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SureCrete Design Products Signs On At Business Center

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DADE CITY — Dade City Business Center has signed its first large tenant, a concrete products company from Zephyrhills, center owner **Jim Guedry** told city commissioners Tuesday evening.

The business center, at the site of the former Pasco Beverage Co. juice plant, is being annexed into the city. The center is trying to attract small companies to lease industrial or commercial space at its 40-acre site, at the north end of Dade City on U.S. 301.

SureCrete Design Products has become the newest tenant, leasing 28,000 square feet, **Guedry** said.

The company distributes materials and tools used to pour concrete, he said, and employs 32 people.

"That is great news," Mayor Hutch Brock said.

The center already has seven other tenants, but all are leasing smaller spaces, **Guedry** noted.

Guedry also told the board he is taking up a suggestion offered by Commissioner Scott Black, a history buff, to place a historic marker at the site. The marker would denote the plant's role in the region's citrus and juice industries.

Guedry got his own start in the citrus business as owner of the Citrus Country Groves retail shop and packinghouse. He is moving those operations from Wesley Chapel on State Road 54 to the Dade City Business Center by Oct. 1.

The city and **Guedry** are still working out details of the agreement that will annex the business center site into the city limits. **Guedry** will receive some economic incentives, specifically reimbursements for the fees paid for annexation and development costs.

City Manager Harold Sample said the city is still figuring the amount of the incentives.

Guedry has to start paying property taxes first, then get reimbursed.

The commission will review the agreement at its next meeting, at 5:30 p.m. May 24.

In another matter, the city has scheduled a meeting for 5:30 p.m. Monday to discuss the city's skateboard park, which the commission closed because of complaints that some patrons don't wear safety gear and mouth off to passers-by.

The park is in a fenced, paved area next to the parking lot for city hall, at 38030 Meridian Ave.

The city previously tried to hold a meeting with skateboarders to discuss the possibility of re-opening the park under new rules of conduct, but none of the park's users showed up.

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