

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LEHIGH ACRES
LEE COUNTY SHERIFF COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, LEHIGH ACRES FL
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Anglickis at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation: DeWitt Green, **Pledge of Allegiance:** Bill Martin

ATTENDANCE: Rick Anglickis, Joan Cunningham, Charles Edwards, DeWitt Gree, Orville Hall, Bill Martin, Theresa Park, Bob Saul, Linda Saul, Diane Turrill, Tyler Woodby, Mohamed Yasin, Diane Zigrossi. The signed attendance list is attached and made a part of these minutes.

ESCUSE ABSENCE: George Kloers

A QUORUM was established with 14 members present

PUBLIC HEARING:

Proof of the public notice for the two items to be heard was provided and is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Jim Hull – Owner Aim Engineering. A.T.&T. has requested a special exception to build a single pole Wireless Communication Facility, not to exceed 100 feet, on Mr. Hull’s property located on Block 66, Lot 15, which is zoned residential. Mr. Hull met with the Lee County Department of Community Development, David Loveland, Chip Block and John Mahlbacher. They recommended applying for a special exception.

There are four RM districts: RM-3, RM-6, RM 8 and RM-10.

Section 34-713. Applicability of use and property development regulation states that no land, body of water or structure may be used or permitted to be used and no structure may hereafter be erected, constructed, moved, altered or maintained in the RM districts for any purpose other than as provided in Section 34-714, (allows a wireless communication facility), pertaining to use regulations for multiple family residential districts, except as may be specifically provided for in Article VIII (nonconformity) of this chapter, or in section 34-620 or section 34-713.

Motion made by Mohamed Yasin and seconded by Charles Edwards to recommend approval of the applicants request to lease 809 Anza to A.T.&T for a single pole Wireless Communication Facility with the following requirements being met without exceptions: The meeting of all Lee County Codes and requirement with regard to construction, landscaping, buffering, easement and setbacks. This approval is subject to the attached drawings and presentation material which is attached and made a part of this minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING: Terry McWilliams and his wife own a condominium at 9291 Aegean Circle in Vistana since February 2015. At this time they are requesting Lehigh Aluminum to add a lanai to their residence. When Jim, of Lehigh Aluminum went to Lee County to pull a permit his request was denied, stating a non-refundable \$1,000.00 fee plus the permitting costs and variance request would be required.

Mr. McWilliams is asking the Community Council to recommend to the Lee County Zoning Department to give permission to build lanais in Vistana using the same requirements as previously used to build the additions on units in the past and to eliminate the \$1,000.00 non-refundable fee.

The presentation showed over 50 similar lanais that have been built in the past without going thru this special exception process and without paying the \$1,000.00 fee.

A special exception is required as a resolution stating that only 45.5% of the Vistana lot area may be covered by a roof structure.

A motion made by Charles Edwards and seconded by Bill Martin to recommend approval of Mr. McWilliams request which is subject to the applicant obtaining the approval and non-objection to the construction of said lanai from the Vistana Villa Condominium Association, and applicant meeting all other County specifications with regards to building specifications, easements, setbacks, and landscaping.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chris N. Patricca, District 3 Lee County School Board. Ms. Patricca explained the need for the half-cent sales tax. She reported the surtax would raise approximately \$50 million annually for 10 years. It would pay for new school construction, renovation projects, safety and security improvements and technology upgrades. By law it cannot pay for salaries or bonuses. The surtax would be paid by everyone who purchases taxable goods. Exempt items will continue to be non-taxable. Large purchase items would be taxed only on the first \$5,000.00.

To provide assurance the county is spending the money wisely the School Board will appoint County residents to serve on an independent oversight committee with complete access to all the records necessary to ensure that the money is being spent as promised.

Ms. Patricca reminded the Council that an investment in public education ultimately improves the community, is a major driver of economic development and promotes higher incomes, better jobs and healthy growth. Quality schools increase property values and the economic health of a community because of many businesses and highly skilled professionals relocate to regions based on the merits of a school system. The website for additional information is leschools.net/change-for-change.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Motion to approve by Mr. Edwards, 2nd by Mr. Martin. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to approve by Mr. Edwards, 2nd by Mr. Woodby. Approved.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Joan Cunningham moved the Council develop a resolution supporting the research and process being implemented by the Incorporate Lehigh Acres organization.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: Mohamed Yasin reported \$16,000 has been designated toward lighting in Lehigh Acres.

Dave Rubuck from Lee County Parks and Recreation reported they are gearing up for spring events like soccer and baseball.

Respectfully Submitted.

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