

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Aviation

AGENDA DATE: July 30, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Tony Nevarez, (915) 212-7301

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development

SUBGOAL: 1

SUBJECT:

A Resolution that the Director of Aviation or designee be authorized to submit a minor boundary modification/subzone expansion application with all supporting documents, and coordination with taxing entities for letters of support, to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board, which will modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) 68 to include the following parcel:

1601 N. Fabens Road, Fabens, El Paso County, Texas 79838, Subdivision L University lands

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Foreign Trade Zone 68 currently has 3448 acres designated as FTZ authorized land in the City of El Paso. These are parcels of land that are strategically located throughout El Paso covering industrial parks and stand-alone facilities.

The Minor Boundary Modification/Sub Zone Expansion will add the above listed parcel of land to the FTZ designated boundaries for the City of El Paso. This location is not currently in the FTZ 68 designated boundaries, so we will submit a standard Minor Boundary Modification/Sub Zone Expansion to the Foreign Trade Zones Board, US Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., for their approval. This parcel is located in El Paso County (Precinct 3), El Paso Community College (District 7), the Fabens Independent School District, and the Lower Valley Water District.

The City of El Paso has a grant authority to establish, operate, and maintain FTZ 68 in the El Paso County. The City of El Paso is known as the Grantee of FTZ 68, which is operated through the Aviation Department's FTZ Administrative office. The zone helps expedite and encourage foreign commerce in the El Paso region and desires to add these parcels into FTZ boundaries through a minor boundary modification process with the US Foreign Trade Zones Board, US Department of Commerce.

SNRA Commodities is a pecan producer that processes shelled and unshelled pecans, both imported and domestically produced. The unshelled pecans are processed to have the shells removed and to filter the pecans to eliminate the waste from the meat of the pecans. Some of the pecans are oil roasted on the site. These pecans are shipped to US and foreign customers.

The Minor Boundary Modification/SubZone Expansion is a standard process for the City of El Paso and the Foreign Trade Zones Board to keep the FTZ designated boundaries viable for industry, trade, and commerce. We have performed this process multiple times over the past few years.

El Paso City Council approves the minor boundary modification/subzone expansion, as the Grantee owner of FTZ 68. Once the El Paso City Council approves moving forward with this resolution, we will secure supporting letters from each of the taxing entities and US Customs and Border Protection. Once coordination with the affected taxing entities, FTZ 68 will submit the MBM application to the Foreign Trade Zones Board in Washington, D.C. for final approval. The taxing entities are the El Paso County, El Paso Community College, the Fabens Independent School District, and the Lower Valley Water District.

Attachment B shows the location of the parcel in relation to other FTZ 68 boundaries. Attachment C shows the location of the parcel with its associated streets. (No attachment A)

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The Council has approved multiple Minor Boundary Modifications/SubZone Expansion in the past for other companies and locations in the city of El Paso.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



Tony Nevarez, Interim Aviation Director

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, as recipient of a grant of authority from the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board, is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain Foreign Trade Zone No. 68; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso, by and through its Department of Aviation, established, owns, operates, and maintains Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 in order to expedite and encourage foreign commerce in the El Paso region; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso desires to submit a minor boundary modification/subzone expansion application to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board to modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include a new site which will be used for distribution and production operations.; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso desires the minor boundary modification/subzone expansion be subject to the activation limit under the traditional site framework,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Director of the Aviation or designee be authorized to submit a minor boundary modification/subzone expansion application, including all supporting documents and coordination with taxing entities for letters of support, to the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones Board, which will modify the boundaries of Foreign Trade Zone No. 68 to include the following:

1601 N. Fabens Road, Fabens, El Paso County, Texas 79838, Subdivision L University lands;

and to perform all other actions necessary to effectuate this boundary modification.

(Signatures begin on the following page)

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.


CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




Leslie B. Jean-Pierre
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

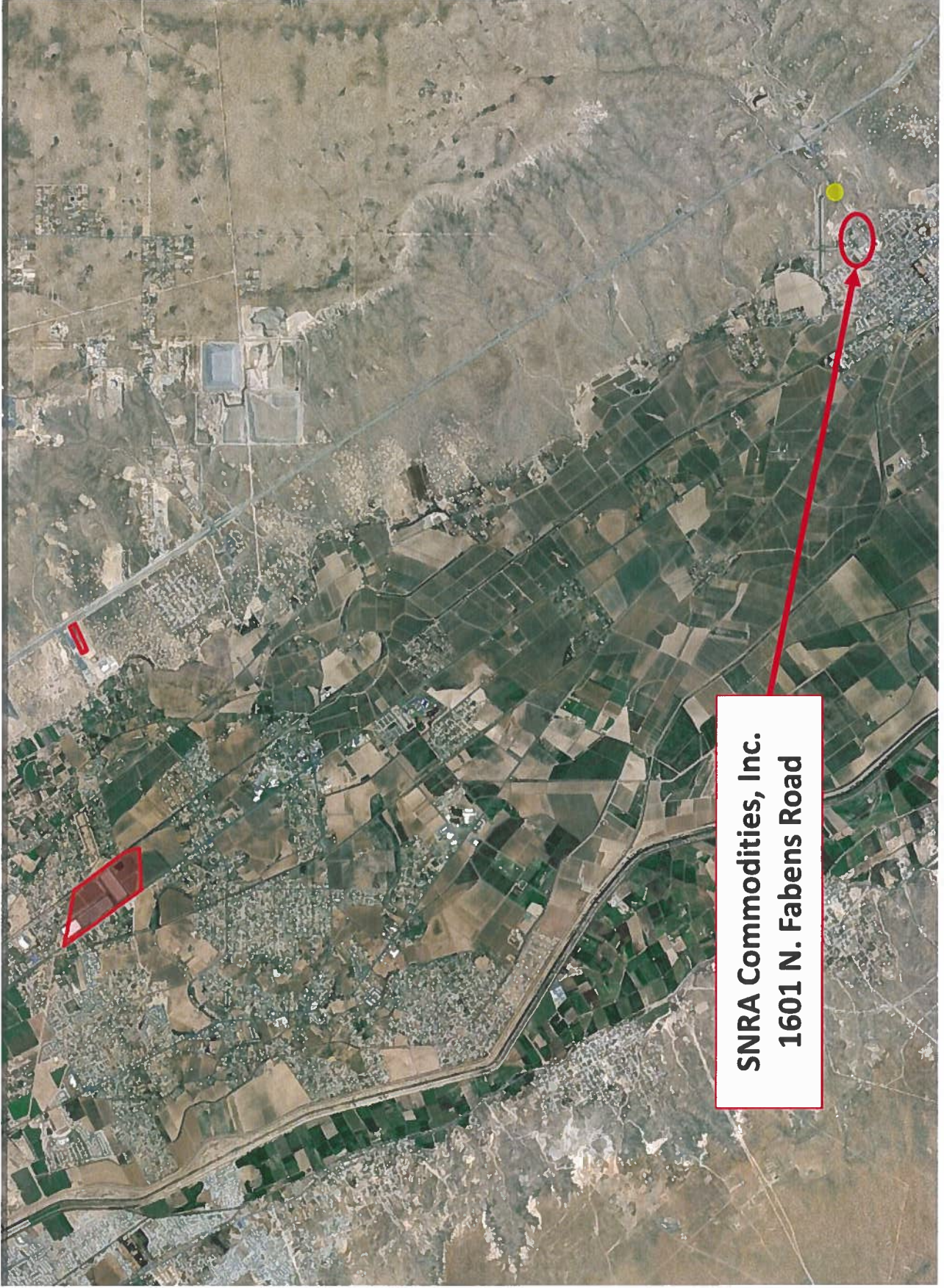


Tony Nevarez, CM, ACE, IACE
Interim Director of Aviation



David R. Panko
Foreign Trade Zone 68 Manager

Attachment B – Parcel to be added (red lined) 1601 N. Fabens Road, 11 Acres



**SNRA Commodities, Inc.
1601 N. Fabens Road**

Attachment C – Parcel to be added (red lined) 1601 N. Fabens Road, 11 Acres



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