

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS
HELD IN THE CITY HALL, 4301 CITY POINT DRIVE
FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**C.3 ZC25-0123 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST
FROM WING AVIATION LLC FOR A REVISED SPECIAL USE PERMIT
FOR A HELIPORT/LANDING FIELD AT 6401 NE LOOP 820, BEING 25.09
ACRES DESCRIBED AS LOT 1R, BLOCK 6, TAPP ADDITION.**

APPROVED

Commissioner Narayana left the chamber at 8:27 p.m.

Vice Chair Stamps stated since they are related items on the same property, items C.3 and C.4 would be presented together, but the Commission would take action on each one separately.

Vice Chair Stamps introduced the item, opened the public hearing, and called for Managing Director Clayton Comstock to introduce the request. Mr. Comstock introduced the request.

Commissioner Narayana returned to the chamber at 8:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Stamps called for the applicant to present the request.

Josh Bucci, Wing Aviation, 299 Olympus Boulevard, Irving, Texas, presented the request.

Commissioner Goetz and the applicant discussed if injuries related to drones have occurred within the past year. Mr. Bucci stated he is unaware of any reports.

Commissioner Narayana and the applicant discussed drone operations, sales volume, the layout of the site, and the storage container for the drones.

Commissioner Ross and the applicant discussed the regulations and nature of drone flight operations and related technology improvements.

Bernice Espinosa, Kimley Horn and Associates, 10101 Reunion Place, Suite 400, San Antonio, Texas, spoke regarding the timeframe for making the site permanent with shore power and updated storage building for the drones.

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Commissioner Goetz and the applicant discussed the nature of the drone operations.

Mark Birdman, Walmart Inc., 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas, spoke about the program and volume of the deliveries at the two sites in North Richland Hills and Walmart's desire to make the operation site more permanent on the property.

Commissioner Narayana and Mr. Birdman discussed the profitability of the drone delivery business model.

Vice Chair Stamps and Mr. Bucci discussed hours of drone operation, generally daylight hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during winter and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the summer and are subject to other regulations regarding wind and weather controlled by the FAA.

Vice Chair Stamps, Commissioner Narayana, Mr. Birdman, and Ms. Espinosa discussed revising the design of the storage container building for the drones on both sites.

Vice Chair Stamps called for Mr. Comstock to present the staff report. Mr. Comstock presented the staff report.

Commissioner Ross and Mr. Comstock discussed the use of generators at the sites.

Commissioner Narayana and Mr. Comstock discussed design details for the nest sites.

Vice Chair Stamps called for anyone wishing to speak for or against the request to come forward. There being no one wishing to speak, Vice Chair Stamps closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Goetz and Commissioner Ross discussed the length of the extension being three years.

Vice Chair Stamps, Commissioner Narayana, Commissioner Ross, and Mr. Comstock discussed the timing of a drone ordinance being adopted relative to the extension of the drone operations for the two sites.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GOETZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON TO APPROVE ZC25-0123.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.

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C.4 ZC25-0124 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM WING AVIATION LLC FOR A REVISION TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT 36 TO AUTHORIZE A HELIPORT/LANDING FIELD AS A PERMITTED ACCESSORY USE AT 9101 NORTH TARRANT PARKWAY, BEING 24.65 ACRES DESCRIBED AS LOT 1A1, BLOCK 1, WAL-MART ADDITION.

APPROVED

Item C.4 was presented in conjunction with item C.3.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROSS APPROVE ZC25-0124.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.