Planning & Zoning Department

Zoning Staff Report

Case: ZDC-174-2024

MEETING DATE(S)

Planning & Zoning Commission: City Council: July 15, 2025 July 21, 2025

CAPTION

Public Hearing on a request by Marisa Brewer, McAdams, for a **Zoning Change** from a Planned Development – Commercial (PD-5-C) zoning district to Planned Development Multi-Family-1 (PD-MF-1) zoning district located at 501 Houston Street (Property ID 189345 – Owner(s): Skanda Investments, LLC and Masina Investments, LLC (ZDC-174-2024)

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"I move to recommend approval of ZDC-174-2024, a Zoning Change from a Planned Development – Commercial (PD-5-C) to Planned Development – Multifamily-1 (PD-MF-1), subject to the conditions the staff report, authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to execute all documents accordingly."

APPLICANT REQUEST

The Applicant requests a Zoning Change from a Planned Development – Commercial (PD-5-C) zoning district to Planned Development – Multi-Family-1 (PD-MF-1) zoning district to allow for a multi-family development with a total of sixty (60) units on 5.889 acres.

CASE INFORMATION

Applicant:	Marisa Brewer, McAdams
Property Owner(s):	Skanda Investments, LLC and Masina Investments, LLC
Site Acreage:	5.889 acres
Current Zoning:	Planned Development – Commercial (PD-5-C)
Requested Zoning:	Planned Development – Multi-Family-1 (PD-MF-1)
SUBJECT PROPERTY General Location:	Generally located at 501 Houston Street
Parcel ID Number(s):	189345
Existing Use:	The subject property is currently undeveloped.
Development History:	The subject property is not currently platted.



Adjoining Zoning & Uses:

Direction	Zoning	Current Use
North	PD-5-C	Heritage Square Townhomes Phase 1
East	PD-5-C	Undeveloped Land
South	SF-2	Single-Family Residences
West	PD-5-C	Northtown Village Apartments

Future Land Use Plan: Mixed-Use Neighborhood

Comprehensive Plan: A mixed-use neighborhood hearkens back to the pre-suburban development pattern with smaller lots, smaller setbacks, shorter blocks, diverse housing typologies and very importantly, a mix of uses. This mixing of activities and uses allow the area to adapt and change over time to suit the needs of its inhabitants. Though it is not imperative for uses to always be mixed within the same building, it is important to note that large monolithic developments with near exclusive uses such as large multiplex apartments or retail centers with large land area being devoted to automobile parking do not suit mixed-use neighborhoods. Mixed-use neighborhoods are places where residents can live, work and play and are primarily accessible by foot. Given the various housing typologies encouraged in this placetype, it is essential to make sure residential uses appropriately transition from one another based on the housing typology.

Thoroughfare Plan:

The primary access to the subject property is from Houston Street.

Site Image:



PLANNING ANALYSIS

Proposed Use:

The applicant proposes a Planned Development to allow for a townhome style multi-family development with a total of sixty (60) units on 5.889 acres. This results in a density of 10.19 dwelling units per acre (DUA); which is below the maximum density of eighteen (18) DUA that is allowed by right per the base zoning district of Multi-Family-1 (MF-1). The proposed development will not be subdivided into separate platted lots and will be developed on one lot, similar to a multi-family apartment development. The existing Phase 1 and proposed Phase 2 are currently owned by the same entities.

Proposed Use (continued):

The applicant proposes a total of nine (9) buildings with this PD. Each building will house between 4-8 townhome-style units, with 1-3 bedrooms per unit. A total of sixteen (16) 1-bedroom units, thirty-five (35) 2-bedrooms units, and nine (9) 3-bedrooms units, totaling sixty (60) units, is proposed for this development. The buildings have a proposed maximum height of two-stories and are situated approximately 97' from the southern boundary that is adjacent to an existing residential subdivision (Northgate Two Addition). The proposed development includes a rear entry-attached garage for each unit with the remaining required parking to be parallel along the primary drive aisles. The applicant is not proposing any front entry garages with this development. The proposed parking does exceed the minimum total parking requirement (100 spaces) and minimum attached garage requirement (105 spaces) for a multi-family development of this size.

Proposed Elevations

The applicant has provided a set of proposed exterior elevations for the multi-family development with this PD. Renderings of each building type are included in the Building Materials/Elevations Plan. The facades feature primarily stone with accents of brick and Hardie board planks utilized in various areas of each building to create some uniqueness to define each unit. Notably, all proposed structures utilize the same elevation. The renderings below can be referenced for a look at the proposed front façade and building materials.



Amenities & Open Space:

The applicant proposes to provide amenities such as playground equipment, a pickleball court, and picnic tables to be located in the center of the development, as shown on the Site Plan (Exhibit C). In addition, the applicant proposes open space throughout the development with internal pedestrian sidewalks. Staff recommends that the proposed playground come equipped with a minimum of five (5) play elements. Staff has also included a recommended condition of approval for the PD request that requires these central amenities to be installed prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy of the first building on the subject property.

Landscaping:

The applicant has provided a Landscape Plan (Exhibit D) for the proposed development. The proposed landscaping does meet the minimum requirements of the City of Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is proposing to install part of the required landscape in front of each unit. The applicant is proposing to provide trees along the southern boundary line to serve as a buffer between the proposed development and Northgate Two Addition (residential subdivision).

Access:

The subject property is accessed from Johnston Boulevard, and Houston Street through mutual access easement with the existing development located to the north of the subject property, Heritage Square Townhomes Phase 1. The applicant proposes to dedicate a mutual access easement along the northern and eastern boundaries of the subject property by separate instrument. The applicant confirmed that they will file the mutual access easement prior to the plat application submittal.

Screening:

The subject property is adjacent to an existing residential subdivision located south of the subject property, the Northgate Two Addition. Therefore, the applicant is proposing a 6' masonry screening wall, as required by the Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance. The applicant had previously coordinated a meeting with the adjacent property owners to communicate what the proposed development entails, and has stated that they will be reaching out to them regarding installation of the screening wall, should the property owner proceed with this development.

Comprehensive Plan:

The subject property is identified by the 2023 Comprehensive Plan under the Mixed-Use Neighborhood placetype. Though the proposed development does not provide the mixing of activities, the use does provide a buffer between a dense multi-family development and a less dense traditional single-family neighborhood due to the proposed density for the development of 10.19 DUA. This type of density transition and the diversity of housing is consistent with the goals of the Mixed-Use Neighborhood placetype.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS

To comply with State law contained in Local Government Code Chapter 211 and the City's public hearing notice requirements, 35 notices were mailed to property owners within 200 feet of the request. In addition, a notice was published in the Waxahachie Sun, and a sign was visibly posted at the property. At the time of the publishing of this staff report, no letters of support and four (4) letters of opposition to the request have been received by staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the details provided in this Staff Report and the present status of the documents subject to the request, staff recommends approval of the PD request; subject to the conditions noted below.

Conditions:

- 1. The subject property shall be platted prior to the approval and issuance of all building permits.
- 2. The amenities for this development, including a playground equipment with a minimum of 5 play stations, pickleball court, and picnic tables, shall be installed, inspected, and accepted by the City prior to the approval and issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for the first building on the subject property.
- 3. The Property Owner shall provide a permanent irrigation system for all required landscape areas as shown on Exhibit D Landscape Plan and maintain the required landscaping at all times.
- 4. All exterior construction materials, location of exterior construction materials, and percentage of exterior construction materials for each building in this development shall confirm with the Building Materials/Elevations Plan (Exhibit B).
- 5. The proposed landscaping shall be maintained by the property owner, including the fenced rear yards.
- 6. The Applicant shall execute a mutually agreed upon development agreement shall be executed within thirty (30) calendar days of the approval of this PD request.
- 7. The property owner shall obtain all necessary permits from the City of Waxahachie Building & Community Services Department prior to construction on the subject property.

ATTACHED EXHIBITS

- 1. PON Responses
- 2. Location Map Exhibit A
- 3. Building Materials/Elevations Plan Exhibit B
- 4. Site Plan Exhibit C
- 5. Landscape Plan Exhibit D
- 6. Open Space Plan Exhibit E

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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City of Waxahachie, Texas Notice of Public Hearing Case Number: <u>ZDC-174-2024</u>

BARRON CYNTHIA & MICHAEL A 200 BIG BEND BLVD WAXAHACHIE, TX 75165

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You received this notice because your property is within the area of notification as required by law. As an interested party you are welcome to make your views known by attending the hearings. If you cannot attend the hearings, you may express your views by filling in and returning the bottom portion of this notice. Please contact the Planning Department at (469) 309-4290 or via email: <u>Planning@Waxahachie.com</u> for additional information on this request.

Case Number: ZDC-174-2024

City Reference: 174960

Your response to this notification is optional. If you choose to respond, please return this form by 5:00 P.M. on *July 9, 2025* to ensure inclusion in the Agenda Packet. Forms can be e-mailed to <u>Planning@Waxahachie.com</u> or you may drop off/mail your form to City of Waxahachie, Attention: Planning, 408 South Rogers Street, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Comments:	
Traffic has gone up in the Too close to owner backnyard to	have multiple homes out back
Signature	7 5 25 Date
Printed Name and Title Homeonner	200 Big Bind Blid. Address

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From:	Casey Anderson <caseylwaterman@gmail.com></caseylwaterman@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, July 7, 2025 8:39 PM
То:	Planning
Subject:	OPPOSE ZONING CHANGE CASE ZDC-174-2024
Attachments:	IMG_1207.HEIC

Some people who received this message don't often get email from caseylwaterman@gmail.com. <u>Learn why this is important</u> Dear Waxahachie Planning Department,

I am writing to formally oppose the proposed zoning change to allow multi-family development directly behind my home. This change poses serious concerns regarding increased traffic, safety, decreased property values, and disruption to the established character of our neighborhood. The reduction of privacy also poses an extreme concern.

I strongly urge the Planning District to reject this zoning change and preserve the integrity of our residential area. We have also attached our paper form for your review.

Sincerely,

Casey & Jared Anderson

202 Big Bend Blvd

Waxahachie,TX 75165



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WATERMAN CASEY & JARED ANDERSON 202 Big Bend Blvd Waxahachie, TX 75165-1337

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Casey Waterman - Homeowner Printed Name and Title	Address Waxahachie, TX 75165



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City Reference: 174992

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Printed Name and Title Pope	124 BIG BEND Address			







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JOB NO. A2237 DATE: 2025-06-17

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1 FULL 6 UNIT BUILDING SCALE: N.T.S.



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1 6 UNIT FRONT ELEVATION SCALE: 1/8"=1"-0"



2 GUNIT REAR ELEVATION SCALE: 1/8"=1"-0"



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B1	SPLIT FACE MASONRY VENEER: COLOR CREAM	8196	80%	94%	949
B2	MASONRY ACCENT BANDING: COLOR BLACK FOREST				
H1	HARDIPLANK CEDARMILL 1" EXPOSURE WOODTONE RUSTIC SERIES: COLOR CHESTNUT BROWN	1996	20%	6%	6%
M1	METAL TRIM, RAILING, FASCIA & SOFFIT: SHERWIN WILLIAMS CHARCOAL GRAY				
R1	ASPHALT ROOF SHINGLES: COLOR GRAY				
V 1	VINYL WINDOWS: COLOR BLACK				
P1	PATIO DOOR: COLOR BLACK				
51	CASTSTONE NATURAL GRAY				
R2	STANDING SEAM METAL ROOF: COLOR ZINC GRAY				

Heritage Square Townhomes Phase - 2 501 Houston St Waxahacie, TX

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Exhibit "B" Development Standards

Heritage Square Townhomes Phase - 2 City of Waxahachie

The purposed Planned Development on approximately 5.889 acres of land is to create a Townhome development within the corporate limits of the City of Waxahachie and in accordance with the City of Waxahachie, Texas, Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to promote safe, efficient, and appropriate design choices for the surrounding area and shall be subject to the following conditions and requirements:

A. EXHIBITS.

- 1. The following Exhibits are incorporated into this Planned Development
 - a. Exhibit "A": Zoning Exhibit
 - b. Exhibit "B": Development Standards
 - c. Exhibit "C": Conceptual Plan
 - d. Exhibit "D": Detailed Site Plan
 - e. Exhibit "E": Landscape Plan
 - f. Exhibit "F": Elevations

C. PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

 The purposed development is a Planned Development District, as defined under the City of Waxahachie's Zoning Ordinance and is intended to accommodate Townhomes with a base zoning of Multifamily 1 (MF-1) district area designated on Exhibit "C", comprising of approximately 5.889 acres, and shall be in compliance with all regulations applicable to the MF-1 zoning district, uses contained in the City of Waxahachie Zoning Ordinance as amended, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

D. HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS

- 1. Height and Area Regulations within MF-1, except as provided in this section, shall meet the setback requirements listed in Section 3.08. Article III of the City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.
 - a. Minimum Side: Fifty (50) feet shall be the minimum side yard when adjacent to a residential district.

E. EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Masonry construction shall cover eighty (80) percent of the total exterior walls, excluding doors and windows.
- 2. Cementitious fiber board siding is permitted
- 3. Elevations shall generally comply with the approved Elevation Plan (Exhibit "F"), and in accordance with the City of Waxahachie unless specified otherwise in this PD.

F. LANDSCAPE

- 1. Front Buffer: When fronting a public right of way, a minimum fifteen (15) percent of the street yard shall be landscaped.
- 2. Side Yard Buffer: A minimum ten (10) foot landscape buffer shall be provided along the side property line
- 3. Rear Buffer: A minimum ten (10) foot landscape buffer shall be provided along the rear property line
- 4. Detention Pond may be allowed within the landscape buffer; provided that no canopy tree, ornamental tree, or shrubs be planted within the basin of the detention pond
- 5. Refuse storage areas, may be allowed within the landscape buffer.

G. AMENITIES

- 1. Amenities shall be provided in the area as shown on the Conceptual Plan (Exhibit "C"). The amenities provided shall include a sports court and playground facility.
- 2. Pet waste stations shall be provided throughout the property.

H. SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS

- 1. Single Family Attached (Townhome)
 - a. The property may be platted into one single lot consisting of multiple units
 - b. Landscaping shall comply with the MF-1 landscaping requirements
 - c. There shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) feet between buildings
 - d. Building Length shall not exceed 205'
 - e. Building Square Footage shall generally conform to the following:
 - i. 1 Bedroom Units: 1,178 SF
 - ii. 2 Bedroom Units: 1,355 SF
 - iii. 3 Bedroom Units: 1,905 SF
 - iv. Approximately 60 units shall be developed
- 2. Engineering Requirements
 - a. Proposed development will only need to build their portion of Johnston Boulevard as shown on Site Plan (Exhibit "D") and provide utilities only within that portion.
- 3. Property Maintenance
 - a. On-site landscape and pest control shall be a contract service
 - b. Tenants shall be responsible for maintaining their private yards
 - c. In the event that the yard is not taken care of by the tenant, property management shall take care of maintenance



EXHIBIT E - LANDSCAPE PLAN



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EXHIBIT F - OPEN SPACE PLAN

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