


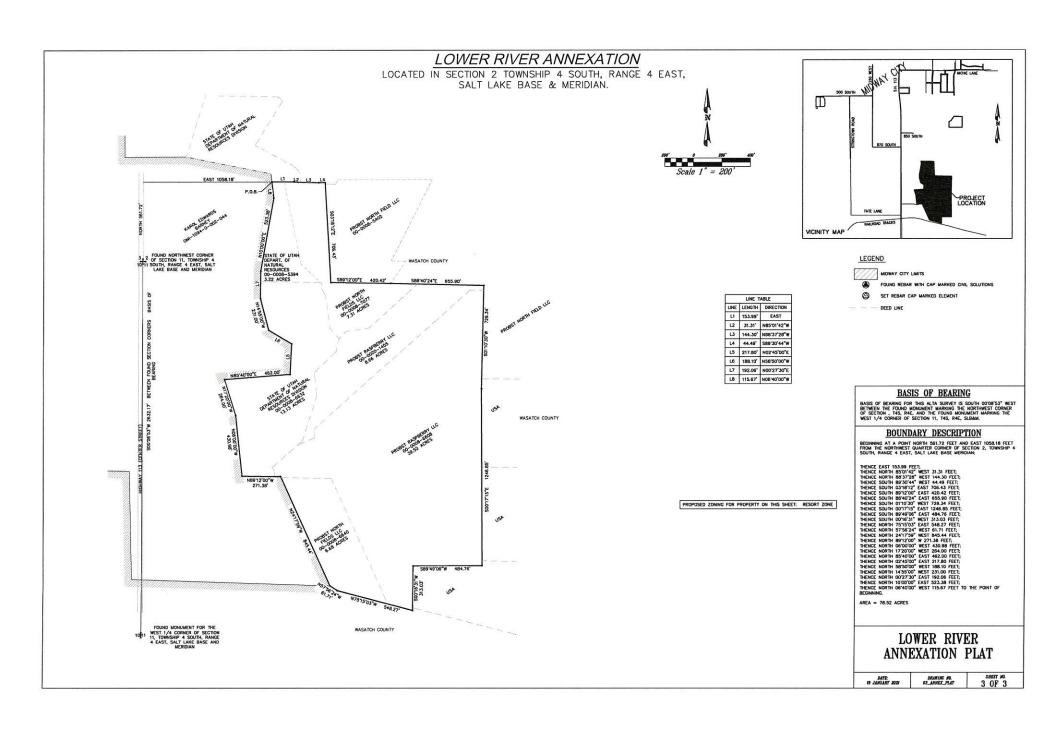


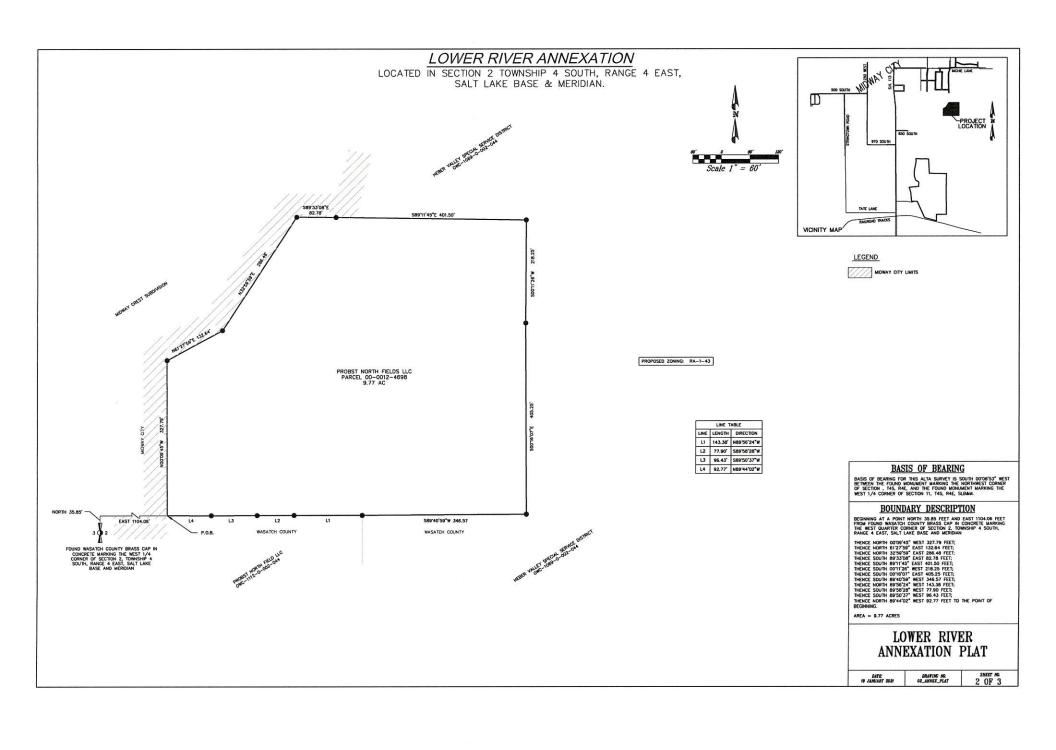














PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

We the undersigned owners of certain real property hereby submit this Petition for Annexation and respectfully represent the following:

 That this petition and the annexation meet the requirements of the Utah Code and the Midway City Municipal Code. 				
2. 1	That the real property is described as follows:	FEB 02 2021		
App	roximate location:	ву:_ <i></i>		
22	25 East 850 South			

Lega	al description:			
Ple	ease see Attachment A.			
				
d	That up to five of the signers of this petition are designated as sponsors esignated as the contact sponsor, with the name and mailing address andicated as follows:			
	Contact Sponsor Mailing Address			
Pro	bst North Fields LLC 3400 S 2900 W, Heber City,	Utah 84032		

Mailing Address

Probst Rasp	berry LLC	3400 S 2900	W, Heber City,	Utah 84032				
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 That this petition is accompanied by an accurate and recordable map, prepared by a licensed surveyor, of the area proposed for annexation. 								
	 A copy of this petition and the accompanying map was also delivered or mailed to the Wasatch County Clerk and the chair of the Midway City Planning Commission. 							
6. That the peti	tioner(s) request the	property, if anne	xed, be zoned RA-	L-43 and RZ				
7. That this pet	ition contains the foll	owing signatures	of the owners of priv	rate real property that:				
a. Covers a	majority of the priva	te land area withi	n the area proposed	for annexation.				
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Attachment B Annexation Analysis

A petition for annexation must be signed by property owners representing a minimum of 1/2 of the area being annexed and at least 1/3 of the market value of the properties being annexed. The analysis in Table 1 demonstrates that the annexation petition complies with these standards.

Table 1 - Annexation Analysis for Area and Market Value

Property Owner	Serial #	Parcel #	Acres	Market Value	Petitioner
Probst North Fields LLC	OWC-1108-2-002-044	00-0012-4698	9.77	\$190,348	Yes
Probst North Fields LLC	OWC-1263-0-011-044	00-0008-7077	7.31	\$472,120	Yes
Probst North Fields LLC	OWC-1232-0-011-044	00-0008-6640	6.68	\$163,250	Yes
Probst Raspberry LLC	OWC-1263-1-011-044	00-0020-1455	8.66	\$410,640	Yes
Probst Raspberry LLC	OWC-1228-0-011-044	00-0008-6608	39.52	\$978,500	Yes
Utah Department of Natural Resources	OWC-1231-0-011-044	00-0008-6632	13.13	\$0	No
Utah Department of Natural Resources	OWC-1126-0-002-044	00-0008-5394	3.22	\$0	No
		Total	88.29	\$2,214,858	

Annexation Petitioners 71.94 \$2,214,858 % of Annexation Represented by Petitioners 81.5% 100.0%

Davis Annexation - 600' Notices

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