Burnt Bridge Creek West Zone Change Vancouver Planning Commission Workshop June 13, 2023



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Presentation Overview

- Proposal review Standalone rezone from Office Commercial Industrial (OCI) to Light Industrial (IL) in order to allow future development of 275,000 square foot warehouse in northern portion of 33-acre property at 6103 NE 152nd Avenue
- Citywide Warehouse Moratorium Background
- Questions & discussion to identify issues or information to address at July 11 Planning Commission public hearing

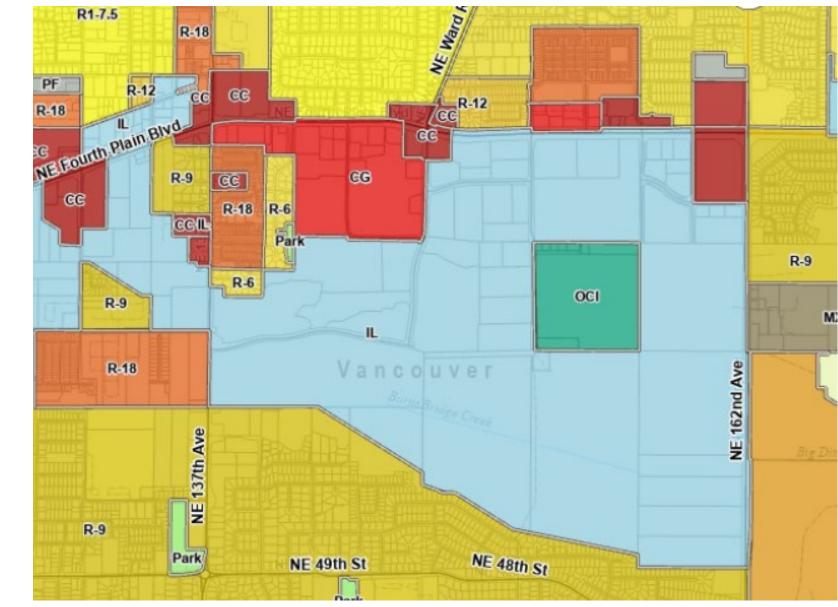


Change from OCI to IL zoning on 33-acre site at 6103 NE 152nd Avenue



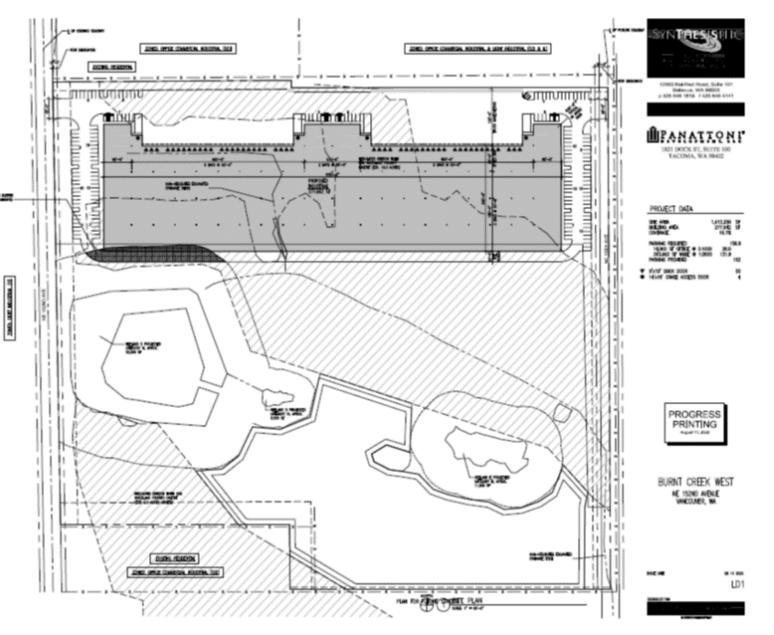


Regional Zoning





Anticipated Development – 278,000 square foot warehouse on northern third of site



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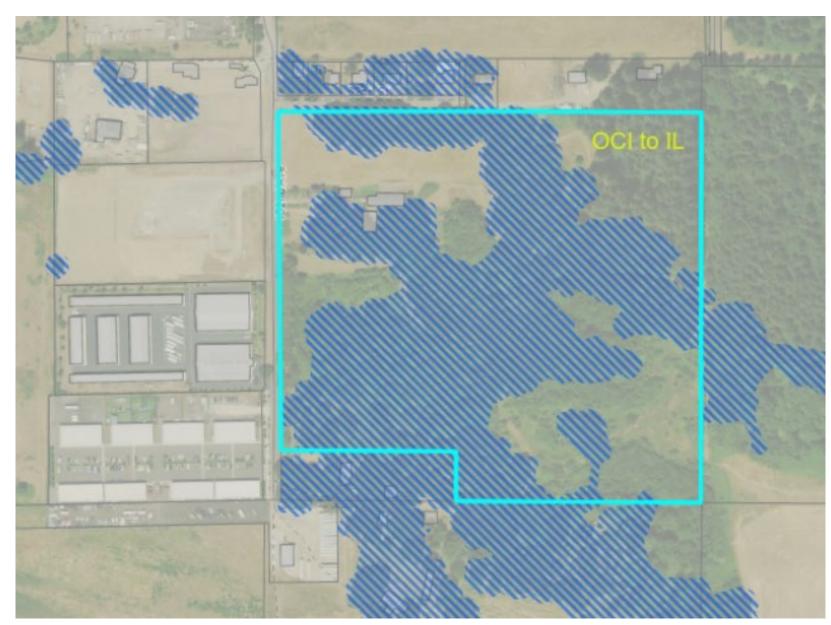
Application

- Standalone rezone proposals must be more consistent than existing zoning with the City Strategic and Comprehensive Plans and must demonstrate a change in circumstances.
- They are not subject to Annual Review timing limits.
- Application argues the proposal offers more flexibility to meet overall industrial goals, will provide 200-300 jobs, help meet current consumer needs, and will provide fiscal benefits.

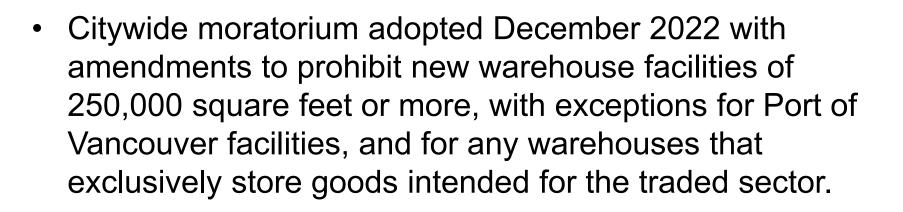


Critical Lands Issues – Property heavily forested with Oregon White Oak Habitat (blue)





Background -Citywide Warehouse Moratorium



- Staff currently working with consultants to complete research, identify new code standards.
- Moratorium scheduled to expire in December 2023, after six-month extension approved by City Council at June 5 public hearing.



Background -Citywide Warehouse Moratorium (cont.)



- Intended to address concerns over rapid recent increases in large scale development on limited industrial lands, with potentially low employment yields and potential traffic and climate impacts.
- Follow up research indicates there are a limited number of large-scale industrial properties citywide likely to accommodate large warehouses after those already vested and in pipeline are complete.



July 11 rezone hearing issues and anticipated staff recommendation



- Department of Fish and Wildlife letter raised concerns about impacts to habitat, suggests conservation covenant be placed on lower portions of site.
- Local industry and environmental groups which commented on citywide moratorium may testify.
- Staff originally anticipated denial recommendation as application was premature pending moratorium, now anticipates approval recommendation based on initial research conducted as part of moratorium, and consideration of site environmental constraints.
- Site still subject to moratorium while its in place, and presumably subject to new development standards anticipated to be adopted prior to lifting moratorium.

Questions?

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