

Applicant: Tom Scott, representing Willow Creek Estates, Inc., stated that previous applications for annexation of the large site had failed. This time all of the property owners are cooperating in the hope the annexation request would pass when presented to the voters. He stated the large parcel was not being farmed as there was no water on the site or access to water was not available.

Mr. Scott stated that if annexed in November of 2008, the earliest that the property would be ready to develop would be in the spring of 2010 and occupancy in the fall of 2010.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the plan that had been shown to the home owners association was available. Pat Sisul put the plan on display.

Mr. Scott said the plan showed the street and utility systems. He said the advantage of the properties being included together allowed for better access.

Vice Chair Milne asked if Mr. Scott owned the corner property. Mr. Scott said he did not.

Proponents: Travis McRobbie stated he was one of the other property owners and was in favor of the annexation.

Opponents: None

Rebuttal: None

Vice Chair Milne closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Holte stated he agreed the annexation should pass.

Commissioner Slagle stated that since the site was surrounded by the City, it should be annexed and felt the application met all the criteria.

Commissioner Taylor stated that there had been three annexation requests in the last two months, but there was no reason to deny the application.

Vice Chair Milne stated she felt all the criteria were met, with the possible exception of criteria 2. She was not sure the need existed at this time, but if the voters approve it in November of 2008, it still would be a couple of years before development would occur. She felt with all the activity in the industrial park, more housing would be needed, thus criteria 2 would be met in time. She stated that the traffic issues would be handled when the development occurred.

It was moved by Commissioner Holte to approve ANN 08-04 as presented, and recommend the City Council put the issue to the electorate. It was seconded by Commissioner Slagle. The motion passed 4-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS None

IV. FINDINGS

ANN 08-03 – Jarboe - Commissioner Slagle moved to approve the Findings, Conclusion and Order for ANN 08-03 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed 4-0.

ANN 08-04 – Willow Creek - Commissioner Holte moved to approve the Findings, Conclusion and Order for ANN 08-04 as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed 4-0.

V. MINUTES

June 9, 2008 - Commissioner Taylor moved to approve minutes of June 9, 2008 as corrected. Motion seconded by Commissioner Slagle and passed 4-0.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Melissa Hardy reported that she had inquired into the status of the proposed Rite Aid development, and was told they are in the process of applying for building permits.

Ms. Hardy said that a representative of the Public Works Department would be at the next meeting to report on the city's sidewalk project.

VII. ADJOURNMENT