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President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis. applaud Carryn Owens, widow of Chief Special Warfare Operator William "Ryan" Owens, Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington during the president's address to a joint session of Congress. [ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Casting aside rhetoric

Trump's tone masks hard road ahead for agenda in Congress

By Justin Sink
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump on Tuesday cast aside the dark rhetoric of carnage and conflict that defined the start of his administration and left in its place a recitation of familiar campaign promises with few details on how he'd turn them into reality.

His first address to Congress featured an Obamacare repeal, a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan, an immigration crackdown and a defense buildup. Designed to win the nation's center, Trump's remarks sprinkled patriotism and optimism over a politically divisive platform, and his calm and collected delivery won immediate

applause among political pundits.

Yet governing requires Trump to provide direction, and there the speech fell far short of what many voters, lawmakers and investors said they wanted to hear. It's unlikely to overcome the infighting and confusion that has stalled his legislative priorities on Capitol Hill.

Republicans indicated after the speech they were fine with being left to sort out the details. House Homeland Security Chairman Mike McCaul said the president presented himself in a more visionary and inclusive way and said it's up to Congress to fill in the blanks on his agenda.

"This guy has shown he's a CEO and in a very short period of time he's

willing to take bold steps very quickly," McCaul, a Texas Republican, said in an interview afterward. "Sometimes the executive orders are not worded just right and they're going to go back and fix some of those. But he's very action-oriented and he wants to change the country."

During the speech, Trump offered an ambiguous opening on immigration, saying "real and positive immigration reform is possible." That followed a lunch conversation in which he told network television anchors "the time is right" for a compromise immigration bill. Still, he hewed to the tough rhetoric of his campaign, promising to kick off construction of his "great, great wall" on the

southern border and recognizing families he had invited as his guests whose relatives had been killed by immigrants who entered the country illegally.

On health care, Trump told lawmakers they should repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. But beyond vague guidelines — an endorsement of tax credits, protections for those with pre-existing conditions, and changes to Medicaid funding — he delivered little in the way of specifics.

That's little solace to Republicans on Capitol Hill struggling to craft a package that could garner support within their own party, and nervous about Trump's commitment to an effort certain to prove politically challenging.

SWEARING IN

Former Montana Rep. Zinke takes helm of Interior Department

By Matthew Daly
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Montana Rep. Ryan Zinke was sworn in Wednesday as secretary of the Interior Department, assuming oversight of 400 million acres of public land, mostly in the West.

Vice President Mike Pence administered the oath of office hours after the Senate confirmed President Donald Trump's nomination of Zinke by a vote of 68-31.

Several Democrats from Western states as well as those facing tough re-election campaigns next year, including Montana's Jon Tester, Indiana's Joe Donnelly

and Joe Manchin of West Virginia, voted for Zinke, a Republican.

Zinke pledged to "get to work" immediately and said he knows he'll "be held accountable to get things done."

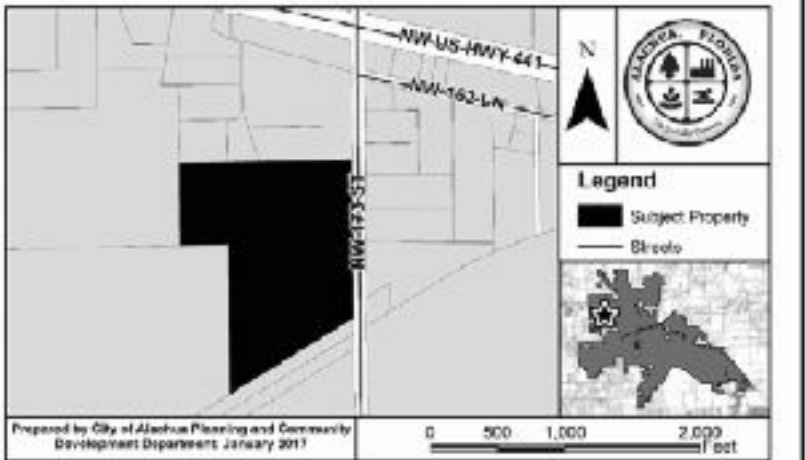
A former Navy SEAL, Zinke praised his new boss as a "great president and a commander in chief I will fight with."

Zinke is the 16th of 22 of Trump's Cabinet and Cabinet-level nominations to win Senate approval.

Ben Carson, Trump's choice to lead the Department of Housing and Urban Development, cleared a Senate hurdle by a vote of 62-37. Carson's confirmation was expected later this week.

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IMMIGRATION

Revised order will not ban citizens from Iraq

By Matt Zapposky
and Abigail Hauslohner
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's new executive order on immigration will not include a blanket ban on citizens from Iraq, among a host of other revisions meant to allay legal and diplomatic concerns, people familiar with the matter said.

The White House late Tuesday scrapped plans for Trump to sign a revised travel ban Wednesday afternoon, a person familiar with the matter said, marking the third time the administration has put off the matter since the president said that dangerous


people might enter the country without a prohibition in place.

But when it is signed, people familiar with the matter said, the order is still expected to include a host of significant changes. The order will exempt current visa holders and legal permanent residents, and it will not impose a blanket ban on

those from Iraq, where U.S. forces are working with the Iraqis to battle the Islamic State. It will not include an exception for religious minorities, which critics had pointed to as evidence it was meant to discriminate against Muslims. And it will not go into effect immediately when it is signed, people familiar

with the matter said.

The people said the situation remains fluid and changes remain possible. Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend, commander of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq and Syria, said he, too, had heard Iraq would not be included in the revised order, though he also had heard the opposite.



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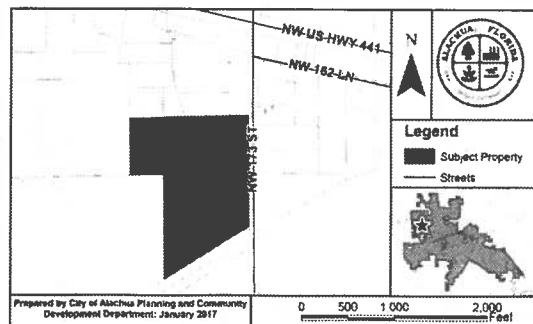
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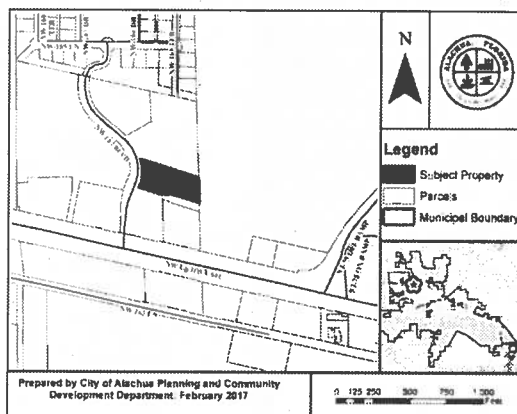
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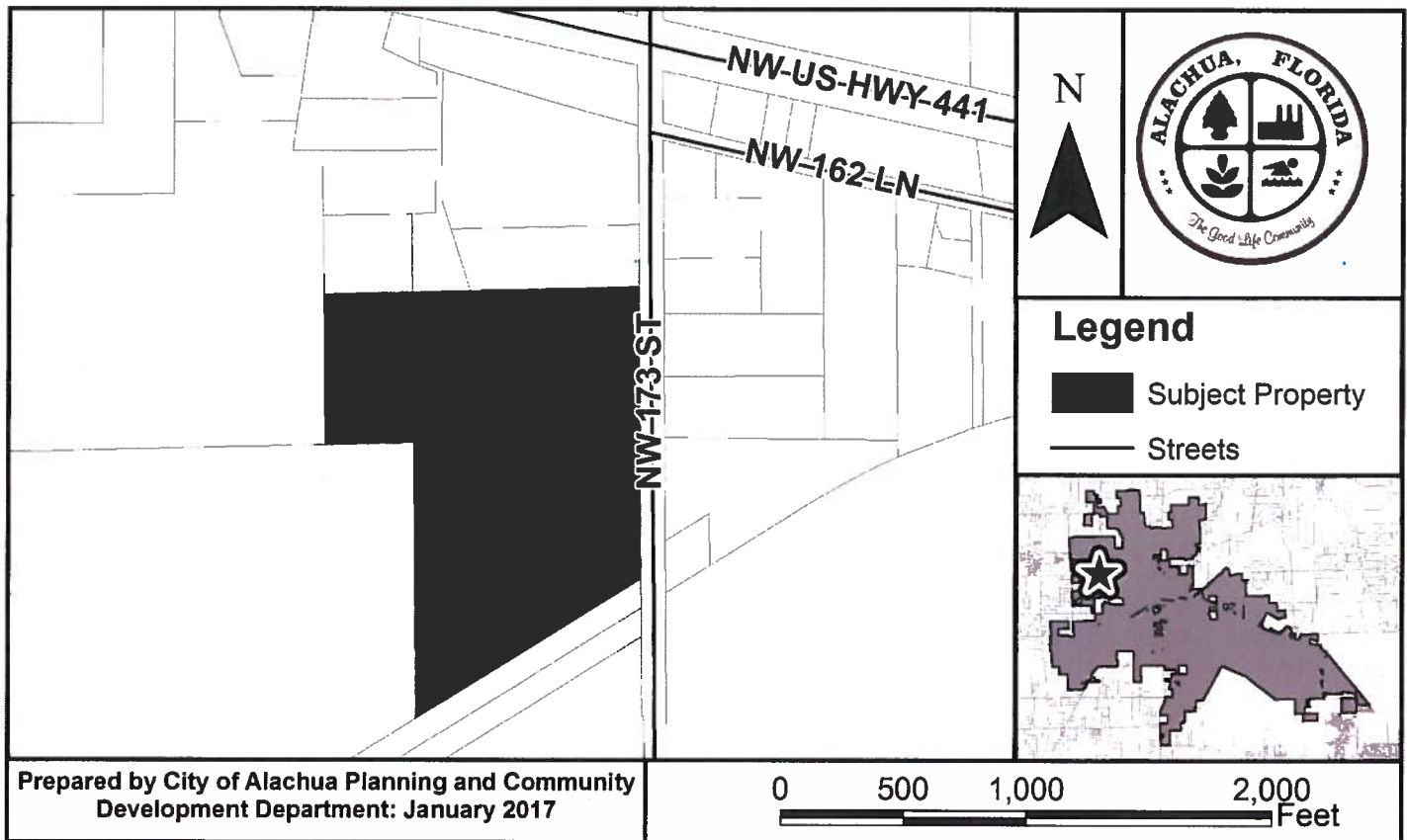
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