



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-0806, **Version:** 1

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**Agenda Item Name:**

ZOX-01-20: A request for a special exception to permit a solar array (major utility) on approximately 650 acres in an Agricultural zoning district

**Presenter:**

Gerald Brewington (374-5249)

**Description:**

A request by Archer Solar Project LLC (Mark Dypiangco, Agent) on behalf of various owners for a special exception to permit a major utility (solar array and associated distribution lines) on approximately 650.6 acres located in an 'A' (Agriculture) district with a Rural/Agriculture land use designation (one dwelling unit per five acres). The project is located on the northeast corner of SW 170<sup>th</sup> Street and SW 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue on parcel numbers 04588-000-000, 04588-001-000, 04588-001-001 and portions of parcels 04595-000-000 and 04631-000-000.

**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the item and adopt Resolution Z-20-06 with the bases and conditions found in the staff report

**Prior Board Motions:**

NA

**Fiscal Consideration:**

NA

**Background:**

This is a request for a special exception for a solar array on approximately 650 acres located east of SW 170<sup>th</sup> Street and south of 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is the fourth solar array special exception to be heard by the BoCC. The facility is 74.9 megawatts and is being built by First Solar Corporation. It will be run by Duke Energy Company. Solar arrays are considered institutional uses by the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan and are classified as major utilities by the Unified Land Development Code, thus requiring a special exception.