

Speaker 1

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Speaker 2

don't know if Patrick

Speaker 3

Rogers...

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Speaker 4

Patrick Rudder.

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Speaker 2

can hide.

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Thank you.

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Please.

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All right, everybody have a seat.

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We're closing the doors.

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And I'm so happy to see everybody here so interested in the agriculture reserve.

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All right.

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So if we could have, if there are any veterans, if you could come on up and if you could lead us in the pledge of allegiance, please, do we have any veterans here?

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All right, very good.

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Come on up, everybody stand for the pledge.

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Ready?

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There is a flag.

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I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands.

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One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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Thank you very much.

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Ladies and gentlemen, thank you.

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My name is Maria Sachs.

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I'm your county commissioner.

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We have been working tirelessly on redoing, revisiting, renewing the rules for

the Agricultural Reserve.

0:01:14 Some people say, what is the agriculture reserve?

0:01:17 Thank you.

0:01:18 The agriculture reserve is 22,000 acres of land that is unique in all of the southeastern United States.

0:01:30 It is a land that has soil that is so unique that all Asian fruits and vegetables are grown right here in the ag reserve.

0:01:43 It is.

0:01:43 It is a beautiful thing.

0:01:46 It is an area that never freezes.

0:01:49 Never.

0:01:51 So when folks out in the Everglades, they talk about citrus problems, they talk about corns, problems because it freezes ever so often.

0:02:01 We do not have that, and that is a gift that we have to preserve and protect.

0:02:06 So now, thank you.

0:02:10 I have been living in the ag reserve for over 40 years.

0:02:15 Raised 5 kids.

0:02:17 And now some of them are coming back.

0:02:20 Yeah, right?

0:02:22 And so that's what we want, is what we want as parents, as grandparents.

0:02:28 is most of us came from other places to live in Florida.

0:02:35 Is there anyone here?

0:02:37 And I want you to raise your hand, who was born and raised in Florida.

0:02:41 Raise your hand.

0:02:43 Okay.

0:02:44 All right, very good.

0:02:45 Very good.

0:02:46 Very good

very good.

0:02:48 Well, you know what?

0:02:49 The rest of us, our Floridians by choice.

0:02:54 And we want to make sure that the bland that we came to is just as good, as the reason that we chose to live here.

0:03:03 So, this is the last in a series of meetings that we're having on the ag reserve.

0:03:10 And let me tell the folks who are waiting outside, and the Chief Alan, you can let folks in quietly, so they don't disturb the rest of us.

0:03:20 Okay?

0:03:22 Quietly.

0:03:22 If they've been waiting out there, you can let folks come in quietly.

0:03:27 Uh, so, uh, so keep, yeah, you can let them in quietly so they don't disturb the rest of us.

0:03:34 This is, uh, we have this room from 930 to 1045.

0:03:40 Now, why do we have to leave at 10:45?

0:03:43 Why?

0:03:44 Because people are voting.

0:03:46 This is a voting area.

0:03:48 So we will vacate this place at 10:45 to allow them to clean it up for an 11 o'clock.

0:03:54 So we're going to, I'm going to talk a little fast.

0:03:56 We're going to move quickly.

0:03:58 But I'll let you know your voices are being heard.

0:04:00 All right, I hear you.

0:04:02 And that's just the way I am.

0:04:04 So what we're going to do today is we're going to hear from Palm Beach County staff.

0:04:12 Palm Beach County staff is here today.

0:04:15 We have the chief of engineering, David Rix, right here.

0:04:21 David Rix is a, if I may, just brag on you a bit.

0:04:25 Besides being a great engineer, he's a graduate of Annapolis, Naval Academy, and has served in the United States Navy, and we're very proud to have him with him.

0:04:37 And next to him is our assistant. Second in engineering, Joanne, Joanne, thank you so much, your mom.

0:04:47 And over on this side, we have Lisa Amara, Lisa Amara was the main architect for the Ag Reserve, when she was chief of zoning, and now she's one of my consultants on this.

0:05:02 So Lisa Amara over here.

0:05:03 Very knowledgeable.

0:05:05 And Wendy Hernandez, who is presently working in planning and zoning of Palm Beach County staff.

0:05:12 So, behind me is Lionel Gray, who is a grower in the ag reserve.

0:05:17 I have three consultants.

0:05:19 Not one of them is a developer, and not one of them is getting paid.

0:05:23 One is Lisa Amara who helped create.

0:05:27 The rules of the ag reserve.

0:05:29 One is Lionel Gray, who's a great legacy farmer, in the ag reserve, and Karen Marcus, who is a county commissioner 24 years, who is here to write the rules of the ag reserve.

0:05:42 Tom Nadler, you can let folks in as they come forward.

0:05:46 Okay?

0:05:47 Very, very good.

0:05:48 Thank you.

0:05:48 So, we're going to begin now, and this is the way it's going to happen, the agenda.

0:05:54 We're going to listen.

0:05:55 We're going to listen about engineering.

0:05:57 Does anybody have a problem with traffic?

0:06:02 Look it, I'm LA, you know, traffic, right?

0:06:06 Um, uh, it is a big deal.

0:06:09 So and part of our development.

0:06:12 Rules is traffic.

0:06:15 We can't let in more and more housing without figuring out how they're going to get to and from work, schools, soccer practice, baseball, swimming lessons.

0:06:25 So what we're going to try to do is try to minimize development so that we have less traffic, all right?

0:06:33 So important.

0:06:35 Why, I love you guys.

0:06:36 You're so responsive.

0:06:37 The 2nd thing that we're gonna look at is infrastructure.

0:06:41 Um, you know, I don't know if any of you, how many of you live in this area in the ag reserve, raise your hand.

0:06:47 Oh, okay, good.

0:06:48 All right.

0:06:48 Now let me just ask you something.

0:06:50 You don't have to answer it, but just think about it.

0:06:52 How long does it take you to get a pizza?

0:06:55 Get your nails done, ladies.

0:06:57 Gentlemen, to go to a sports bar, okay?

0:07:00 So what we want to do is we want to look at the infrastructure so we don't become a suburb where you have to drive 10, 15 miles to get a slice of pizza.

0:07:10 I know you guys and gals from New York.

0:07:12 It was not like that.

0:07:13 there, you know?

0:07:14 You had your deli down the street and you could, you know, you could get this stuff done.

0:07:19 But unfortunately, it's not New York.

0:07:22 So we want to make it so that as we grow, we grow in the right ways.

0:07:27 So we're going to look at that.

0:07:29 Then after that, we're going to look at DROs, which is really about, as a rule, and it'll be explained better than I can explain it by these ladies to my left.

0:07:41 A DRO is a rule.

0:07:45 That if you are a government entity.

0:07:49 Such as a tax collector's office.

0:07:52 Or a place of worship, a church, a synagogue, a mosque, you can get approved, through an administrative process, that doesn't come before the border county commissioners.

0:08:07 Okay?

0:08:08 It's a rule.

0:08:09 Now, I'm going to try to change that on the October meeting.

0:08:14 You're going to have notice of that, right?

0:08:19 We've got to.

0:08:20 We've got to, because, uh, because I like to hear what the people want to say.

0:08:28 Okay?

0:08:28 I'm here, your county commissioner, because I want to hear what the people want to say.

0:08:33 What you want to say, what you want to do, that's our job to do it.

0:08:37 All right?

0:08:38 So we're going to hear about what it is, what has happened?

0:08:42 and how we can change it.

0:08:44 All right?

0:08:44 And then I'll tell you your next steps to do.

0:08:47 So as people come in, we're going to see, uh, we're going to hear from our engineers, and, um, You're going to love this.

0:08:55 This is all about traffic, all right?

0:08:57 Okay, so ladies and gentlemen, David Rex and Joanne, you're on.

Speaker 1
0:09:04 Thank you, Commissioner.

0:09:05 Thank you, everyone, for having this conversation about the community.

0:09:09 So, let me... the slide.

Speaker 2
0:09:14 Can we dim the lights, huh?

Speaker 1
0:09:17 So, before we get into the counting project.

0:09:20 As we'll know, we coordinate a lot with FDOT. If you've probably seen just in the last 6 or 7 months, they've been doing work on Atlantic Avenue from basically west of State Row 7 through the Alliance, Atlantic Interchange.

0:09:37 That work is basically done.

0:09:39 They're still going to continue on.

0:09:41 They're going to do the turnpike Easter turnpike.

0:09:44 It's about \$26 million, and that project's going to be done by County of 29.

0:09:50 And then also, in terms of major I 95, the Boydon Beach, I 95, they got a project to improve that interchange.

0:09:59 It's going to be \$64 million.

0:10:01 It's going to be done in calendar year 29.

0:10:07 Okay, go ahead.

0:10:09 Okay.

0:10:11 So...

0:10:13 Lions wrote, as you all know, is a major corridor.

0:10:16 We've got 2 phases upcoming.

0:10:19 We recently done Clint Moore to basically Atlantic Avenue.

0:10:24 This next phase is gonna be from Flavor Pick to Boydon Beach Boulevard.

0:10:28 The design is done.

0:10:30 It's out forbid to get partners, contractors, respect to have the open bids by October.

0:10:36 Respect to start the project, you know, basically spring of 2027.

0:10:40 But estimate costs \$16 million.

0:10:43 Part of that project is going from flavor picked to one beach.

0:10:46 There is a temporary signal at Canyon Beach library area.

0:10:51 That will be a permanent signal with mast arms.

0:10:54 That will be part of this project when they do that construction.

0:10:56 And then the next phase of the line's expansion, uh, will go from a line of gathering new Flavor Pick Road.

0:11:03 And you can see the numbers, it's going to be 2029 and \$24 million.

0:11:07 And so I'll turn over to my deputy, Joanne, to kind of continue the conversation.

Speaker 6
0:11:14 Good morning, Joanne Keller, the deputy county engineer.

0:11:17 A few other highlights that we wanted to make mention of.

0:11:20 Lyons Road as part of our widening projects.

0:11:22 We're going to look at potential bike lane options, so there are some options that we're reviewing now.

0:11:29 And David touched on this already, but we did have a temporary signal installed at the Canyon's Library intersection that Senator Joe Abruzzo Avenue.

0:11:36 The final signal will be put in when the widening project goes through.

0:11:39 And most of you know the Delray Marketplace signal was activated this year in March 2026.

0:11:44 We appreciate your support on getting that done.

0:11:49 And then flavor picked, briefly, an update on flavor picked.

0:11:52 The segment between State Road 7 and Lions Road is complete.

0:11:55 I'm sure most of you know that already.

0:11:57 We'll be adding reflectors to the bridge crossing at Say Road 7, and some new signage is going to be added along State Road 7 as well.

0:12:05 The new segment, you can see, maybe you can see it on green on the slide up there.

0:12:10 The new segment from Flavor Pick, a flavor pick from Lions to Hagen Ranch Road is under design, and we have funding established in fiscal year 2028 for that.

Speaker 1 0:12:18 It's about a \$56 million project.

0:12:21 So we're going to be seeking state funding to help us with the cost on that.

Speaker 6 0:12:26 And then we always like to have this slide in our presentations, too.

0:12:28 If there's anything that you want to reach out to us, there's our contact information.

0:12:35 Okay.

Speaker 2 0:12:36 Commissioner?

0:12:37 Commissioner, thank you.

0:12:37 All right.

0:12:41 Does anybody have any questions?

0:12:44 about traffic that they just went over right now.

0:12:49 I'm gonna look over here to the left. Here in the middle, over to over here.

0:12:54 Yes, ma'am, and then yes.

0:12:56 Come on, right up to the podium.

0:12:58 All right?

0:12:59 You have quick question.

0:13:03 And then, ma'am, go right behind her, please.

0:13:05 Okay.

0:13:06 And go right over there

0:13:00 And go right over there.

0:13:09 And this is about traffic, what we just went over now.

0:13:13 Thank you.

0:13:15 And the gentleman in the back who raised his hand.

0:13:18 Come on right up, sir, right behind her.

0:13:21 Ma'am, you're in a walker.

0:13:22 Can you stand up?

0:13:23 Okay, why don't you stand up now and get behind her please?

0:13:26 Okay, go right ahead, ma'am.

Speaker 7 Hi.

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Speaker 8 My name is Aline Frisch.

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0:13:31 I'm a delegate from Majestic Isles.

0:13:34 My question is, who contractually guarantees this funding for the mandated road reconstruction and

Speaker 2 traffic signals?

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0:13:42 Is it local nonprofit or out of state? Shelves in LLC.

0:13:48 I'm sorry, traffic where?

Speaker 4 In this particular area, where the ag reserve is.

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Speaker 2 Okay, I'll be... Okay.

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Speaker 4 Thank you.

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0:13:55 Have a seat,

Speaker 2 and I'll give you the answer.

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0:13:57 It's very interesting about Rhodes.

0:14:00 There are private roads in HOAs that you pay for if you're in an HOA or in a

country club.

0:14:07 There are city roads that the city pays for, and you pay the taxes for that.

0:14:14 They're county roads, which we all pay for.

0:14:18 A county road is Lyons Road.

0:14:21 All right.

0:14:22 Lyons Road is a county road.

0:14:24 We county people pay for Lyons Road.

0:14:28 Then there are state roads.

0:14:30 State roads, an example is Atlantic Avenue.

0:14:34 Atlantic Avenue is a state road the state pays for.

0:14:37 Can I do something with Atlantic Avenue?

0:14:39 No.

0:14:41 Only the Florida Department of Transportation can do it.

0:14:45 And they have been widening Atlantic Avenue for a long time, but it's almost fine.

0:14:50 It's almost finished.

0:14:51 It's almost finished.

0:14:52 And one thing that I heard from you about Atlantic Avenue is you wanted segregated bike paths.

0:14:59 So they did put a little something along the lines from 441 for bicyclists and for motorbikes and things like that, which is really, really good.

0:15:08 Good question, ma'am.

0:15:10 Hi, thank you for letting

Speaker 9 me speak.

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0:15:13 My name is Marlene Posner.

0:15:14 I live in Carl Lakes.

0:15:16 I'm on Flavor Pick, and between military and jog.

0:15:22 Our concern is that the, is there going to be an overpass from Lions Road in Atlantic, over the turnpike, you say the Hagen Ranch.

0:15:32 That's going to lead into our neck of the woods.

0:15:36 We have a grass that is very wide on flavor pick.

0:15:40 Are you going to take that and make us a 4 lane road?

0:15:46 And also, we are going to now have a lot of traffic because phase 2 of Green Cay is about to open.

0:15:53 So this is going to make our area so horrible.

0:15:58 We won't even be able to get ahead of our driveways.

0:16:02 And I live in the northwest quadrant.

0:16:05 We have apartment buildings there.

0:16:08 It's enough that we only have very small exit out of our development.

0:16:12 It's going to be horrible.

0:16:14 So please, don't do this to us.

0:16:17 Thank

Speaker 2 you.

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0:16:18 Thank you.

0:16:19 Let's hear from Joanne on that.

0:16:20 Go ahead, Joanne.

Speaker 6 We do have an overpass plan, if you can see where the turnpike is for flavor pick, so it will go over the turnpike there.

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0:16:27 That's part of the design that we're doing right now.

0:16:30 And I wrote down your neighborhood.

0:16:32 take a look at your entrance and see what we can do as we continue the design.

Speaker 2 It will come out to your place and talk to your folks there about it, okay?

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0:16:42 Okay.

0:16:43 Okay, good.

0:16:44 This is what we do.

0:16:45 And that's why I have the engineers here.

0:16:48 Don't ask me about roads and engineering, but let's ask the head engineers.

0:16:53 Okay, very good, sir, state your name.

Speaker 10
0:16:55 Commissioner Scott Singer, thank you for having us.

0:16:57 Last week when I...

0:17:01 Last week, when I and others try to attend the meeting that only had 15 people, you were kind enough to say, you can't all sit at the table for the discussion.

0:17:07 We will have another meeting.

0:17:09 What concerns me today is that you're saying we have to be out by 1045.

0:17:12 People want to speak on many issues.

Speaker 2
0:17:14 Do you have a question on engineering?

Speaker 10
0:17:16 Yes, can you make sure that we can't, that we can say beyond 1045 or you will have another meeting?

Speaker 2
0:17:21 Does that have anything to do with engineering?

Speaker 10
0:17:23 It absolutely does.

0:17:24 one who has an engineering question.

0:17:26 You haven't finished the presentation.

0:17:28 People do not want to be silenced.

0:17:29 You've done credible work.

0:17:30 Do not silence the people.

0:17:31 Thank you, sir. The county attorney sent a letter warning residents not to post something that is unacceptable and people need to have their chance to...

Speaker 2 If you have any engineering questions, let us know.

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0:17:41 All right, thank you.

0:17:42 Sir, come on out.

Speaker 11 Hello, my name is Noah Leon.

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0:17:49 I'd like to address the section between, I guess, we'll say, lions south of Atlantic.

0:17:54 I am concerned with the traffic there.

0:17:56 There's some proposed development.

0:17:58 One of my concerns has to deal with stacking, more specifically turn lanes, traffic studies.

0:18:05 I would like to know if the traffic study actually incorporates the birth rates of the demographic.

0:18:11 I would like to know whether or not there is the potential for a station where that parking lot may create stacking that leads onto Lions Road, whether a turn lane will be necessary, whether onto 152nd.

0:18:28 I think all of these are important questions because if there is screening at the entrance, on 152nd, it'll cut across, and if that screening takes a little while, they can then back up into the street, and then the turn lane off of lines, if one is proposed, would then become a queue, essentially, to enter into this proposed development.

0:18:49 Thank you, sir. And it would block traffic.

0:18:51 So for the project for 152nd,

0:18:54 So we've seen the initial traffic reports, and so we're proposing, if it does happen, a turning line off 152nd and also improvements on 152nd.

0:19:06 But it'd be a turning line off of lines on to 152nd.

0:19:09 So that's gonna be part of the development order that that project does go forward.

0:19:13 So, that being said, there would be from Atlantic going south, a left turn lane and a right turn lane.

and a right turn lane.

0:19:19 That is correct.

0:19:20 And then what would prevent that said development?

0:19:23 from closing the gates, right?

0:19:25 Security gate, whatever you want to call it, and lining up a queue on the improved 152nd.

0:19:31 And now we have an overflow because I understand there's supposed to be a school, they're supposed to be hosting events.

0:19:38 Child care, if that parking lot has overflow.

0:19:42 Now we're backing up onto lines, and we're creating a major problem.

0:19:55 So in addition to the turn lines is going to be required to have a signal for that project, if it does go forward.

0:20:02 But in terms of the operation of the school, we'll have to get into that if the project does go forward.

Speaker 2
0:20:07 Very good.

0:20:08 Sir, you are very conscious of that area, and I appreciate that.

0:20:14 Would you be able to stay after and speak to the engineers?

0:20:18 You have a lot, a family of six.

Speaker 11
0:20:19 I'm a family of six.

0:20:21 So I'm concerned about the area.

Speaker 2
0:20:23 That's what you're talking about demographics and birthday.

0:20:25 That was very, very good.

0:20:26 What's your name again?

Speaker 11
0:20:27 Noah Leon.

Speaker 2
0:20:29 Mr. Leon, thank you so much.

0:20:30 If you would stay after and speak with me.

0:20:32 Okay.

0:20:33 Okay.

0:20:35 Okay, yes, sir.

0:20:37 My name's Elliot Weisemark, Valencia Del Mar.

0:20:40 So my question to these folks, the engineers, when was the last time you did a traffic count?

0:20:46 I did not see a slide up here for anything regarding traffic, how much traffic's increased.

0:20:52 Uh, typically when you added development, you had a school of this magnitude uh, with all the social aspects of it.

0:21:02 Normally, you will have traffic counts daily on the corner, let's say we're talking Atlantic Avenue.

0:21:09 Yeah, let me just say, let me just interrupt. Yeah, good, sir.

0:21:12 We did a study of the ag reserve.

0:21:15 Right.

0:21:15 Not District 5.

0:21:17 So let me explain to you.

0:21:18 District 5 is 245,000 people.

0:21:22 All of us are unincorporated.

0:21:24 The ag reserve.

0:21:26 Now listen up, goes from Clintmore Road.

0:21:30 Clintmore Road, Turnpike, west of the turnpike.

0:21:35 To Boynton Beach Boulevard.

0:21:38 Okay?

0:21:38 And if we have a slide I'd love to see it.

0:21:41 So I'm just Okay, hold on, just one second.

0:21:43 So the Valencia's?

0:21:44 lovely.

0:21:45 Great place, great GL development.

0:21:47 Not necessarily in the ag reserve, right?

0:21:50 So, but we will discuss that with you.

0:21:53 So what you want to know is what's happening with the traffic over there by the Valencias.

0:21:57 Well, the ag reserve, the traffic and the traffic study is going to affect traffic going north online.

0:22:03 Always, traffic.

0:22:04 Okay, always...

0:22:06 So Mike, I'm just simply asking, you presented slides with what's going to happen in the next few years and how much money's being spent on those projects.

0:22:13 I didn't see a traffic count slide.

0:22:15 We do.

0:22:16 We do traffic counts. And, you know, when a development...

0:22:20 I'm sorry.

0:22:21 I would just like to see a slide of

0:22:23 traffic count.

0:22:24 Okay, reading. Okay, thank you.

0:22:25 Have a seat now.

0:22:25 give you the answer.

0:22:27 We do traffic studies every time a development comes up.

0:22:32 We do a traffic study.

0:22:34 And if, in fact, a development is, you know, wants to, for example, one of our best developers is GL homes.

0:22:41 If GL homes wants to put a development up, and I'm not talking about the development that they're putting over by the school, on Lyons Road, I'm talking about a development that would go, let's say we're stone bridges,

horseshoe acres, this area, the ag reserve, we always do a traffic study, and that's what we're discussing today.

0:23:04 Traffic studies when it comes to outside the ag reserve would be a subject for another set of videos.

0:23:13 But no developer gets in.

0:23:16 Nothing gets developed without a student traffic study.

0:23:18 That's just part of any engineering of any county commission.

0:23:22 Yes, ma'am.

0:23:23 State your name.

Speaker 4 Follow up to Karen Schlussel.

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0:23:26 This is a follow up to this time.

0:23:28 I am sorry.

0:23:29 Uh, sorry, Karen Schlussel, this is a follow up today.

Speaker 2 Wait, I don't say your name is Karen?

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0:23:34 Schlussel.

0:23:34 Yes, go ahead, ma'am.

0:23:35 This is a follow up.

0:23:36 Okay.

Speaker 4 This discussion.

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0:23:38 If you would please provide the approved site plan, traffic study, parking calculations, and all seven conditions for control, 2021 00010 slash DRW, hyphen 2021 dash 01114, and explain whether the approved place of worship remains valid, and how its traffic and parking impacts were evaluated, together with the subsequently approved Islamic Center School under

0:24:09 2022 0007.

Speaker 2 Thank you, and we will.

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0:24:17 Have a seat

U:24:15 Have a seat.

0:24:16 Okay.

0:24:17 We have a number of cards.

0:24:19 How many cards do we have, Joanne, on engineering?

0:24:23 Engineering.

Speaker 6 0:24:25 I don't see any more specific related.

Speaker 2 0:24:28 Okay, very good.

0:24:29 State your name, please.

Speaker 8 0:24:30 Good morning.

0:24:31 I am Attorney Pamela Heiger Polani.

0:24:38 I have a question concerning the notice of voting before.

0:24:43 So my question is, when was there no, don't interrupt me?

0:24:46 I'm asking my question.

0:24:48 Okay, would you please sit down?

0:24:49 Very rude.

0:24:50 No, I'm not going to sit down.

0:24:51 Okay, I have the opportunity to ask my question.

0:24:53 sure

Speaker 2 0:24:53 to leave.

0:24:54 Shut down.

0:24:58 I don't remember.

0:24:59 That's okay.

0:25:00 It's okay.

0:25:01 That's okay.

0:25:02 remember.

0:25:02 That's okay.

0:25:03 You may leave.

Speaker 8
0:25:12 All right, thank you.

Speaker 2
0:25:14 Okay, does anybody...

0:25:15 All right, calm down.

0:25:23 All right.

0:25:28 Thank you.

0:25:28 All right, ma'am, you're spoken.

0:25:30 Okay.

0:25:31 Thank you.

0:25:32 Okay.

0:25:32 That's okay.

0:25:33 Go ahead, ma'am.

0:25:36 Okay.

0:25:38 Okay, I'll tell you what.

0:25:39 I'll tell you what.

0:25:40 This is a, uh, this... We're gonna shut the meeting down if people are unruly.

0:25:46 If you want, this is...

0:25:49 I'm sorry.

0:25:50 Okay, all right, that's it, that's it.

0:25:53 If it doesn't quiet down within 30 seconds, this meeting is over.

0:25:58 And I'm sorry, I'm asking, okay.

0:26:03 All right, shall we shut it down?

0:26:06 Hi, I'm Samantha Chris.

0:26:07 I have a question.

0:26:08 Just one minute.

0:26:09 I'd love to hear you.

0:26:11 If you do not, if you do not want to sit quietly,

0:26:14 Open the doors and let them out.

0:26:16 And those of you who want to discuss what y'all came here for today, let's quiet down.

0:26:22 Okay.

0:26:24 I'm going to get into that, but if you're unruly, we will not continue.

0:26:29 So if you would like to, please leave the room.

0:26:33 Okay.

0:26:34 I'm going to count.

0:26:36 you're like children.

0:26:37 I'm going to count as seven.

0:26:39 If you're unruly, you will leave the room, or I'll shut the meeting down.

0:26:44 One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

0:26:53 Thank you.

0:26:54 Ma'am, you may speak.

Speaker 13
0:26:55 Hi, my name is Samantha Chris, and I would like to know what the nursing home going up that looks like it can hold 3000 residents with a DMV that's going to be the size of an entire avenue and a center for school and other things.

0:27:14 How are you fitting, all of that within one stretch of lands because they're all going to be lined up next to each other?

0:27:20 The road can barely fit what is, and these things haven't even been built yet.

0:27:24 And even if you put up a traffic light, that's actually gonna cause more traffic.

0:27:29 You can't even fit what there is.

0:27:31 So how are you going to fit what you are building with a nursing home, the future DMV, and a future school, which hopefully doesn't have, but how are

you fitting all of this?

Speaker 2

Okay, thank you.

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0:27:41

If you sit down, we'll give you the answer.

Speaker 1

Just like Commissioner indicated, anytime there's a development, you have to do it.

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traffic study of the traffic in the area, and we look at any modification to the road network, and like I said before, for the Islamic Center, potentially.

0:27:58

They got to do a right turn line, and a left turn lane, and also a traffic signal.

0:28:04

And so, and so, those are being analyzed based upon the existing traffic and the width of the road.

0:28:13

And so we've taken all that into considerations, we can send you the actual traffic studies related to that.

Speaker 2

Okay.

0:28:19

0:28:20

So we can provide

Speaker 1

that, yes, we can provide that.

0:28:21

Speaker 2

Yeah, folks, it, you know, understand that time is limited here.

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0:28:29

So let's use a time best for you.

0:28:31

If y'all could just sit down, I'm going to tell you a couple of things.

0:28:33

I want to ask you a couple of questions.

0:28:35

Could the 3 of you just wait for a minute.

0:28:37

When we further develop the ag reserve, and I want to show of hands, how many of you want more farming and less housing and schools development?

0:28:51

Okay.

0:28:51

That's good.

0:28:52

That's good.

0:28:53

That's what I want to see.

0:28:54

That's what I wanna say.

0:28:55 How many of you, some people raise two hands, all right?

0:28:57 It just counted as one.

0:28:59 How many of you show up hands, would like to have more housing and commercial uses in the ag reserve?

0:29:08 raise your hand.

0:29:10 Okay, okay, good.

0:29:12 This is the whole idea for the meeting.

0:29:14 Okay.

0:29:15 How many of you would like to have?

0:29:18 Now, listen up.

0:29:19 More recreation, such as playgrounds.

0:29:24 You know, we don't have any playgrounds in the agra zone.

0:29:27 Playgrounds.

0:29:29 I'm not done.

0:29:30 It'll be good.

0:29:31 I can see where you're going.

0:29:33 Playgrounds, indoor air conditioned, recreation areas for kids.

0:29:40 Okay.

0:29:40 Okay, so let me let me do playgrounds first.

0:29:44 How many of you, a show of hands would like to have more playgrounds?

0:29:50 Raise your hat.

0:29:53 Okay, okay.

0:29:55 All right, how many of you would like to have an air conditioned, indoor recreation, ice skating rink?

Speaker 8 for that.

0:30:04

0:30:06 I'm sorry.

0:30:07 We have parks for those.

0:30:08 Just one minute.

Speaker 2 0:30:09 Just for a minute.

0:30:10 I'd almost be afraid to raise my hand.

0:30:12 How many of you would like us just to leave it the hell alone?

0:30:19 Thank you.

0:30:20 Perfect.

0:30:21 Thank you so much.

0:30:22 Okay.

0:30:23 Now, I did have a timer here.

0:30:26 For one minute.

0:30:27 Okay.

0:30:28 But I'm not going to follow that, because when we're done with these questions, I'm going to go into the DROs, which allowed to have the tax collector's office on Lyons Road, which allowed the Habar Kai on Clintmore Road, which allowed the mosque and the Islamic center to go on Lyons Road.

0:30:51 So, if you want to hear about it,

0:30:54 If you want to hear about it, we're going to have to go through this quickly.

0:30:58 Okay?

0:30:59 So I'm not going to use the one minute.

0:31:01 I trust you to give us a good question, and then so that we have enough time to go into the DROs, which is those 3 items that many of you are here for.

0:31:11 Go right ahead, ma'am.

0:31:12 Tell us your name.

Speaker 8 0:31:14 My name is Helaine Abramson from Viscaya, which is right off of Atlantic.

0:31:19 We are one of the few developments that does not have a traffic light.

0:31:23 So getting in and out if there is traffic on that road can be very difficult.

0:31:29 I'd like to know what you plan to do with over 1000 potential additional cars going through the area and blocking up traffic.

0:31:40 I don't see any studies that actually include what is proposed at this meeting.

Speaker 2
0:31:46 Okay, so, the Viscaya proposed at this meeting is to hear from you for the future of the ag reserve.

0:31:52 Now, on Viskaya, do you want a traffic light?

Speaker 8
0:31:55 We have requested a traffic light, but that's not our power to get it.

0:31:59 Yeah, sure it is.

0:32:00 We've requested it. Okay, so...

Speaker 2
0:32:03 If you would stay after the beat, talk to the engineers, we, you know, traffic lights, that, no, wait, hold on, just one second.

0:32:11 You asked for a traffic light.

0:32:13 Stay afterward, talk to the engineers, and then we're going to get into the traffic situation, which I'm very upset about, because I drive everywhere and I'm tired of the traffic.

0:32:23 So have a seat and we're going to discuss that in a few minutes.

Speaker 8
0:32:26 Thank you.

0:32:27 I'd like to have her question answered as well.

0:32:30 We're looking for some answers about what you do about this proposal on the table.

Speaker 2
0:32:36 I said, let me say it again.

0:32:39 Everybody hear up?

0:32:40 Listen up.

0:32:42 After we finish these questions, if we still have time, we're going to go into what has occurring with the Islamic Center, Khabad Kai and the tax collector's office.

0:32:54 We have 1045 board stop

0:32:54 we have 1045 hard stop.

0:32:57 So go ahead, ma'am.

Speaker 14 0:32:58 Hi, my name is Carol Kitgara.

0:33:01 I do live in the Ag Reserve.

0:33:02 Thank you, Carol.

0:33:04 My basic, it's just a very basic question, and I think it's on a lot of people's minds right now, is we probably wouldn't even be here discussing traffic, traffic lights where we putting this and that. If you would stop trading off ag reserve property to developers.

0:33:24 That would just put an end to it.

0:33:25 And, and everyone, look at the, look at the turnout you've, and you didn't even promote this, like, like in the newspaper or anything.

0:33:36 people outside.

0:33:38 We need your help.

0:33:39 You're supposed to represent us.

0:33:40 I appreciate it.

0:33:41 Yes.

0:33:43 Also, is everyone on that board?

0:33:46 Do you all live in the ad reserve?

0:33:48 Here?

0:33:49 Everyone here,

Speaker 2 0:33:49 yeah.

0:33:51 Have a seat outside. Make a decision.

0:33:52 No, no, I'm gonna tell you what.

0:33:54 Have a seat, ma'am.

0:33:55 Have a seat.

0:33:55 Let me tell you something.

0:33:57 I have voted against every development that wanted to be in the ag reserve and the developments that are outside the ag reserve.

0:34:06 And if you don't believe me, check.

0:34:08 But I want you to know something.

0:34:09 Sit down, ma'am.

0:34:11 Sit down.

0:34:12 Please sit down so I can give you the answer.

0:34:14 Okay?

0:34:14 Have a seat, ma'am.

0:34:16 No, no, no, I can.

0:34:17 Have a seat.

0:34:19 Don't get, don't.

0:34:21 So, what I'm saying to you is this.

0:34:24 Okay, there's 7 county commissioners.

0:34:28 It takes a vote of 4 to get anything passed.

0:34:32 All right?

0:34:32 You want to do something?

0:34:34 You want to do something?

0:34:36 You can, just one minute.

0:34:37 Just quiet, do not, do not.

0:34:40 You're taking up time.

0:34:41 Please, take, take, let's put up on the board how they contact our county commissioners.

0:34:48 7 of us.

0:34:49 Contact each one of them, when these things come up, and you say, you vote no.

0:34:55 All right?

0:34:55 Or come on up and visit us.

0:34:57 Come on up to the county commission, visit us.

0:35:00 But I have voted no on everyone.

0:35:02 Sir, go ahead.

Speaker 15 Yes, my name is Mark Rosen.

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0:35:05 I live in.

Speaker 2 Excuse me, Mr. Rosen is speaking.

0:35:06

0:35:07 Give him respect.

Speaker 15 I live at Meisner Country Club.

0:35:08

0:35:10 you.

0:35:11 And I'm going to read this rather than just do an ad lip.

0:35:15 Okay, I support your proposal to pause further development in the agricultural reserve.

0:35:22 But I would like clarification concerning projects such as the proposed Islamic center that have already received conditional use and development review approvals, but apparently have not begun construction.

0:35:37 In the county, if the county adopts a moratorium, or new ag reserve restrictions, will those restrictions applied to projects that have approvals but have not yet commenced construction?

0:35:50 And specifically, has the county attorney determine whether this project has acquired vested rights that would exempt it from such a moratorium?

0:36:01 If your answer is yes, what specific governmental action created that grandfathered or vested status, and on what date did that occur?

Speaker 2 Thank you.

0:36:11

0:36:15 I'm very proud that you gave Mr. Rosen respect as he read his question.

0:36:22 And that's what we're gonna do.

0:36:23 Mr. Roth gets up.

0:36:25 Give me one minute, Mr. Roth.

0:36:27 I'm gonna have Lisa Amara and Wendy explain to you about how the conditional use came in.

0:36:34 You can sit down.

0:36:35 You're bothering the folks behind it, you know?

0:36:37 It's like a movie theater.

0:36:38 You can't hear us?

0:36:40 Can you hear me now?

0:36:42 All right.

0:36:43 I like that.

0:36:43 Okay.

0:36:44 So Lisa, you're going to speak up very loud.

0:36:47 Lisa Amara is and was chief of zoning and knows all about this DRO, this way that these houses of worship.

0:37:01 as well as government entities, got to be without the border county commissioned approval or even review.

0:37:11 So if we keep real quiet, because Lisa's a little soft-spoken.

0:37:15 At least I want you to be really powerful.

0:37:16 Go right ahead, Lisa.

Speaker 3
0:37:18 Okay, and I'll take this opportunity to talk about some of the things that I was going to present because it's really critically important that you all understand the zoning and land use planning approval process from me and Wendy to understand the context.

0:37:32 And if someone who's controlling the slide could put up that air photo development map, I don't know why there's a ring on here.

0:37:38 Do you guys hear that?

0:37:39 Um, So, some basic fundamentals, the agricultural reserve is 22,000 acres of land that is not owned by the county.

0:37:50 That is something that comes up like a lot. The county owns 2,400 acres of agricultural land that we lease out to some farmers, and that's in the center

band.

0:38:01 Not that, well, not that photo.

0:38:02 There was another one that had red and green.

0:38:06 Um, There's a center band in the middle, where Flora Lakers is?

0:38:13 Yeah, there you go.

0:38:14 You see that band? In the middle, where there's no development, that's owned by the county.

0:38:19 There's a couple other bits owned by the county, like the parks, the fire rescue, but the ag reserve is not owned by the county.

0:38:27 Thank you.

0:38:30 So, how development occurs in the ag reserve?

0:38:36 Who, how development, please don't ask questions while I'm speaking.

0:38:41 Let me finish.

0:38:42 So how development occurs in the ag reserve, how most of the planned unit developments have occurred is that developers came in with land and they, 60% had to be put in agricultural or open space preserved.

0:38:59 That's the green on the map behind me.

0:39:01 The 40% is where the residential properties were developed.

0:39:05 If you live in the Ag Reserve and you don't live in Lorena or Horseshoe Acres, you probably live in the canyons or one of the Valencia's or Meisner, you are in an area where you're associated with land that's agriculture.

0:39:18 I mean, and that's the map.

0:39:19 Anything that's kind of the pink red.

0:39:21 That's the development there.

0:39:23 Now, lands that are not green or red on that map could be privately owned by farmers, such as Mr. Lionel Gray, such as the Bedners, such as Jim Alderman, or they could be owned by commercial properties, or non-residential properties.

0:39:42 For example, the hospital is privately owned.

0:39:45 The commercial areas are privately owned

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0:39:47 The new commerce centers are privately owned.

0:39:50 Peanuts country store, various bits and pieces.

0:39:53 So property owners that own land in the Ag Reserve, just like anywhere else in the county, can ask for a use approval.

0:40:01 They can ask, um, by right, the property owners in the ag reserve can do one house per 5 acres.

0:40:08 Or if they do a plan development, they could do one house per acre and they cluster in that 40%. Or they could ask for a land use change with the border county commissioners to get commercial or their various other uses that you see.

0:40:21 So that's the basic fundamental and it's something very important to understand that the county doesn't own all the land.

0:40:27 We only own 2400 acres that we lease out to agriculture and then the parks and the fire rescue.

0:40:33 So, a lot of information went out about this meeting about a project or 2 projects side by side on 152nd.

0:40:44 They are not proposed.

0:40:46 They are actually already approved, and it's really important that you understand that they were approved.

0:40:53 The place of worship was approved in January 2022, and it was an administrative approval that Wendy will explain how that works.

0:41:01 So if you own a piece of property and you want to develop something.

0:41:05 Sometimes those approvals are administrative by staff, and sometimes they have a public hearing.

0:41:11 The school was approved, and it was approved at a public hearing.

0:41:15 Commissioner Sachs voted against it, and some of the other commissioners voted for it.

0:41:21 Public notice.

0:41:22 You want to know about public notice.

0:41:24 When the zoning has an application, that's a public hearing application, they provide notice within 500 feet of the property.

0:41:34 It is what it is.

0:41:36 It is what it is.

0:41:37 If it's an administrative application,

0:41:40 There is no notice because there's no public hearing.

0:41:43 I'm just telling you how the rules work.

Speaker 2 0:41:48 Wait a minute, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait a minute.

0:41:50 We give respect to everybody who's speaking, all right?

0:41:54 If there no?

0:41:55 Okay, if you say, if you do not want to give respect, as we did to Mr. Rosen, and to others who are going to speak, then you can leave, all right?

0:42:05 But I will have order here and respect for everybody.

0:42:08 Okay?

0:42:09 Okay, very good.

0:42:10 All right.

Speaker 3 0:42:11 And we could talk, and Wendy can explain the difference between the public hearing process and the administrative process.

Speaker 2 0:42:17 Very good.

0:42:17 Go ahead, Wendy.

0:42:20 Okay, good morning.

Speaker 16 0:42:22 Good morning.

0:42:23 My name is Wendy Hernandez.

0:42:25 The zoning director, and I will talk a little bit about the zoning process.

0:42:30 So there are ultimately three different ways that we review applications for compliance with our zoning code.

0:42:40 The application may be a public hearing application, and administrative application, and then we also review building permits for compliance with the zoning code.

the zoning code.

0:42:49 So I think your questions are specifically related to the administrative process.

0:42:55 So we have in our land development regulations a multitude of different uses that are stated in the code.

0:43:04 And those different uses have different approval processes.

0:43:08 And they are based on the size, they use, the intensity, um, or, um, so those different criteria.

0:43:18 Each of the uses might have additional standards on where they can or cannot be located, depending on that specific use.

0:43:25 So an administrative application would come to the zoning division as a request, and we distribute that application out for review to 17 different county or state agencies to review for compliance with our land development regs or the engineering regulations, the health department regulations.

0:43:47 So everybody gets a chance to comment on it, review it.

0:43:51 The applicant has to modify those plans to make sure that it is compliant with those code regulations. So in the case of the 2 projects that are along 152nd,

0:44:03 One was an administrative application, a place of worship, and the 2nd was a private school and a general daycare, which in the code is a both of them are conditional uses.

0:44:15 So conditional use would go to the board.

0:44:17 The place of worship was an administrative application.

0:44:21 In both scenarios.

0:44:24 It's distributed to staff, staff reviews it, and ensures that it's consistent with the code.

0:44:31 And then if it's a public hearing application, our staff prepares a recommendation for the board, for a final decision, for an administrative application, the staff prepare a recommendation, if it's all, if all the criteria are met, then we can approve it, approve it with conditions, or if it hasn't been met, it's denied.

0:44:54 So that's, I think, generally what it is.

Speaker 2

Yeah.

0:44:58

0:44:58 Okay, so what I'm going to paraphrase that.

0:45:01 We're going to go back to the line.

0:45:04 What the rule has been.

0:45:07 is that if somebody owns land, in the ag reserve or actually anywhere in the county, and you want to build on it,

0:45:16 And it is a government facility, such as a tax collector's office.

0:45:24 Let's take the tax collector's office.

0:45:26 That's on Lyons Road.

0:45:28 I am opposed to it.

0:45:29 I was opposed to it at the beginning.

0:45:32 However, it did not come before the board.

0:45:35 So that we did not have a say so, which means 7 county commissioners.

0:45:41 That represents 2.1 million people in this county.

0:45:46 Did not have a say in that particular building.

0:45:50 It just went ahead.

0:45:52 I want to check, I want to change that rule, and you do too.

0:45:56 You want to change it, right?

0:45:58 Is there anybody who does not want to change or raise your head?

0:46:01 God bless you if you do.

0:46:02 Okay, so this is what we're going to do.

0:46:06 You're gonna help me.

0:46:09 Put a proposal out to my fellow colleagues, my 6 other county commissioners to change that rule so that everything goes before the people's elected represented.

0:46:25 Okay?

0:46:28 And we're talking in the ag reserve area.

0:46:31 We talking in the ag reserve.

0:46:32 Mr. Roth, I love you.

0:46:34 I've known you for years, but you just better quiet down for a minute because I'm talking.

0:46:39 So, what I want you to do.

0:46:43 is I'm going to put up on the board, the email, to you, for you to get to all every comedy commissioner, every 7 of us, and tell all of us you want it changed.

0:46:57 Okay?

0:46:59 Now just a minute, just a minute, just a minute, just a minute.

0:47:02 Just a minute.

0:47:04 And it doesn't mean they're going to vote with me. Or they're going to vote with you.

0:47:09 So you got to be very adamant about it and come to the meeting when we discuss it.

0:47:14 Okay?

0:47:15 Now can it be retroactive?

0:47:17 All right?

0:47:18 All right, just let me tell you.

0:47:20 It is...

0:47:25 I didn't hear you.

0:47:27 Um, It's a legal question.

0:47:33 It's a legal question.

0:47:35 So, if, if in fact, the, uh, you can contact an attorney and see if we can revisit it, we can revisit those votes.

0:47:46 Revisit the decision.

0:47:48 All right?

0:47:49 And I am with you on this, okay?

0:47:51 I'm with you on this.

0:47:53 I'm an attorney.

0:47:54 I've been an attorney 47 years.

0:47:56 I started in high school.

0:47:58 But an attorney, long time, there are attorneys, uh, who will review this and see if the vote can be revisited, and that would be fine.

0:48:08 All right, and that would be fine.

0:48:09 It's up to you, okay?

0:48:11 And that is because, you know what?

0:48:14 Let me tell you something, folks.

0:48:17 You should have, this is the United States of America.

0:48:21 Right?

0:48:22 The greatest country in the world.

0:48:25 We are the greatest country in the world.

0:48:28 And I see these folks with their U.S. stuff.

0:48:30 I appreciate that.

0:48:31 My mother, I don't want to do it.

0:48:33 But look it, we are. We are Americans.

0:48:37 And we do not discriminate against anybody on race, color, creed.

0:48:42 But what we want is, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute, wait, do not talk over me because I do not like that.

0:48:49 What we do want is we want to have a voice and who our neighbors are, right?

0:48:56 And we should have that voice.

0:48:59 And that voice is the board of county commissioners, because we decide who comes into our neighborhoods and who doesn't.

0:49:07 And if you don't like the decision of your county commissioner, vote him out of office.

0:49:12 Vote him out of office

0:49:12 vote him out of office.

0:49:16 The greatest power we have is the power to vote.

0:49:19 All right?

0:49:20 So this decision will pro... Okay.

0:49:24 Let's have respect.

0:49:25 All right, okay, good.

0:49:27 Sir, Mr. Roth.

Speaker 17
0:49:29 So, Commissioner, I came up to the mic because I was afraid the meeting might be called early.

0:49:34 I wanted to go ahead and tell you my remarks that I prepared for this meeting on the ag reserve.

0:49:38 As you know, I'm a 3rd generation farmer.

0:49:41 I've been fighting since 2022 with code enforcement and other county officials trying to maintain agriculture in the ag reserve area.

0:49:49 The ag reserve areas in the middle of my Senate district 26 that I'm running for.

Speaker 2
0:49:54 Sure, no campaigning.

0:49:55 Just tell us what you want.

Speaker 17
0:49:56 I'm for preserving the ag reserve lands in perpetuity.

0:50:03 And if you can't do it at the county level, we're going to do it in Tallahassee.

0:50:08 I do I do need you to know something.

0:50:10 I do need you to know something.

0:50:12 When you say flippantly, excuse me, when you say flippantly, it's the warmest land.

0:50:19 The warmest land in the wintertime in Florida is a big deal.

0:50:24 This is the best farmland because of the water that we have.

0:50:29 It's called the Lake Worth Drainage District, and the temperatures that we have, and we're dying by a 1000 cuts

have, and were dying by a 1000 cuts.

0:50:38 The county commission and others are falling in line with the development pressures.

0:50:45 Oh, we need this.

0:50:46 We need that.

0:50:47 I think the bottom line today is thank you, Commissioner, you and Marcy Woodward did vote no on G.L. Holmes Land Swap.

0:50:55 Thank you for that.

0:50:57 We are, I think you're going in the right direction, what I hear you saying.

0:51:00 But the bottom line is, when you're building buildings in the ag reserve area, they cannot be incompatible use, that is drawing more people into the area.

0:51:13 We don't need a DMV and we don't need a school and a worship center that's just going to bring strangers into our communities.

Speaker 2
0:51:25 Thank you.

Speaker 17
0:51:31 Commissioner.

Speaker 2
0:51:32 Sit down while you're ahead.

Speaker 17
0:51:35 Commissioner, we need your help.

0:51:37 Thank you.

0:51:37 We need your help.

0:51:39 Traffic is what's gonna kill the ag reserve.

Speaker 2
0:51:42 Thank you, Ms. Brown.

0:51:43 you.

0:51:43 Thank you, sir.

Speaker 18
0:51:50 All right, ma'am, State.

0:51:51 Meryl Kafka, with the so called pre approved Islamic development, um, will there be a complete environmental impact statement investigating the

effects on the infrastructure of not only traffic of a 1000 cars a day, but also the impact of um, added sewage facilities, the actual infrastructure.

0:52:18 To me, we are forfeiting vital agricultural land that provides immeasurable ecological services to our environment.

0:52:30 We're forfeiting that ecological service that only Mother Nature can provide. How are we going to mitigate flood control?

0:52:40 What air pollution, water pollution, uh, and the impact of noise pollution, light pollution.

0:52:48 So thank you very much.

0:52:49 Thank you.

0:52:50 I have an answer.

0:52:51 Go ahead.

Speaker 3
0:52:51 Each application that comes through the zoning process, whether it's an administrative application or a public hearing has to have a traffic analysis.

0:53:00 It's reviewed by environmental resources management, water utilities.

0:53:04 It's connected, this particular one's connected to water and sewer.

0:53:07 Those analyses are done with each application that comes through the process.

Speaker 19
0:53:11 Sir, state your name.

0:53:13 Good morning.

0:53:14 My name is Sean Malachovsky.

0:53:16 I'm just going to read my question.

0:53:17 Can you check if proper notice was actually given for the zoning committee vote a 7th to 0 vote in July 2023 and for the commission vote in September 2023?

0:53:28 Yes, sir.

0:53:29 Because with slight, with very little notice for this meeting, we have a full room, and there was not one opposition in those 2 meetings.

0:53:38 So that, in any ag, as you know, in any ag reserve, um, small development,

you have some opposition, and in those two meetings, there was no opposition.

0:53:48 So I'm wondering, can you check if proper notice was actually given, because that's how you can get them, get, stop this project retro?

Speaker 2 Well, sir, that is a very good question.

0:53:56

0:54:01 And that is why everybody is here today.

0:54:03 On your way out.

0:54:04 There is the, uh, information, this in the county, you know, county email, uh, county website, that gives all that all the answers to your questions, sir.

0:54:15 And thank you so much.

0:54:16 And so the notice was given, and there was signs posted, and we copied them.

0:54:21 Did you check that?

Speaker 19 If the signs were actually posted.

0:54:22

0:54:23 Well, sir.

Speaker 2 The newspaper was actually sent out.

0:54:24

0:54:26 Thank you very much.

0:54:27 And his question, if you don't, if if, sir, what's your 1st name?

0:54:33 What's your name, sir?

0:54:35 Sean, let's give Sean, give Sean respect.

0:54:38 All right?

0:54:39 Sean questioned whether the notice was given, whether the signs were posted on these issues that came up or the, so the answers to that is on your way out.

0:54:52 What we did is we copied from it's public record, so you can review them on the way out.

0:54:58 Yes, they were.

0:54:58 Thank you very much, Sean.

0:54:59 I appreciate it.

0:55:00 Let's give this lady respect.

0:55:02 Go ahead, ma'am.

Speaker 7
0:55:03 Hello, I'm Dr. Linda Kaplan.

0:55:06 And I drove up from an area that had severe flooding.

0:55:10 Hollywood, Florida, to be here today.

0:55:13 I didn't hear anybody talk about our canal system, and I'm asking you, as a physician, where we 1st do no harm, that we put a moratorium on any further development, because our canal systems are so important for management of storm water, mitigating flooding, providing water filtration, and providing recharge benefit.

0:55:35 So, in addition to the unique farmland and wetland conditions that we have, I think that we also need to address our very important canals.

0:55:45 I have a very important function.

0:55:47 And while we're not really flooding that bad up here in Boca

Speaker 9
0:55:51 and Del Rey yet, I'd like to keep it that way.

Speaker 2
0:55:54 Thank you.

0:55:56 Doctor, thank you for coming all the way from Hollywood.

0:56:00 Lake Worth Drainage District has been in operation created in the 1920s.

0:56:06 You are welcome to visit them.

0:56:08 They're on military trail.

0:56:09 Look them up.

0:56:10 Lake Worth Drainage district.

0:56:12 They handle all our canals.

0:56:14 Very good question.

0:56:15 Thank you, doctor.

0:56:16 Ma'am, go ahead.

0:56:16 State your name.

Speaker 2 0:56:18 Hi, my name is Anna, ANA.

0:56:21 Thank you, everybody, and thank you for organizing this event.

0:56:25 I want to ask, my question is about the Islamic center.

0:56:30 Um, I'm a member of a long

0:56:33 I've lived here all my whole life.

0:56:34 I'm Latina, and I'm actually a Muslim convert.

0:56:37 And as a convert, I want to ask, if the new school in the new worship center was a synagogue or another entity...

0:56:52 How would you?

0:56:54 Okay.

0:56:58 We practice. Wait a minute, Anna,

Speaker 2 0:57:00 wait a minute.

0:57:04 All right.

0:57:07 Okay, wait a minute, wait a minute.

0:57:09 Quiet, quiet, quiet.

0:57:11 Well, wait, Anna, wait a minute.

0:57:13 Wait a minute.

0:57:14 Listen.

0:57:16 Listen.

0:57:18 Wait a minute, wait a minute, listen up.

0:57:20 Listen up.

0:57:21 the only Muslim in my family.

0:57:23 Wait a minute, please.

0:57:24 All right, ladies and gentlemen, ladies and gentlemen.

0:57:29 All right, the longer you scream, the last time we have.
0:57:33 We don't.
0:57:34 Anna, just one minute, please.
0:57:36 Okay?
0:57:36 We're going to hear your question.
0:57:38 Thank you. We're going to give respect.
0:57:40 excuse me.
0:57:41 We're going to give respect.
0:57:43 Do not push me.
0:57:44 Ma'am, please.
0:57:46 We will give respect to everybody here.
0:57:49 And if you don't want to,
0:57:51 We'll escort you out.
0:57:52 We'll help you out the door.
0:57:54 This is this is this is a county building.
0:57:56 I'm a county official and do not push me on a lack of respect.
0:58:01 This is Palm Beach County.
0:58:04 Stop it.
0:58:04 Stop it.
0:58:06 Anna, I want your question to be factual.
0:58:09 I don't want any prejudice or discrimination.
0:58:11 Go right ahead.
Speaker 20
0:58:12 Thank you.
0:58:13 And I want to be safer, again.
0:58:16 So will this development help my community to be safe, my mosque actually welcomes people of other faith to ask questions.

0:58:27 And we do that.

0:58:28 Okay.

0:58:29 Thank you.

0:58:30 And I have a

Speaker 2 seat and I'll answer your question.

0:58:30

0:58:32 Thank you.

0:58:32 Okay.

0:58:34 You know, I don't want to have anybody look at Palm Beach County.

0:58:39 This is all being videotaped and say that we are.

0:58:50 that we are not one community in one neighborhood, because we are in Palm Beach County.

0:58:56 We welcome everybody.

0:58:58 Everybody, watch it, watch it because I will not allow this to disrupt.

0:59:04 And if somebody is like that, you may leave and go someplace else.

0:59:09 This is okay.

0:59:10 So this is the way it is.

0:59:11 Sir, state your name, please.

Speaker 21 Hello, my name is Matthew Wallach.

0:59:12

0:59:14 Yes, sir?

0:59:15 I have a few questions.

0:59:16 Will there be an amplified outdoor call to prayer?

0:59:19 Will surrounding neighborhoods here at 5 times a day?

0:59:23 And if the answer is no, put that commitment into an enforceable condition.

0:59:27 And then I also want to talk about how this area has a substantial Jewish community.

0:59:33 If credible documented evidence exists connecting specific individuals or

1:01:19 Please give Kelly.

1:01:20 Is it Kelly?

1:01:21 Kelly.

Speaker 2
1:01:21 Yeah, let's give Kelly respect.

Speaker 3
1:01:23 My name's Kelly Alexander.

1:01:24 I'm born and raised in Delray Beach, born in Bethesda, but raised in Delray Beach my whole life, and I remember when all of this was farmland.

1:01:31 So I am definitely against any more development in the area specifically related to traffic and I have seen the changes more than probably anyone else in the room.

1:01:42 Um, so, if this project is approved, can it be rescinded?

1:01:47 And if so, what does that process look like?

Speaker 2
1:01:51 Thank you, Kelly.

1:01:51 Have a seat.

1:01:55 You know, the beauty of our people here in Palm Beach County is that, uh, a lady like Kelly, who was born and raised, and hopefully will work and live and raise a family here in Palm Beach County, that, that to, to me, and to all of you, is really a sign of respect for all of us.

1:02:15 And then thank you, Kelly.

1:02:17 As I said before, if there is any of these these places that I had mentioned before, I don't need to go over them again, you need to get an attorney and talk to the attorney about how you can, you know, go back the vote or revoke the DRO, but we're going to change that ordinance, the end of this month, you'll all get notice.

1:02:37 And but if you want to change something, and you want to retract a vote, the best, I can, I would tell you, is to consult an attorney.

1:02:46 Not that I'm an attorney, I want to drum up any business for my folks, but it's always a good thing.

1:02:51 Just one minute.

1:02:51 Yes, sir.

1:02:52 How you doing?

1:02:53 My name's Aaron King.

1:02:55 I also grew up in Del Rey my whole life, and I have seen it turn to people who can buy whatever they want.

1:03:02 Um, I'd like to further his question and not only the people doing it, but the people funding it.

1:03:10 Governor DeSantis has labeled many of the Islamics terrorists.

1:03:18 So I'd like to know if there's an investigation into the funding of it.

1:03:21 by care or anybody else.

1:03:24 And if it is, why can't that be stopped?

1:03:28 Okay, um, and I don't think anything should be built anywhere over there.

1:03:33 And I'm sad that you guys are getting paid to get this stuff pushed under the carpet, under our noses, without our voices, because everybody here works for us.

1:03:45 And they should listen to us because we don't want it.

1:03:48 Okay. Sir? Turn around, sit.

1:03:51 I want everybody to show respect to his t shirt.

1:03:53 Very nice.

1:03:55 Thank you, sir.

1:03:56 That's what we live and work for.

1:03:59 So let me answer this gentleman's questions.

1:04:02 As I said twice before,

1:04:06 Every, every application that comes before either the zoning commission or the board is reviewed so that there's no outdoor influences.

1:04:17 And let me tell you, that was the whole issue with the data center, if you recall, we didn't know who was building, who owned the data center.

1:04:26 So, but we know just one second, please.

1:04:30 Just know that.

1:04:32 Just that today, yes, we do know, the zoning knows, and you can find out.

1:04:37 But let's just say that.

1:04:40 Okay.

1:04:43 You know, I feel bad for the 3 people because they made 4 people.

1:04:47 So let's hear what they have to say.

1:04:49 Okay?

1:04:50 It's 1042.

1:04:52 Okay, sir, you want to talk?

1:04:54 You're taking time away from these people.

1:04:57 Go ahead, sir.

Speaker 5
1:04:58 My name is Jan Reese.

1:04:59 I've been a Florida resident since 1952.

1:05:01 Boca Raton in 78.

1:05:03 I was involved in some of the biggest high-tech properties in the country.

1:05:07 One of them is right here in Boca Raton, the 850 acre Arvada Park of Commerce, Yamato Road, from the Clintmore from 195 to military.

1:05:16 It's the home of the Broken Sound Golf course.

1:05:18 They call it the old course.

1:05:19 It's one of the few parks in the country that had those put together.

1:05:23 We had our Vita cooperation that owned the land throughout this city, including the Boca Hotel, Boca Beach club, the whole 9 yards.

1:05:32 Okay, question is, data centers.

Speaker 2
1:05:35 No, okay.

1:05:35 No, no, no, no, no, no.

1:05:37 Well, thank you for that advertisement.

1:05:39 I appreciate it.

1:05:39 Not to develop them.

1:05:40 No, no, no.

1:05:41 Let's get to the... We're talking about ag reserve.

1:05:44 Please.

1:05:44 Next, next year. 50,000 people at Lake Tahoe, we're called.

1:05:47 Sir, sir.

1:05:48 Please let the next gentleman speak.

1:05:50 Thank you.

1:05:51 Sir, come on up with the hat.

1:05:53 Go ahead.

Speaker 23 1:05:55 Hi, my name is Daniel Grüstein.

1:05:57 I am from New Jersey originally.

1:05:59 Okay. I moved down to Florida in the last 3 years.

1:06:03 I'm an IDF lone soldier.

Speaker 2 1:06:17 Now you're talking to

Speaker 23 1:06:18 someone that matters.

Speaker 8 1:06:18 Wait, wait, wait, wait.

Speaker 23 1:06:19 Now you're gonna talk to someone that has a question.

Speaker 2 1:06:21 Let him let him let him applaud for you because of your sacrifice.

Speaker 23 1:06:25 No, this is not worth applotting for.

1:06:27 I'm sorry

1:06:28 part of idea?

1:06:29 I am part of the IDF state.

1:06:30 Well, I appreciate that. Paramedic and the Special Forces.

1:06:32 Thank you, sir, for your post October 7th.

1:06:35 I was back in Israel within 48 hours.

1:06:37 Thank you, sir.

Speaker 2 1:06:39 Thank you for your service.

1:06:41 you.

Speaker 23 1:06:42 I moved down to Florida, having lived my whole life in New Jersey because of the situation that's going on in the Northeast because of the rapid spread of Islamas, of Islamic sentiment and the uptick and everything that's going on.

1:06:58 I personally have been the victim of death threats to my house, to my family.

1:07:04 I have called Florida.

Speaker 2 1:07:05 Sure, I'd like for you to speak to one of their PBSO officers.

1:07:07 I

Speaker 23 1:07:08 was told that.

1:07:08 I was told that they told me there is nothing to do.

1:07:11 They told me there. So do you have a question?

Speaker 2 1:07:14 Listen, 1st of all, thank you for your service.

1:07:18 Wait a minute.

1:07:21 Let him let him speak, please.

1:07:23 Okay.

1:07:23 Thank you for your

1:07:26 Thank you for your service.

1:07:28 What can we do to help you with the ag reserve, sir?

Speaker 23 1:07:29 How is this going to make us safe?

1:07:31

1:07:33 How are you going to guarantee our safety when we call 911 when we file police reports, when we show documented evidence of threats, when people drive by our house, when people burn flags, when people come up to us on the street?

1:07:47 What are you doing to protect us?

1:07:49 What are you doing?

1:07:50 What are you doing?

1:07:56 What are you doing?

1:07:57 Because understand, understand as a veteran, as someone with PTSD, if I have a traumatic episode, the instinct for the police is to dispatch a SWAT team.

1:08:09 Is that acceptable?

1:08:12 No. So then why?

1:08:14 Why are we doing this?

1:08:15 What is going on?

1:08:17 Where is the support for the community, for the Jewish families, understand there's over 200 lone soldiers that are in the South Florida community living amongst you guys in fear?

1:08:29 Because we don't know how to stand up for ourselves because the police and the government have not done it.

1:08:37 Thank you, sir.

Speaker 2 Will you please stay after, sir, would you please stay afterwards?

1:08:44

1:08:48 I want you to talk to the chief of police.

1:08:51 That's okay.

1:08:52 Right.

1:08:53 Appreciate it.

1:08:53 Thank you for your service.

Speaker 24 Hi, my name is Kim Holbrook, and the one question I have is you said that no

1:08:55 matter what goes in, whether it's a temple, it's this and that, you do serious background checks, where the money comes from.

1:09:09 You have a whole list of things.

1:09:11 Who's doing it?

Speaker 2 Or the border county commissioner, no, zoning, zoning.

1:09:13

1:09:19 Okay, that's

Speaker 24 that's not good enough.

1:09:19

1:09:20 If you told me the FBI.

1:09:22 I would then accept that.

1:09:24 But just you guys making phone calls.

1:09:27 It is absolutely not enough for us.

1:09:29 We need really, really good background checks.

1:09:33 Thank you.

Speaker 2 We have only three more.

1:09:37

1:09:40 We only have time for three more.

1:09:41 Well, let me tell you something.

1:09:43 It is, you all follow social media.

1:09:47 Oh, check on social media.

1:09:49 Who was the attorney representing the applicant who wanted the Islamic center?

1:09:57 The local attorney, just one second, just a second, and speak to him and his law firm, and you can find out every... Look at where you're wasting time.

1:10:06 All right?

1:10:08 May I, please?

1:10:09 Okay?

1:10:10 It's all, it's all on record.

1:10:12 It's all social media.

1:10:13 Check it out.

1:10:14 He was there.

1:10:15 If you look at the September 28th, 2023 hearing, you will see everybody there, you'll see the board speaking.

1:10:24 You'll see me there and the rest of my colleagues.

1:10:27 You will also see the attorneys, especially the one who represents the particular applicant for this, okay?

1:10:34 Ma'am, please, you know, I want these folks to speak.

1:10:38 Please go right ahead, ma'am.

Speaker 25 Thank you.

1:10:40

1:10:41 My name is Judy Reuben.

1:10:42 I live right down the street from where the Islamic Center is coming in.

1:10:47 We've heard a lot about what can be done to prevent parking problems, traffic problems, water use problems, land use problems.

1:10:57 I want to know what can be done legally to prevent inflammatory rhetoric that's harmful to Americans and Jews.

Speaker 2 Thank you very much.

1:11:08

1:11:09 I really appreciate that.

Speaker 25 Unless we have... I think that there are people here.

1:11:11

1:11:14 Can I finish, please?

1:11:15 Sure, sure, go ahead.

1:11:15 unless we have somebody actually in the school in the services at the, at the mosque, there to witness what they're saying, we can never know that they're not.

1:11:30 In inspiring people to violence against us.

Speaker 2 Thank you.

1:11:33

1:11:40 Thank you, ma'am, and if you sit down, I'm going to take the next two, but let me answer your question.

1:11:44 Let me answer your question and Thank you.

1:11:51 The inflammatory and harmful rhetoric came from certain people on social media.

1:12:02 And I will tell you something.

1:12:04 False AI generated pictures.

1:12:08 And false rhetoric.

1:12:11 will not be, I can't stop it, but I know the people here.

1:12:17 You are educated, you are Americans, you're Palm Beach County, and I cannot tell you it's not going to stop.

1:12:24 It's going to get worse, but you are smart enough not to get all uptight about all of this rhetoric, hateful speech.

1:12:35 Okay?

1:12:36 And if you're not, I'm sorry.

1:12:39 Okay?

1:12:39 I have, I have 2 more speakers.

1:12:46 Go right ahead, ma'am.

1:12:47 Good morning.

1:12:48 No, wait a minute, don't speak until everybody's quiet.

Speaker 26
1:12:51 Good morning.

1:12:52 My name is Sharon Schechter.

1:12:54 Hello, Chef. If we're going to talk about safety.

1:12:56 Let's talk about real safety.

1:12:58 What was the result of the assessment of the police department and fire department in a case of a mass casualty in the area.

1:13:06 What is the timing of response with all that extra traffic in the area?

1:13:11 Was it disassessed?

1:13:13 We have to think over it.

1:13:14 Because it's not just like a small accident or so.

1:13:18 We know that being the situation, being the current situation, mass casualties can happen, and what's the timing of the response?

1:13:28 And how was the assessment about that?

Speaker 2 Thank you.

1:13:30

1:13:31 We have...

1:13:35 sit down, I'll tell you the answer.

1:13:37 One more.

1:13:38 We have a response time for our fire rescue of within 7 minutes.

1:13:45 From the time they get the call, to the time they respond.

1:13:50 And with law enforcement... with law enforcements, it's even less.

1:13:57 Now, every time a development is applied for in the county, that's one of the reasons, one of the things that they review before any development is approved.

1:14:09 Ma'am, you go right ahead.

Speaker 27 Very quickly.

1:14:11

1:14:12 And when you look at the demographics in Palm Beach County, there are 250,000 Jews approximately and 6,000 Muslims.

1:14:21 You said they have 6 moths already in Palm Beach County.

1:14:26 So I'm just wondering, do you do demographics to decide, you know, that there needs to be an answer to the, in response to the, uh, Latina, she called herself convert.

1:14:39 Would you have this meeting if another synagogue was going to be erected?

1:14:45 Uh, yeah, probably you would, because I happen to know that a Khabad campus was suggested, and Del Rey, not exact, not in the same thing, and what it was shot down because of water issues, et cetera.

1:14:58 So you do.

1:15:00 You do you do look at these things.

Speaker 2
1:15:03 Thank you so much.

1:15:04 You can have a seat.

1:15:05 Okay, let me answer it.

1:15:06 We have a minute left.

1:15:10 We have others. This is, this is, ma'am, sit down, we're done.

1:15:13 We don't have any more.

1:15:14 I appreciate it.

1:15:15 I appreciate it.

1:15:16 All right, come on up, come on up.

1:15:18 All right, but you have to be quiet.

1:15:20 I'll respond to that lady after you go ahead, speak, ma'am.

Speaker 8
1:15:23 Quite a number

Speaker 2
1:15:23 of states.

1:15:24 Give me your name.

Speaker 8
1:15:25 brought up.

1:15:25 I'm sorry.

1:15:26 Please give us your name.

1:15:28 Helane Abramson.

1:15:30 Thank you, Ms. Abramson.

1:15:31 Quite a number of safety issues were brought up.

1:15:33 So I, and you keep telling us that this was vetted.

1:15:37 The North American Islamic Trust ornate was founded by an organization with direct ties to the Muslim Brotherhood.

Speaker 4 There are concerns about what this project
1:15:45

Speaker 8 means for our community.
1:15:49

1:15:52 So I'm asking on the record.

1:15:54 What proof do you have that everybody involved has been vetted for to
ensure our community is not disrupted.

1:16:05 And are either the Muslim brotherhood or care, both designated.