# REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: **05/09/2011** ITEM NO: 12.c

Department Approval

Acting City Manager Approval:

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Item Description:

Request by Meritex Enterprises, Inc. for approval of a

PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAT of the industrially-zoned property at 2280 Walnut Street and a request by AirGas North Central for approval of a CONDITIONAL USE to allow outdoor storage of bulk gas cylinders (PF11-010).

#### 1.0 REQUESTED ACTION

The development on the eastern portion of 2280 Walnut Street requires two separate actions. The first request, submitted by Meritex Enterprises, is related to the division of land (Preliminary and Final Plat) necessary to create a separate lot between the rail spur and the Minnesota Commercial Rail line with frontage along Terminal Drive. The second request, submitted by AirGas North Central, is related to a Conditional Use needed to allow outdoor storage of bulk gas storage vessels.

#### **Project Review History**

- Application submitted: March 4, 2011; Determined complete: March 10, 2011
- Sixty-day review deadline: May 15, 2011
- Project report prepared: April 6, 2011
- Planning Commission action (7-0): April 6, 2011
- City Council action: May 9, 2011

#### 2.0 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

On April 6, 2011, the Roseville Planning Commission held the duly notice public hearing regarding the Meritex Enterprises and AirGas North Central requests. The Commission found no issues or concerns with either request and voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the two. The Commission did remove a condition they felt was unnecessary because it is a requirement of the Zoning Ordinance.

#### 3.0 SUMMARY OF SUGGESTED ACTION

- 3.1 BY MOTION, APPROVE of the PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAT OF HIGHCREST PARK 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION, pursuant to Title 11 (Subdivisions) of the City Code.
- 3.2 BY MOTION, APPROVE the CONDITIONAL USE for AirGas North Central allowing outdoor storage of bulk gas cylinders.

See Section 8 of this report for the detailed action.

#### 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The property at 2280 Walnut Street has a Comprehensive Plan designation of Industrial (I) and a corresponding zoning classification of Industrial (I) District.
- 4.2 The Preliminary Plat has been prompted by the need to create a separate lot for AirGas North Central to development a gas processing and distribution facility (oxygen, nitrogen, nitrous oxide, and carbon dioxide) on the eastern piece of the 2280 Walnut Street parcel.
- 4.3 The proposed lot to be utilized by AirGas North Central will comprise the eastern portion, a triangular lot lying between the north/south rail spur and the Minnesota Commercial Rail line, and front along Terminal Drive. The remainder of the 2280 Walnut Street parcel will be platted as an outlot and require future subdivision when other uses/developments are brought forward.
- 4.4 The Conditional Use portion of the request is related to the storage of bulk gas cylinders outdoors within concrete bunkers at the rear or western portion of the site.
- 4.5 For the sake of clarification, the nature of an "outlot" is such that it may not be developed until it is re-platted. In this case, the intent is to plat the proposed Outlot A when future development scenarios are solidified enough to determine where lot lines will be most appropriate.

#### 5.0 Preliminary/Final Plat Analysis

- 5.1 Plat proposals are reviewed primarily for the purpose of ensuring that all proposed lots meet the minimum size requirements of the zoning code, that adequate streets and other public infrastructure are in place or identified and constructed, and that storm water is addressed to prevent problems either on nearby property or within the storm water system. As a Preliminary Plat of an industrial property, the proposal leaves no zoning issues to be addressed since the Zoning Code does not establish minimum lot dimensions or area.
- 5.2 Roseville's Development Review Committee, a body comprising staff from various City departments, met on March 10 and 17, 2011 to discuss the application. There were no outstanding issues addressed at the meeting regarding the subdivision submittal. Specifically, the plat submittal included all necessary easements and road right-of-way. However, the private ponds easements shown on the preliminary plat were requested to be removed for these will not be public ponds. The final plat does not include the pond easements, only the appropriate and required easements sought by the City.
- 5.3 The DRC did have a few comments regarding site access, site improvements, and clarification on other building related items. However, these items are not germane to the requested approval and will be addressed as a component of the building permit process.
- After the Planning Commission meeting of April 6, 2011, the applicant submitted revised documents to the City for review and consideration by the Planning Division and Engineering Division. These plans have been reviewed and both divisions support the combination and approval of the preliminary and final plat for Highcrest Park Second Addition.

5.5 The City Code regarding Park Dedication reads as follows:

#### 1103.07: PARK DEDICATION:

- A. Condition to Approval: As a condition to the approval of any subdivision of land in any zone, including the granting of a variance pursuant to Section 1104.04 of this Title, when a new building site is created in excess of one acre, by either platting or minor subdivision, and including redevelopment and approval of planned unit developments, the subdivision shall be reviewed by the Park and Recreation Commission. The Commission shall recommend either a portion of land to be dedicated to the public for use as a park as provided by Minnesota Statutes 462.358, subdivision (2)(b), or in lieu thereof, a cash deposit given to the City to be used for park purposes; or a combination of land and cash deposit, all as hereafter set forth.
- B. Amount to be Dedicated: The portion to be dedicated in all residentially zoned areas shall be 10% and 5% in all other areas.
- C. Utility Dedications Not Qualified: Land dedicated for required street right of way or utilities, including drainage, does not qualify as park dedication.
- D. Payment in lieu of dedication in all zones in the city where park dedication is deemed inappropriate by the City, the owner and the City shall agree to have the owner deposit a sum of money in lieu of a dedication. The sum shall be reviewed and determined annually by the City Council by resolution. (Ord. 1061, 6-26-1989)
- E. Park Dedication Fees may, in the City Council's sole discretion, be reduced for affordable housing units as recommended by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the City of Roseville. (Ord. 1278, 02/24/03).
- On March 18, 2011, the Community Development Department received a letter for the Meritex Enterprises (property owner) seeking a waiver from the required park dedication (land or fee in lieu) requirements for their 42 acre Highcrest Park property (Attachment F).
- 5.7 On April 5, 2011, the Park and recreation Commission took-up the request and voted not to support the waiver. The Commission also voted to recommend to the City Council that a payment in lieu of land dedication be made, which per the City Fee Schedule is 5% of the friar market value of the unimproved land.

#### 6.0 CONDITIONAL USE ANALYSIS

6.1 The use of the site for processing and/or distribution is a permitted use. AirGas plans on constructing a facility for the purpose of a cylinder filling operation with four separate bulk storage vessels for supplying oxygen, nitrogen, nitrous oxide, and carbon dioxide. Cylinder filling is conducted within the building according to National Fire Protection Association regulations. Cylinders are inspected, maintained, handled, filled, stored and transported using approved written procedures and guidelines that comply with state and federal regulations. The Conditional Use request is to enable AirGas to safely store flammable gas cylinders outside in concrete block bunkers.

- 6.2 REVIEW OF GENERAL CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA: Section 1009.02C of the City Code establishes general standards and criteria for all conditional uses, and the Planning Commission and City Council must find that each proposed conditional use does or can meet these requirements. The general standards are as follows:
  - **a.** The proposed use is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Division believes that the proposed outdoor storage of cylinders is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan, but that it advances land use Policy 11.2 through the CU process established in the zoning ordinance which controls and/or restricts the use of open storage areas in the industrial district.
  - **b.** The proposed use is not in conflict with a Regulating Map or other adopted plan. The proposed outdoor storage CU is not in conflict with such plans because none apply to the area surrounding the property.
  - c. The proposed use is not in conflict with any City Code requirements. The Planning Division has determined that the use of the site as a gas processing and distribution facility is a permitted use and that the outdoor cylinder storage can be addressed under the CU process as well as meet all applicable City Code requirements; moreover, a conditional use approval can be rescinded if the approved storage use fails to comply with all applicable Code requirements or conditions of the approval.
  - **d.** The proposed use will not create an excessive burden on parks, streets, and other public facilities. Planning Division staff does not expect such a use to have any noticeable impact on any parks or public infrastructure.
  - **e.** The proposed use will not be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood, will not negatively impact traffic or property values, and will not otherwise harm the public health, safety, and general welfare. The storage of gas cylinders in concrete bunkers that are 8 feet in height at the rear of the site, which should not be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood, will not negatively impact traffic or property values, and will not otherwise harm the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community.
- 6.3 REVIEW OF SPECIFIC CONDITIONAL USE CRITERIA: Section 1009.02D-23 of the City Code establishes additional standards and criteria that are specific to outdoor storage associated with manufacturing and/or processing facilities; the Planning Commission and City Council must also find that the proposal does or can meet the additional pertinent standards.
  - **a.** Areas of outdoor activities or storage shall not be located between the principal use and the primary public street. The proposal meets this requirement with the cylinder bunker/containment area located in the rear yard along the west property line.
  - **b.** Areas of outdoor activities or storage shall be screened by a solid opaque wall or fence at least 8 feet in height. The outdoor storage of the gas cylinders (trigger for CU) will be contained within 5 bunkers that are 25 foot wide by 25 foot deep and 8 feet in height. The storage bunker achieves the majority of the screening requirement and with the installation of gates or another form of screening, the outdoor storage area will meet code requirements. The Planning Division continues to work with the applicant of the final design and materials to satisfy this requirement.

- **c.** Aggregates and other granular materials shall be stored in such a way that prevents *erosion*. With no aggregate or granular material being stored on the premises, this condition is not applicable.
- **d.** The Planning Commission and City Council shall give special consideration to the height of equipment and materials stored outside and its visibility from nearby properties and roadways. The proposal submitted by AirGas and the requirements of the Code (general and through the CU process) will effectively address the visibility issue. Specifically, the storage of the gas cylinders outdoors in concrete bunkers will screen the outdoor storage of cylinder form adjacent business/property view.
- Roseville's Development Review Committee (DRC), a body comprising of staff from various City departments, met on February 17, 2011 to discuss this application. Members of the DRC had a few general comments regarding the sites design, such as the location of access, private versus public ponds, fencing height and material, and that all parking lot areas must include concrete curb and gutter. The Fire Marshal has reviewed the proposal and finds it complies with the fire code. The DRC supports the approval of the Conditional Use.
- 6.5 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS: Section 1011.02 of the City Code establishes specific standards that need to be achieved throughout Roseville. Section 1011.02C reads: In General: All uses shall be conducted so as to prevent any nuisance, hazard or commonly recognized offensive conditions, including creation or emission of noise, smoke and particulate matter, toxic or nontoxic matter, odors, vibrations, glare or heat, and the use of explosives.
  - **a.** Noise: Any use established shall be so operated that no noise resulting from said operation which would constitute a nuisance is perceptible beyond the premises. This does not apply to incidental traffic, parking and off-street loading operations. The Planning Division does not anticipate that the use of the site by AirGas North Central will create more noise than that considered incidental to the operation.
  - **b.** Smoke And Particulate Matter: The emission of smoke or particulate matter is prohibited where such emission is perceptible beyond the premises to the degree as to constitute a nuisance. The Planning Division does not anticipate the emission of smoke and/or particulate matter from the operation by AirGas the filling of bulk gas cylinders.
  - c. Toxic Or Noxious Matter: No use shall, for any period of time, discharge across the boundaries of the lot wherein it is located, toxic or noxious matter of such concentration as to be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, comfort or welfare or cause injury or damage to property or business. The Planning Division does not anticipate that any of the gases contained within bulk storage vessels or those within consumer gas storage cylinders will be discharged and endanger the public health, safety, comfort or welfare, or cause injury, damage to property or business. This type of use is regulated by the state and has specific Occupational Safety Hazard Administration (OSHA) standards/requirements that must be met during the transference of gases from the bulk storage vessels to the consumer sized cylinders.

- **d.** Odors: The emission of odorous matter in such quantities as to be readily detectable beyond the boundaries of the immediate site is prohibited. The Planning Division does not anticipate through the operation of the site that there will be any odorous matter detectable beyond the property boundary. Some of the gases that will be stored and transferred do not have an odor, while a few such as propane and acetylene do have a slight odor present.
- **e.** Vibrations: Any use creating periodic earthshaking vibrations, such as are created by heavy drop forges or heavy hydraulic surges, shall be prohibited if such vibrations are perceptible beyond the boundaries of the immediate site. The Planning Division does not anticipate any vibrations from the use/operation as a gas processing/distribution facility.
- **f.** Glare or Heat: Any operation producing intense glare or heat shall be performed within a completely enclosed building. The Planning Division does not anticipate any heat or glare from the use/operation as a gas processing/distribution facility.
- g. Explosives: No activities involving the storage, utilization or manufacture of materials or products which could decompose by detonation shall be permitted except such as are specifically licensed by the city council. Such materials shall include, but not be confined to, all primary explosives such as lead oxide and lead sulfate; all high explosives and boosters such as TNT, RDS, tetryl and ammonium nitrate; propellants and components thereof such as nitrocellulose, black powder, ammonium perchlorate and nitroglycerin; blasting explosives such as dynamite, powdered magnesium, potassium chlorate, potassium permanganates and potassium nitrate, and nuclear fuels and reactor elements such as uranium 235 and plutonium. The Planning Division, through the review of the literature submitted and our analysis of the gases to be present on the site does not find that explosives as defined above will be present. It is true that some of the gasses contained on site are flammable, and it is also true that anything that is pressurized can explode. The Fire Department has reviewed the list of gasses and will require them to be stored safely and in accordance with the fire code (see conditions 7.2 b, c, and d).

#### 7.0 PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

- 7.1 On April 6, 2011, the Planning Commission held the duly noticed public hearing regarding Meritex Enterprises request for a Preliminary Plat and for AirGas North Central request for Conditional Use approval to allow outdoor storage.
- 7.2 No citizens were present to address the Commission on either of the requests, but Commissioners and the applicant did have questions of staff.
- 7.3 The Planning Commission was interested in knowing why or whether condition 1 pertaining to screening of the outdoor storage area was necessary when it is covered by the Zoning Ordinance.
- 7.4 This applicant's representative was interested in knowing whether a compromise or reduction in the fencing as contained in the report could be considered. The City Planner indicated that the condition could be removed and that the Planning Staff would discuss the requirement of screening and provide the applicant with options.

- 7.5 The applicant's representative also sought consideration of the final plat. However, the City Planner indicated that a Final Plat is only considered by the City Council not the Planning Commission and that the Staff would discuss the combination of Preliminary and Final for Council consideration.
- 7.6 The Planning Commission voted (7-0) to recommend approval of the Preliminary Plat of Highcrest Park second Addition, subject to the following condition:
  - **a.** The currently indicated public drainage pond easements found in two locations on the Preliminary Plat shall be removed. These ponds will be private, not public.
- 7.7 The Planning Commission also voted (7-0) to recommend to the City Council approval of the Conditional Use allowing outdoor storage of gas cylinders for AirGas North Central, subject to:
  - **a.** Condition 1 of the staff recommendation being removed; and
  - **b.** All cylinders shall be stored vertically unless cylinders are designed for horizontal storage.
  - **c.** All cylinders shall have protective metal caps over valves at all times.
  - **d.** Non-flammable cylinders shall not be permitted to be stored with flammable cylinders

#### 8.0 SUGGESTED CITY COUNCIL ACTION

- 8.1 Since the Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Division has been working with the applicant and their project manager on meeting specific requirements prior to forwarding the requests to the City Council for approval. The most recent plans have been reviewed and meet with Planning Division approval. Specifically the building materials have been addressed to meet the requirements in Section 1006.02, fencing and screening requirements of the Conditional Use, and revisions to the site plan to indicate all outdoor storage areas.
- ADOPT A RESOLUTION, APPROVING the PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAT of Highcrest Park 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, 2280 Walnut Street, based on the comments and findings of Sections 5 of this staff report dated May 9, 2011;
- 8.3 ADOPT A RESOLUTION, APPROVING the CONDITIONAL USE for AirGas North Central to allow outdoor storage of gas cylinders within concrete bunkers, based on the comments and findings of Section 6 and the conditions of 7.7b-c of the project report dated May 9, 2011.

Prepared by: City Planner Thomas Paschke

Attachments: A: Area map

B: Aerial photo

C: Application Supplement Info

D: Preliminary Plat

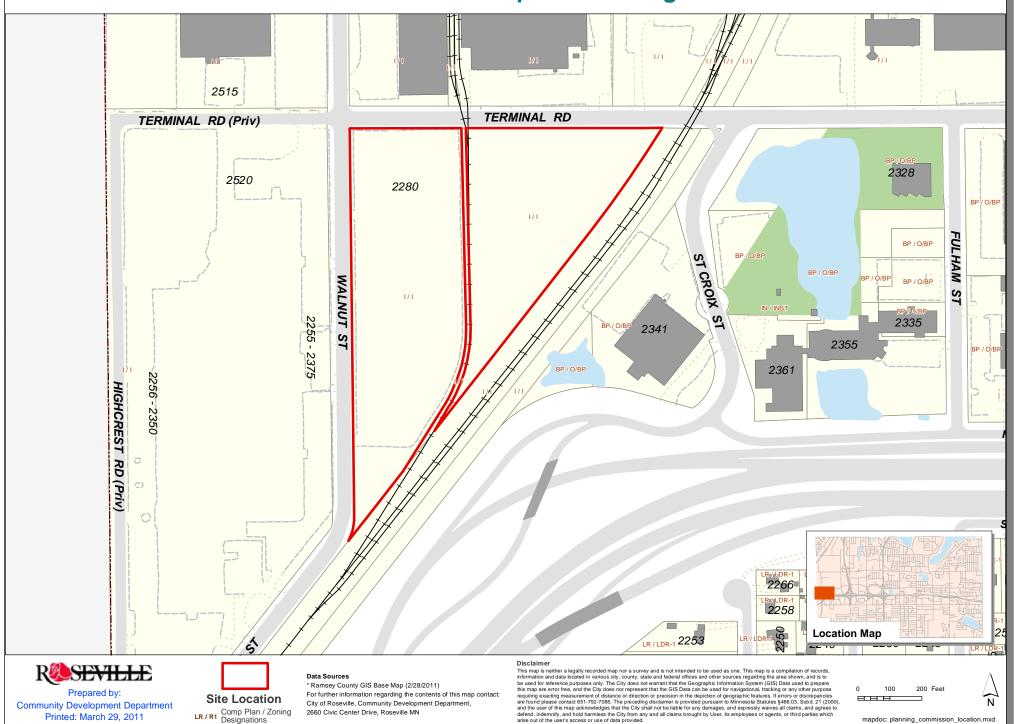
E: Site plans

F: Park dedication waiver letter

G: Plat resolution

H: Conditional use resolution

### **Attachment A: Location Map for Planning File 11-010**



### **Attachment B: Aerial Map of Planning File 11-010**





Prepared by: Community Development Department Printed: March 29, 2011



#### Data Sources

\* Ramsey County GIS Base Map (2/28/2011)

\* Aerial Data: Kucera (4/2009)

For further information regarding the contents of this map contact: City of Roseville, Community Development Department, 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville MN

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#### **Thomas Paschke**

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To: Thomas Paschke

Cc: Pankratz, Brian L. @ Minneapolis; SNilsson@WelshCo.com

Subject: Air Gas Parcel

Attachments: 32988-AREA-EXHIBIT 11X17 CERT (LANDSCAPE) (1) (3).pdf

#### **Thomas:**

This e-mail is to inform you that Meritex is currently negotiating with Air Gas to sell them a portion of our property along Terminal Road (aka County Road B-2). The Air Gas parcel is identified on the attached plan as the "Triangle Parcel".

We expect to have a Purchase and Sale Agreement fully executed by the end of next week. We also plan to submit a plat application to the City of Roseville Monday of next week.

Finally, we wanted you to know that Meritex supports the efforts by Air Gas to begin the DRC review process and to obtain a Conditional Use Permit.

Should you have any further questions regarding the Air Gas process and/or platting of the land, feel free to e-mail or call me.

Regards,

#### **Dan Williams**



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#### Statement of Intent/General Use

# Walnut Street Airgas, Inc. - Industrial and Medical gases supplier Welding Supplies distributor

#### Description of Proposed Operation

Airgas, Inc. founded in 1982 has over 1300 U.S. locations as a welding equipment (welding machines, wire, etc.) distributor, and an Industrial Gas (oxygen, acetylene, nitrogen, etc.) supplier.

At this location the cylinder filling operation consists of four separate bulk storage vessels (systems) for supplying oxygen, nitrogen, nitrous oxide and carbon dioxide to a number of respective cylinder filling stations. All cylinder filling is done inside the building per NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) regulations. Cylinders are inspected, maintained, handled, filled, stored, and transported using approved written procedures and guidelines that comply with federal, state, and local codes and regulations.

Airgas, Inc. has safely stored gas cylinders for years at multiple locations throughout the United States. Our request for this proposed approval is to enable us to continue to safely store flammable gas cylinders <u>outside</u>, in concrete block bunkers, (see drawings). All flammable gas cylinders will be stored within the bunkers shown on the south side of property drawings. These bunkers are constructed of concrete block for separation into small quantities (see Bulletin 57).

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO FILLING OF FLAMMABLE GAS CYLINDERS AT THIS LOCATION. NO FLAMMABLE GAS CYLINDERS WILL BE STORED INDOORS.

#### Market area served

Our facility will continue to support the greater Minneapolis/St Paul market area. Our fill plant operates one shift from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00

p.m. approximately 22 full-time on site operations staff will occupy the building. The store will be closed on weekends.

The distribution of the welding equipment and compressed gas cylinders will be with done with semi and straight trucks. There will be a total of 6 vehicles delivering the products. The earliest a truck will leave the facility in the morning is 4:30 am and the latest will be 5 pm excluding unscheduled deliveries. The filling of the compressed gases will be on one shift starting at 5am and ending by 5pm Monday through Friday.

This location will be used as a production and distribution center for these products, and is a relocation of a currently existing operation in the City of St. Paul MN. The Project will include a building used as a distribution and production facility with sales offices. Production for example is defined as taking liquid Oxygen and compressing it into a gas form that is then put into smaller cylinders for distribution.

The Project will provide a capital investment to the City of Roseville of over \$3,000,000. It will bring 40 jobs to Roseville and allow opportunity for Airgas to grow.

The proposed use of this property and the building to be constructed on it are for the filling and distribution of welding equipment and compressed gas cylinders. The cylinders will be secured on steel pallets and stored in concrete-block bunkers as shown on the submitted drawings. Airgas, Inc. has provided documentation regarding its Plan of Operation, Drawings, Emergency Response Plan, Safety, Quantities of Gas Stored on Site, and MSDS sheets.

Storage of compressed gas cylinders will comply with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), International Fire Code (IFC), Roseville Fire Department, and the City's Environmental Management Department rules, regulations, and requirements. No toxic materials are handled on site. Outside storage of the cylinders is necessary to facilitate their handling, delivery, and shipment. The lot does not provide sufficient space for all such storage and handling to be done within the building, nor is it practical or desirable to do so. The outside storage accesses and facilitates the use of the building as permitted by the current zoning.

Only the materials and cylinders directly related to Airgas, Inc.'s business will be delivered to the site, stored there, then distributed to its customers in the area or removed for filling and re-use. This operation and the outside storage of its materials will have no adverse impact on the environment or any natural resources.



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March 2, 2011

Mr. Tom Paschke, City Planner City of Roseville 2660 Civic Center Drive Roseville, MN 55113

Re:

Conditional Use Permit Narrative and Traffic Memorandum

Airgas Inc.

County Road B-2 in the 2400 Block Vicinity

Mr. Paschke:

RLK Incorporated (RLK) in association with Consolidated Construction Company (CCC) of Appleton, Wisconsin are pleased to be supplementing the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the proposed Airgas North Central Facility. Our request is for the City of Roseville to approve the project as outlined in the Conditional use Application booklet and preliminary plans to allow Airgas Inc. to be constructed on a 5.9± acre site. Currently the site is zoned industrial, is vacant, and is located between two railroad spurs. An overhead Xcel transmission line parallels the east leg of this triangle shaped site. This project will not impact the railroads, transmission towers, or easements. The 5.5 acre parcel is proposed to be subdivided from a larger parcel of property and will have direct access to County Road B-2.

The project will consist of a 17,560 sf building with approximately 42 parking stalls. There are two proposed curb cuts to County Road B-2 with employee parking in front of the building and loading docks and open storage of gas canisters located to the rear of the building within a chain link security fence. The proposed facility will add employment and develop a vacant parcel to the standards of the City. All architectural, lighting, landscape and setbacks meet the City Code for this industrial employment district. The project is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, the City Code Requirements, and is not in conflict with other regulatory maps or adopted plans.

The proposed use will not create an excessive burden on parks, streets or other public facilities. The anticipated employee, customer and truck traffic is further outlined in the attached memorandum. The proposed project is a perfect fit for this industrial section of the City.

In addition, to presenting this plan to the City for approval, we will be submitting the plans to the Rice Creek Watershed District for review. The Stormwater Management Plan for this site has been designed to meet both the City and the Watersheds regulations.

The project has been designed to City standards, is consistent with all plans and will not negatively impact traffic, property values, public health, safety, or general welfare.

Sincerely,

**RLK Incorporated** 

John E. Dietrich, ASLA Principal Landscape Architect

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Attachment: Traffic Memorandum

#### Traffic Impact Study Airgas, Roseville, MN

RLK Incorporated has reviewed the traffic impacts with the proposed Airgas site along Terminal Road in Roseville, MN. The current average daily traffic along Terminal Road is 3,700 trips per day.

The following users play into the traffic impacts of the site:

Customers/Visitors to the site 25 vehicles per day (all non-peak)
Airgas service trucks 6 trucks per day (all non-peak)

Bulk Delivery Trucks 0.8 trucks per day (3-4 per week – all non-

peak)

Employees (22) 22 vehicles per day (peak hour

arrival/departure)

In a worst case scenario, the following daily trip generation is assumed for the site:

Customer/Visitor trips 50 trips per day
Employee trips (arrive, depart & lunch) 88 trips per day
Service call trips 12 trips per day
Bulk delivery trips ~2 trips per day

TOTAL 152 trips per day

Furthermore, the following peak hour trip generation is assumed in a worst case scenario:

Customer trips (worst case)

Employee trips (arrive, depart & lunch)

Service call trips

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TOTAL 47 trips per hour

The four-lane configuration of Terminal Road has adequate capacity to serve the 3,700 vehicles per day. The addition of 152 trips per day onto Terminal Road, with the bulk of those trips during non-peak times, will pose minimal additional impact to the overall level of service for the facility.

Therefore, it is determined that, from a transportation perspective, the proposed Airgas development "...will not be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood, will not negatively impact traffic or property values, and ill not otherwise harm the public health, safety, and general welfare."



#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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#### CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

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vib	General: All uses shall be conducted so as to prevent any nuisance, hazard or commonly recognized offensive additions, including creation or emission of noise, smoke and particulate matter, toxic or nontoxic matter, odors, rations, glare or heat, and the use of explosives. Below, briefly describe how you meet the following adards:
a.	Noise: Any use established shall be so operated that no noise resulting from said operation which would constitute a nuisance is perceptible beyond the premises. This does not apply to incidental traffic, parking and off-street loading operations.  There will be use of forklifts outside along with six fleet trucks operated out of this location.
b.	Smoke And Particulate Matter: The emission of smoke or particulate matter is prohibited where such emission is perceptible beyond the premises to the degree as to constitute a nuisance.
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By completing this form, you attest that the use of the subject property will conform to the above environmental regulations. The Community Development may require additional information regarding the use and potential impacts of the use, prior to approving a building permit.
Property Address and General Use of Property:
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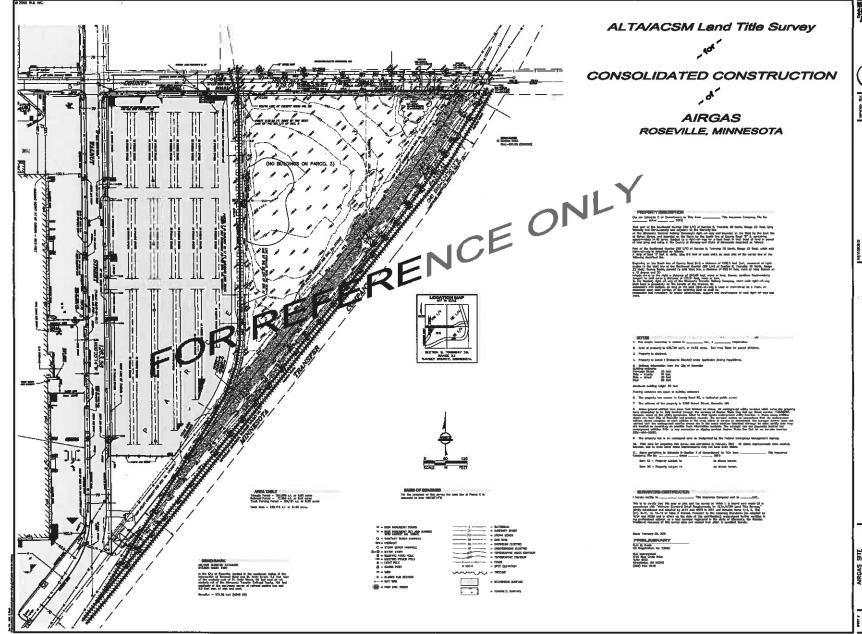


#### Airgas Listing of Types and Maximum Gases located at the Roseville Site

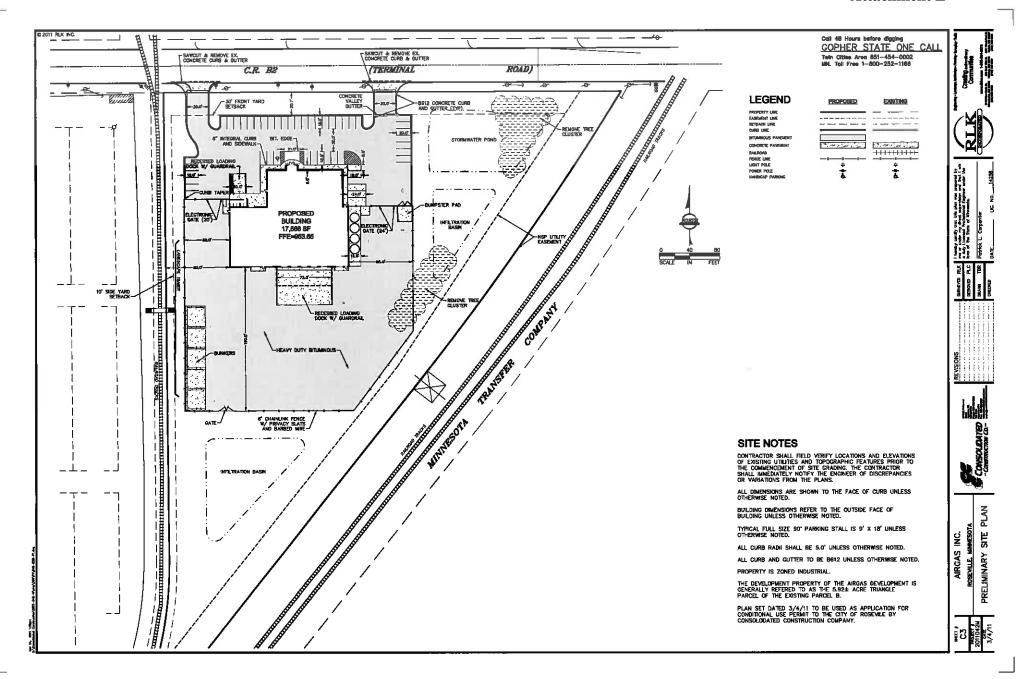
Regula	Regulated Substance Max Pounds on Site	
•	Acetylene	3987
	Air	10789
•	Argon	13857
•	Carbon Dioxide	15123
•	Carbon Dioxide Liquid	54322
•	Helium	832
•	Nitrogen	7527
•	Nitrogen Liquid	98085
•	Nitrous Oxide	13100
•	Nitrous Oxide & less than 1% other gases	4992
•	Nitrous Oxide Liquid	26372
0:	OXYFUME (Ethylene Oxide)	186
•	Oxygen	19329
•	Oxygen Liquid	108799
•	Propane	679

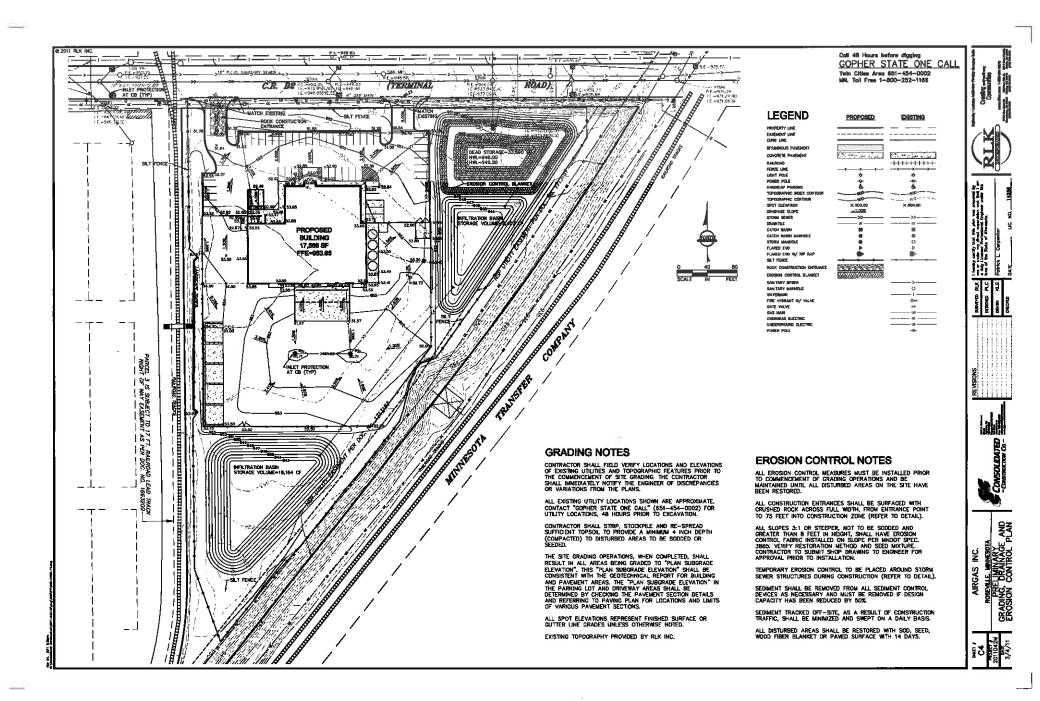
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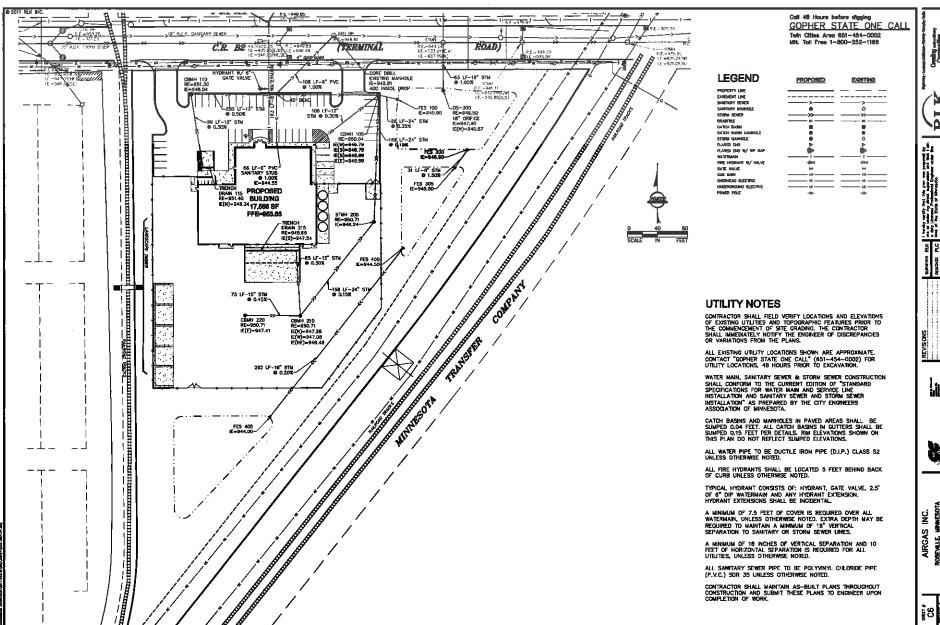
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•	Propane	679



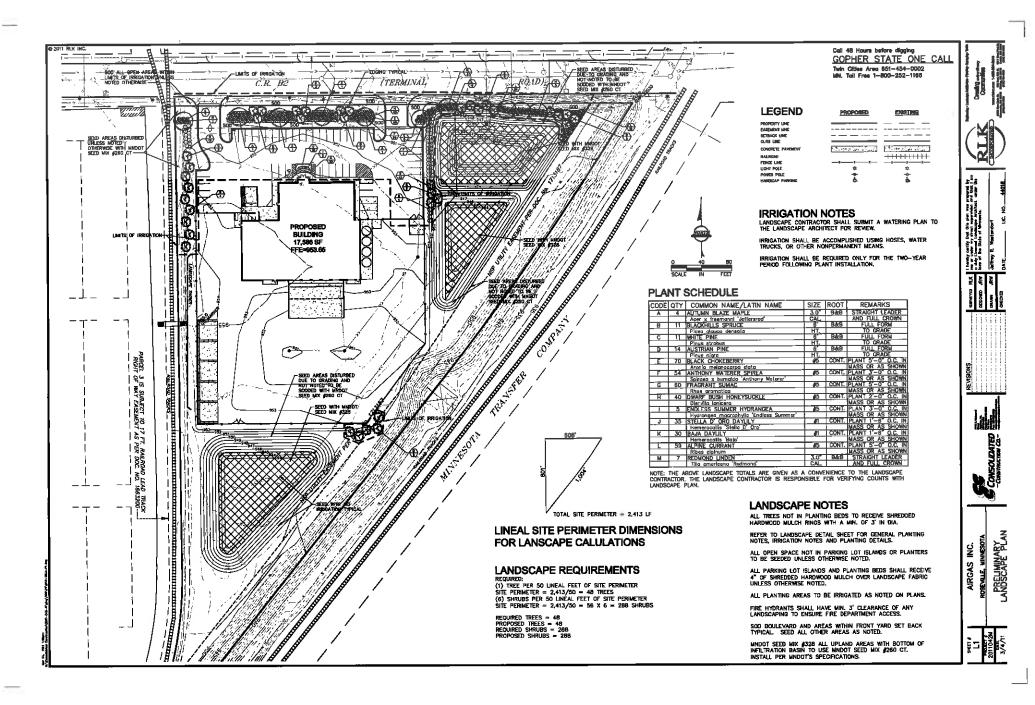


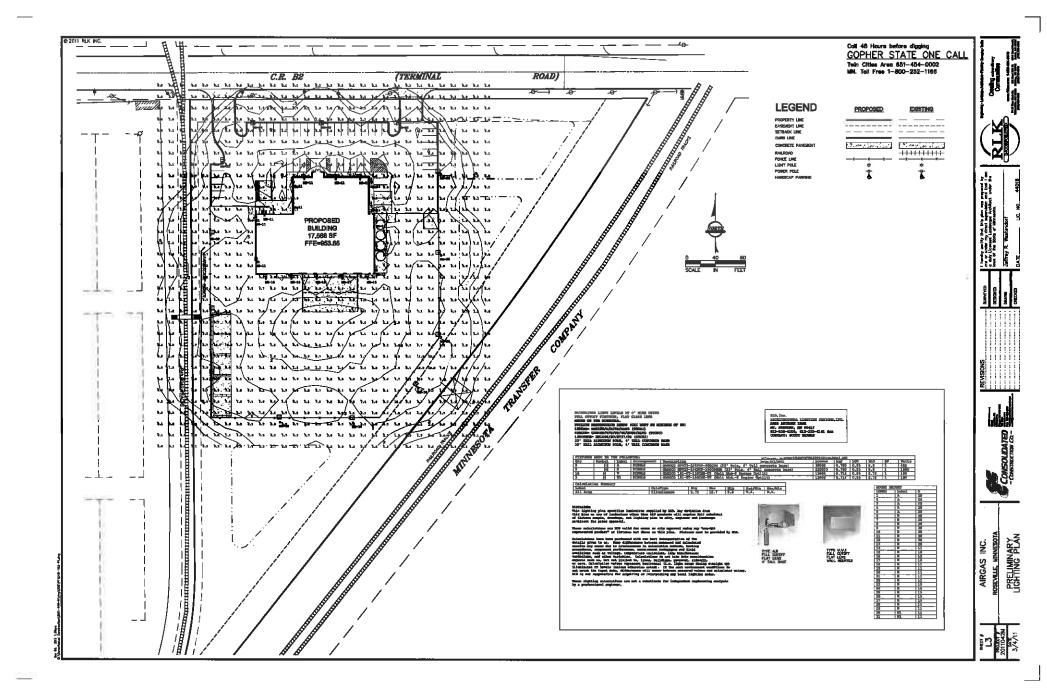


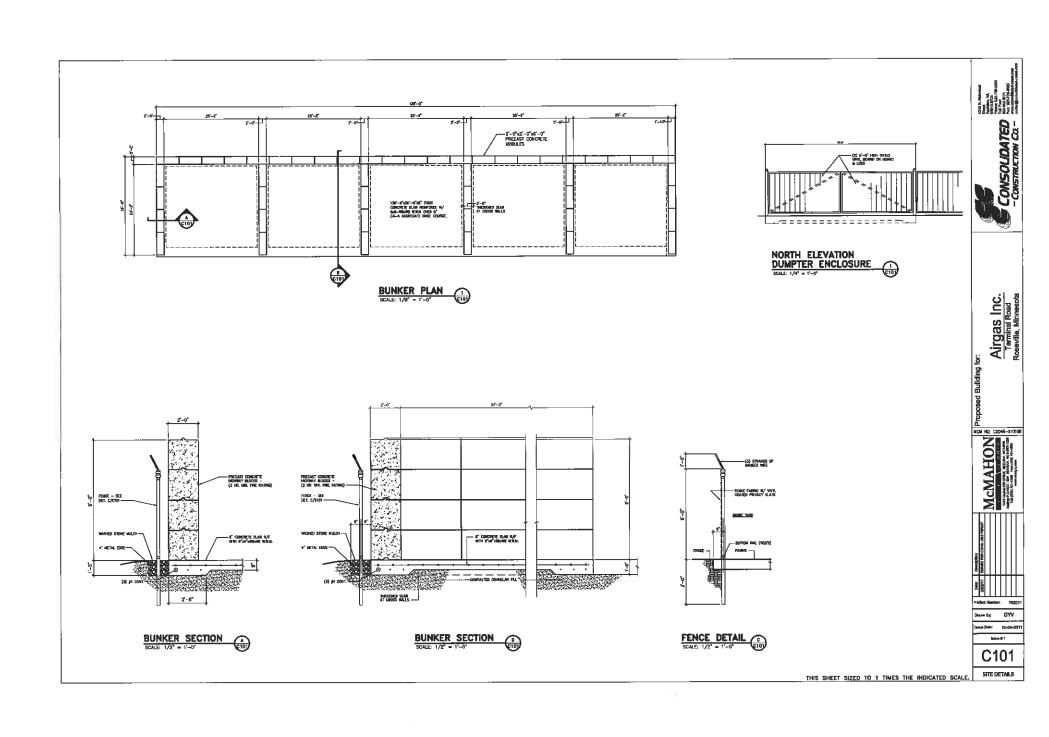


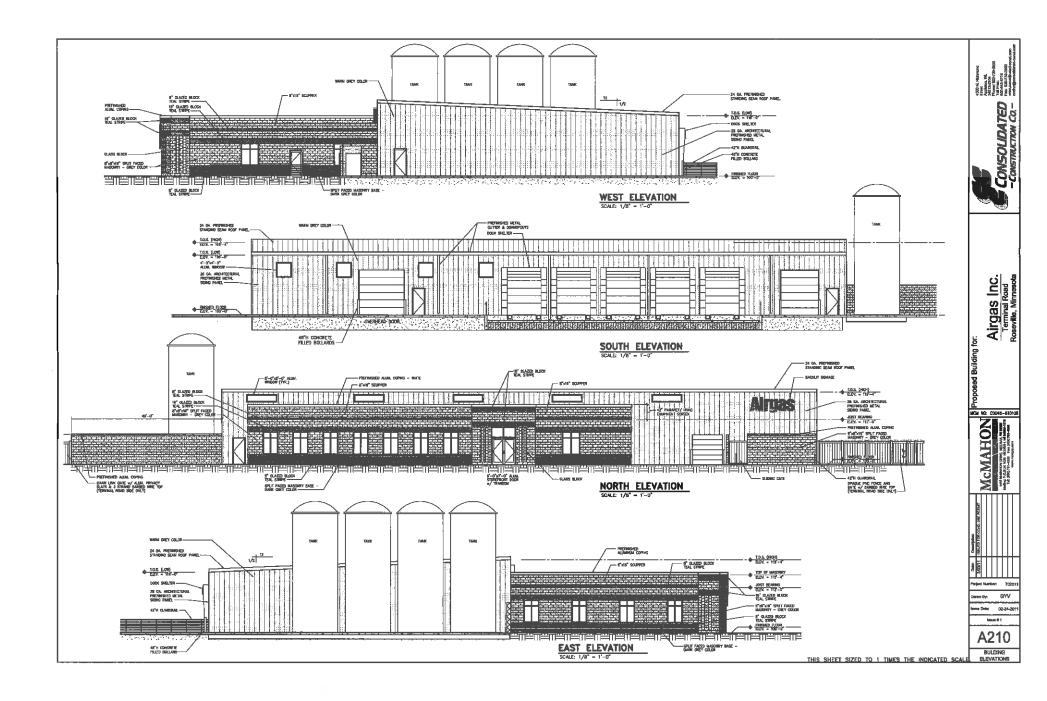


PLAN PRELIMINARY UTILITY ROSEVILLE, MINNESOT











Sent via email to: pat.trudgeon@ci.roseville.mn.us

March 18, 2011

Pat Trudgeon Community Development Director City of Roseville 2660 Civic Center Drive Roseville, MN 55113

Re: Replatting of Highcrest Park, Roseville, MN

Dear Mr. Trudgeon:

Meritex Enterprises, Inc. is the owner of Highcrest Park, a 42 acre land parcel located at the southeast and southwest corners of Walnut Street and County Road B-2 (Terminal Road) in Roseville, MN. For the past several years, Meritex has been marketing the site for sale. We now have three companies who are interested in purchasing portions of the property. Two of these have evolved to the point where we have submitted preliminary and final subdivision plat applications to the City for approval. Once replatted, these parcels will be sold to the companies who will then construct facilities to meet their business needs.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the City waive the Park Dedication Fee as described in Minnesota Statute 462.358 for all subdivision activity related to Highcrest Park. We request this waiver in that the development of this land as industrial use will not generate demand for new park facilities nor will it have a material impact on any existing park resources. Also, our subdivision plans will not require the addition of any new city utility systems or infrastructure.

Please call at (651) 855-9671 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Meritex Enterprises, Inc.

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Daniel K. Williams

Chief Investment Officer

Cc: Thomas Paschke – City Planner, City of Roseville Brian Lloyd - Associate City Planner, City of Roseville

## EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE

1	of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota, was held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
3	The following Members were present:
4	and Members were absent:
5	Council Member introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:
6 7 8	RESOLUTION NO A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF HIGHCREST PARK SECOND ADDITION (PF11-010)
9	WHEREAS, Mertex Enterprises has requested approval of a subdivision 2280 Walnut Street; and
11 12 13	WHEREAS, the Roseville Planning Commission held the public hearing regarding the proposed Preliminary Plat on April 6, 2011, at which meeting no citizens were present to address the Commission; and
14 15 16	WHEREAS the Roseville Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the proposed Preliminary Plat based on the comments and findings of the staff report prepared for said public hearing; and
17 18 19	WHEREAS, the Roseville City Council, at its regular meeting on May 9, 2011, received the Planning Commission's recommendation pertaining to the PRELIMINARY PLAT and the City staff report regarding the FINAL PLAT; and
20 21 22	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Roseville, Minnesota, that the applications to approve a PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT on property located at 2280 Walnut Street is hereby approved.
23 24 25	The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor: ; and none voted against.
26	WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Resolution – Final Plat Meritex E	Interprises, 2280 Walnut Street (PF11-010)
STATE OF MINNESOTA	) ) ss
COUNTY OF RAMSEY	)
County of Ramsey, State of I attached and foregoing extra 9 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2011 with the	sing the duly qualified City Manager of the City of Roseville, Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the ct of minutes of a regular meeting of said City Council held on the coriginal thereof on file in my office.  D officially as such Manager this 9 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.
	William J. Malinen, City Manager

(SEAL)

## EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, Minnesota, was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

The following Members were present: Willmus; McGehee; Pust; Johnson; and Roe; and none were absent.

Council Member Roe introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

# RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_A RESOLUTION APPROVING OUTDOOR STORAGE AS A CONDITIONAL USE AT 2400 TERMINAL ROAD (PF11-010)

WHEREAS, AirGas North Central, applicant for approval of the proposed conditional use, on the property at 2400 Terminal Road, which is legally described as:

#### Lot 1, Block 1, Highcrest Second Addition

WHEREAS, the Roseville Planning Commission held the public hearing regarding the proposed CONDITIONAL USE on April 6, 2011, voting 7-0 to recommend approval of the use based on the comments and findings of the staff report prepared for said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Roseville City Council has determined that approval of the proposed CONDITIONAL USE will not result in adverse impacts to the surrounding properties based on the following findings:

- **a.** The proposed use is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. Planning Division believes that the proposed outdoor storage of cylinders is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan, but that it advances land use Policy 11.2 through the CU process established in the zoning ordinance which controls and/or restricts the use of open storage areas in the industrial district.
- **b.** The proposed use is not in conflict with a Regulating Map or other adopted plan. The proposed outdoor storage CU is not in conflict with such plans because none apply to the area surrounding the property.
- c. The proposed use is not in conflict with any City Code requirements. The Planning Division has determined that the use of the site as a gas processing and distribution facility is a permitted use and that the outdoor cylinder storage can be addressed under the CU process as well as meet all applicable City Code requirements; moreover, a conditional use approval can be rescinded if the approved storage use fails to comply with all applicable Code requirements or conditions of the approval.
- **d.** The proposed use will not create an excessive burden on parks, streets, and other public facilities. Planning Division staff does not expect such a use to have any noticeable impact on any parks or public infrastructure.
- **e.** The proposed use will not be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood, will not negatively impact traffic or property values, and will not otherwise harm the public health, safety, and

37 38 39		<i>general welfare</i> . The storage of gas cylinders in concrete bunkers that are 8 feet in height at the rear of the site, which should not be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood, will not negatively impact traffic or property values, and will not otherwise harm the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community.
l1 l2	W outdoor st	HEREAS, the Roseville City Council further finds based on the review of specific criteria for torage:
13 14 15	<i>a</i> .	Areas of outdoor activities or storage shall not be located between the principal use and the primary public street. The proposal meets this requirement with the cylinder bunker/containment area located in the rear yard along the west property line.
16 17 18 19 50 51	b.	Areas of outdoor activities or storage shall be screened by a solid opaque wall or fence at least 8 feet in height. The outdoor storage of the gas cylinders (trigger for CU) will be contained within 5 bunkers that are 25 foot wide by 25 foot deep and 8 feet in height. The storage bunker achieves the majority of the screening requirement and with the installation of gates or another form of screening, the outdoor storage area will meet code requirements. The Planning Division continues to work with the applicant of the final design and materials to satisfy this requirement.
53 54 55	<i>c</i> .	Aggregates and other granular materials shall be stored in such a way that prevents erosion. With no aggregate or granular material being stored on the premises, this condition is not applicable.
56 57 58 59 50	d.	The Planning Commission and City Council shall give special consideration to the height of equipment and materials stored outside and its visibility from nearby properties and roadways. The proposal submitted by AirGas and the requirements of the Code (general and through the CU process) will effectively address the visibility issue. Specifically, the storage of the gas cylinders outdoors in concrete bunkers will screen the outdoor storage of cylinder form adjacent business/property view.
62 63 64	proposed	OW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Roseville City Council, to APPROVE the outdoor storage at 2400 Terminal Road as a CONDITIONAL USE in accordance with Section of the Roseville City Code, subject to:
35 36		<b>a.</b> All cylinders shall be stored vertically unless cylinders are designed for horizontal storage.
67		<b>b.</b> All cylinders shall have protective metal caps over valves at all times.
88		<b>c.</b> Non-flammable cylinders shall not be permitted to be stored with flammable cylinders
69 70 71	and	ne motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member dupon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor:; voted against.
72	W	HEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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Resolution – AirGas North Central,2400 Terminal Road (PF11-010)
STATE OF MINNESOTA ) ) ss
COUNTY OF RAMSEY )
I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified City Manager of the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes of a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2011 with the original thereof on file in my office.  WITNESS MY HAND officially as such Manager this 9 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.
William J. Malinen, City Manager
(SEAL)