Eco Mesa East MOU (Green Lot)

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Background

Summer 2023: City received unsolicited proposal to develop Green Parking Lot

- Located at southeast corner of Macdonald and Pepper Place
- 105 Parking Spaces



Eco Mesa East – Concept Overview



MOU Deal Points – Developer Obligations



Development of mixed-use apartment building and parking garage

- Minimum of 100 market rate/ luxury sustainable apartments
- Minimum of 2,000 sq ft of commercial space
- Multi-story, structured parking garage including:
 - 74 contiguous public parking spaces, with perpetual parking easement to City
 - At City's request, installation of conduit to support Level 2 electric vehicle chargers
 - All operation and maintenance during term of GPLET
 - Wayfinding
 - Design and construction of public outdoor plaza
 - Potential installation of solar project on top of Pepper Place Garage

MOU Deal Points – Developer Obligations

Development of mixed-use apartment building and parking garage (continued)

- Project will use City of Mesa utilities
- Provision of business plan including budget & pro forma
- Demonstration of financial capacity to successfully complete project



MOU Deal Points – City Obligations



- City will not solicit or entertain development proposals or offers during the term of the MOU
- Relocation of 30 permit parking spaces from City's Green Lot to Pepper Garage
- Provision of parking license agreement for up to 70 spaces in Pepper Garage
 - Provides developer 12 months option on spaces
 - Initial term of 5 years at \$45/month/space
 - Two five-year renewals for max 15 years
 - Renewal rate will be the published parking rate
 - Parking rates approved by Council at City's discretion

MOU Deal Points – City Obligations

- GPLET agreement 8-year tax abatement
 - Minimum public improvements that support requested tax abatement or reduction include:
 - Potential solar project
 - Public plaza space
 - Monetary contribution to be used for homeless or affordable housing programs, solar project, or programs that address infill development in redevelopment areas or at properties in Mesa categorized as blighted
- Customized Review Schedule for construction plans, applications, etc.
 - City will partner to provide support in any required rezoning process for the project



MOU Deal Points – City Obligations



- City may reimburse developer for certain public infrastructure improvements, that support a broader downtown
- Provision of available impact fee offsets for previous development

MOU Deal Points - Other Provisions



Discussion

