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City Council Approves Southview Commerce Center Expansion

NorthPoint Development to Construct Fourth Building

April 14, 2021 – BELTON, MO – The Belton City Council's approval of agreements at its April 13 meeting allows NorthPoint Development to move forward with its \$30 million expansion of Southview Commerce Center. Currently, Southview Commerce Center has three, fully leased flex industrial buildings located east of I-49 between 155th Street and 162nd Street. The expansion will allow access to the business park from 155th Street.

Building 4 will be constructed on the long-vacant, abandoned Century Concrete plant and an adjoining 20-acre parcel. Located north of the existing business park, the 501,000-square-foot building will be identical in design to the Southview Commerce Center buildings. A related application for a preliminary plat introducing new, single-family lots with 7 acres of open space that will serve as a buffer to the properties to the east also was approved.

"We have seen great success with the first phase of Southview Commerce Center," said Brent Miles, NorthPoint chief marketing officer and founding partner. "I knew it was going to be a successful project but what we have accomplished in three short years is above and beyond what we originally anticipated. This expansion, and the public-private partnership, enables us to get this ground into productive use."

In this expansion, Belton's public-private partnership with NorthPoint grows beyond successful building projects and job-creating business attraction to include a workforce development center. The center will coordinate with local educational institutions and skill development resources to provide training and help assure a prepared workforce for the business park.

Also, as part of this expansion, NorthPoint has agreed to fund the design and engineering as well as fund half the construction cost to replace 1.25 miles of old, failing cast iron water pipe along Allen Ave.

"This expansion of the Southview Commerce Center is more good news for the citizens of Belton, especially the cleanup of the former concrete plant which had become a blighted site right at the entrance to our city," said City Manager Alexa Barton. "It also makes way for another company or companies that will bring new jobs to our city. In addition, the single-family home component adds variety and choice to Belton's housing stock — a welcome outcome for current and future residents alike."

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