




Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: November 14, 2016

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: November 29, 2016 – Work Session
Helipad Regulation

AGENDA ITEM

On September 13, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners considered a Change Determination Request (CDR-15-12-372) to the Orlando International Hotel Planned Development / Land Use Plan to add a helitour facility (to be operated from the top of the existing I-Drive 360 parking garage) as a permitted use, and to modify the existing Master Sign Plan (MSP). At the public hearing, the Board generally discussed the safety of the proposed facility, regulations, and the County's ability to condition the proposed use. The Board continued that request to November 29, 2016, and requested that staff do a Work Session on helipad regulations.

On November 29, 2016, staff will provide an overview of the approval and permitting of helipads in Orange County and other jurisdictions. Staff has also had preliminary discussions regarding the regulation, permitting and enforcement of helitour operations with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and will share those findings.

This Work Session is for informational purposes only and no action is being requested.

JVW/epr