

LEHIGH ACRES COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

And

PUBLIC HEARING

LEE COUNTY SHERIFF COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM - LEHIGH ACRES
MONDAY AUGUST 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President, Rick Anglickis at 6:01

Invocation – DeWitt Green

Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Martin

ATTENDANCE: Richard Anglickis, Robert Antkiewica, Will Bronson, Charles Edwards, Gwyn Gittens, Ron Gogoi, DeWitt Green, George Kloers, Frank Mann, Bill Martin, Bob Saul, Linda Saul, Dave Rubuck. Diane Turrill, Tyler Woodby, Mohamed Yasin

ABSENT: Orville Hall **Guest:** Commissioner Frank Mann

QUORUM: was established with 13 members present, (2 new members will be added, making 15 Council members in attendance).

AGENDA: Without objection, the swearing in and seating of our new members was moved to the first item of new business. A motion was made by Mr. Yasin to approve the Agenda, Dewitt Green seconded the motion; the members voted to approve the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA: None

PUBLIC HEARING: A PUBLIC HEARING WAS PROPERLY ADVERTISED FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND Development Order to construct a Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses Worship Center on Lee Blvd. Civil Engineers and Landscape Architects associated with TDM Consulting, and JW Congregation Support, presented the Council with complete, detailed plans on site, construction, and landscape designs. Questions regarding traffic, buffering, need, and location were asked and answered. Assurances were provided as to any exceptions to codes, zoning, setbacks, and landscaping. It was stated there would be no exceptions to the standards provided by the county.

Motion by Chuck Edwards, 2nd by Diane Turrill to recommend approval of the Development Order for the construction of a 3793 square foot Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses Worship Center to be located at 4716 Lee Boulevard in Lehigh Acres. The recommendation for approval is based on the presentation made at tonight's meeting which is attached and made a part of these minutes and that the project being developed is being developed with no exceptions to any County codes for zoning, construction, landscaping, setbacks, etc.

The motion was defeated by a 67% majority vote.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Anglickis presented a power point script on the Community Council that outlined our history, purpose, membership make up, and committees.

INSTALLATION: Frank Mann, Lee County Commissioner District 5, swore in two new members, Gwyn Gittens and Robert Antiewica. They were seated to the council.

SECRETARY REPORT: Linda Saul made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Chares Edwards seconded the motion and the membership voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

TREASURES REPORT: Bob Saul made a motion to receive the treasures report to audit as presented. Mohamed Yasin seconded the motion and the membership voted unanimously to receive the Treasures report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Mr Edwards reported on our web site. He said it was down and all files are lost. He stated he is working on rebuilding it at this time. President Rick directed him to work with Tyler and George, turning over full responsibility of operation, updating, and maintenance to them. Mr. Edwards will concentrate on our social media platforms.
- 2) Mr. Yassin reported on street lights and their being placed at intersections.
- 3) Dave Rubuck reported on the starting of soccer, football and park usage

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Gwyn Gitten reported someone impersonating a code enforcement officer is taking political signs down at Lehigh Middle School. No action was taken.
- 2) Mohamed Yasin reported a new athletic field was in the planning stages, this field will allow baseball season to go longer.
- 3) Mohamed suggested that the By-Laws of the Council should be reviewed particularly to make changes in the number of allowed members. A committee was formed with Mr. Saul as Chairman.
- 4) **LAMSID PUBLIC VOTE:** Rick reported the Executive Board met with David Deetscreek and David Lindsay from LAMSID. The Executive Board was told by them that the wording in the agreement with the County **ONLY** allowed 5 monumental welcome signs to be placed on Lee Blvd, also on Homestead Road. David Deetscreek said he would provide the Council with the agreement signed by the County Commissioners confirming this agreement. Rick reported the agreement had been received and did **NOT** limit the signage as reported at the Executive Board Meeting. The resolution will be on the November ballot. A discussion took place regarding the wording and how the residents of the community might be confused. Much discussion took place. Mr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Mohamed Yasin to stand against the resolution. The motion passed unanimously. Charles Edwards made a motion, Tyler Woodby seconded the motion to take action to inform the residents of the true meaning and impact of the resolution. Suggestions were made to pay for space in the local media, to put the information on the website and facebook, and to do robo calling.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Rick reported the Election Forum was a success. It was hard to count the exact number of people in attendance because the staging for the forum was divided into two sections of the room, some people were on the patio while some late comers stood in the hallway. Most of the Democratic candidates were not in the primary and were not on the straw ballot. It was reported that the Chamber of Commerce is planning a candidate forum for the general election. A short discussion took place as to whether the Council should join forces with the Chamber or hold their own forum for the general election. Additional discussion will take place at the next meeting.

2) **PUBLIC HEARING:** A proper motion to **reconsider the action previously taken** was made by Gwen Gittens and seconded by Chuck Edwards. The motion was to reconsider the action taken with reference to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses Development Order presentation that was defeated earlier in the meeting. After a brief discussion, a new vote was taken on the exact same language of the previous motion, and the motion was **passed by a 73% majority vote.**

These minutes shall reflect the approval of the applicant's project for **recommendation** for the construction and Development Order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Yepram Dervahanian made the comment that constructing a church was better than another auto store or dollar store.

Jane Bell commented that she was interested in seeing more safety awareness and activity within the community. Diane Turrill will send her the information on the Neighborhood Watch group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.