

and solid, or instead have an added mesh screen for temporary opacity to allow time for the vegetation to grow and fill-in. A landscaped strip between the existing pavement edge and the property line, shall be planted and maintained along the sides and rear of the outdoor storage area, with landscaping that consists of a minimum 6 small trees and 2 canopy trees per 100 linear feet as approved by the City Arborist. All trees shall be evergreen variety.

- (3) Outdoor storage items shall be limited only to motor vehicles and customary recreational vehicles such as boats and campers and their associated trailers. All outdoor items shall be operative and in good working condition, and neatly parked at all times. There shall be no heavy trucks or equipment, or other materials allowed.
- (4) Conditional Use approval shall expire after 3 years from the date of approval if the proposed use has not received an official Certificate of Occupancy (non-temporary) from the City by that date.

The Commissioners had questions regarding the previous denial by Valdosta City Council, and fencing/buffering.

Speaking in favor of the request:

- Trey Taylor

Mr. Taylor stated he is the applicant. The storage units are proposed to be climate controlled. He stated his company contacted 34 grocery stores, seeking any interest in the building and all 34 refused. The plan for remodeling is to use locally sourced financing and construction.

No one spoke against the request.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Rountree called for a motion. Motion by Commissioner Wildes to recommend approval of the request as presented, including the conditions. Commissioner Bailey second. All in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9

VA-2022-01 Ashley Skipper, 2317 Bemiss Road, Rezone 0.45 acres from R-P to O-P

Ms. Ashley Skipper is requesting to rezone 0.45 acres from Residential Professional (R-P) to Office Professional (O-P). The subject property is located at 2317 Bemiss Road, which is at the SE corner of Bemiss Road and Randolph Street. The property contains an existing professional office building (2,023 sf) and both front/rear parking lots with a total of 9 parking spaces. There are no proposed changes to the building or the site, except for some minor interior remodeling. The applicant is requesting the O-P zoning in order to make the property eligible for a proposed Personal Services Shop, and other possible uses such as a yoga studio and an "esthetics" training academy. The applicant's proposed Personal Services Shop would require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) approval in O-P zoning and this would be reviewed under its own application at a later date – if this rezoning request is approved.