CITIZEN QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Eric Murgo, a concerned citizen, expressed concerns about Islam coming to this country.

Mr. Edward Lang, a resident of Palm Beach County, indicated concerns about Flock cameras and Islam in the State of Florida.

Mr. Michael O'Leary, a resident of Volusia County, stated that he would like to echo the sentiments of the other speakers, and noted that he was happy to see the Pledge of Allegiance recited at the meeting. He opined that if the Board would hold true to the Pledge of Allegiance, then everything would be okay.

Mr. John Galt, a resident of Lake County, expressed concerns about the Islamification of Lake County and about cameras for mass surveillance, and opined that even though he was in favor of proactive policing, the mass surveillance of the nation had to be stopped.

Mr. Paul Adams, a resident of Lake County, opined that the original Community Facility District (CFD) ordinance for the Islamic Center of Clermont was flawed, and inquired if conditions had been met for the CFD usage, such as traffic mitigation, sewer service, and stormwater mitigation. He indicated his understanding that the Islamic Center originally applied for a CFD in 2012 on a nearby larger parcel on Lost Lake Road, and that it was denied because of the lack of sewer service, among other things. He commented that they then bought the parcel on John's Lake Road and continued their former intensity on the smaller parcel, and he questioned if there were different health regulations on the different parcels. He asked why this institution had been allowed to operate using a residential septic system sized for a private residence, noting that the original CFD for that parcel had been approved 19 years prior. He inquired if there was a time limit for compliance on a sewer hookup, and pointed out that the usage had expanded to 80 families. He related that this facility was uphill from his property and within 300 feet of his water wells, and he asked that the Board would revoke the CFD for the Islamic Center of Clermont and prohibit all future rezonings on their three parcels adjacent to his property.

Ms. Suzanne Simpson, a resident of Lake County, opined that there were currently 3,421 Muslims in Lake County, which was less than one percent of the population, and questioned if the residents agreed with the Islamic Center of Clermont. She relayed that the State of Florida currently had over 118 mosques, and opined that even though the one in the City of Clermont was

doing fine, they did not need any more.

Ms. Connie Hurlburt, a resident of Lake County, indicated appreciation for the speed tables on Waycross Avenue, opining that had been difficult backing out into traffic. She also expressed concerns about Islam.

Ms. Elanah Coulson, a resident of Lake County, commented that the State was considering stronger poaching laws, and that the palmetto berry harvesters who were harvesting illegally were being arrested, opining that everybody wanted to protect the forest and the animals. She also indicated concerns about the Embry-Riddle Deep Woods Ranch aviation training facility.

Ms. Nichole Lugo, a resident of Lake County, opined that public safety should come before political correctness, and said that she believed in religious freedom, in peaceful people having the right to worship, and in the right to ask questions. She expressed concerns about Islamic Centers, extremism, and protecting their children, families, and country, opining that protecting every American should never be treated as an opposing goal.

Ms. Betsy Ross, a concerned citizen, indicated concerns about pedophiles and the Quran.

Mr. Jason Kelyman, a resident of Lake County, recited Luke 22:36, and opined that Lake County was not like the City of Dearborn, Michigan.

Ms. Leslie Russell, a resident of Sumter County, indicated concerns about Islam.

Ms. C.J. Blancett, Chairman of the Lake County Chapter of the Constitution Party, opined that a community was more than a piece of property on a zoning map, and that it included people's homes, investments, neighborhoods, quality of life, where families raised their children, where people retired, and where residents had invested years building a place that they were proud to call home. She opined that even though a property owner may have a right to propose a business or development, this did not mean that every proposed use belonged in those locations, and that if approvals came just because someone owned the property, there would be little purpose in having land use planning. She opined that some questions included the following: did a business belong there; was it compatible with the surrounding community; did its intensity fit the character of the community; and were the concerns of the people who lived there meaningfully addressed. She expressed concern about public participation being ignored, and opined that listening to residents meant more than allowing them to speak at the meeting. She opined that development should complement a community and not overwhelm it,

	and that residents should not have to continually fight to preserve the reasonable expectations they relied upon when they chose where to build their homes, raise their families, and invest their savings. She asked the Board to look beyond the applications and to look at the neighborhood and the surrounding properties. She opined that the Board should ask if that proposed use demonstrated compatibility with the community, and that if it did not, then it should be denied.	
DISCUSSION	**Tab 2.** Discussion and direction regarding rescinding authorizations to allow License Plate Readers (LPR) in the County right-of-way. **The Board approved for staff to take all legal actions to revoke any licenses or deauthorize any public or private entities from placing or assisting in placing any automatic license plate readers in any of the County right of ways or County properties as soon as possible, and to invite the Lake County Sheriff to attend a Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting within the following month to have public comment and to learn what he might have to say.**	SABATINI
	Tab 1. REZONING AGENDA	
	REGULAR AGENDA REZONING CASES:	
APPROVED	Tab 1. **Ordinance No. 2026-40** Rezoning Case # PZ2025-289 Panther Run PUD (RZ) Rezone approximately 2,241 +/- gross acres from Agriculture (A) District to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to facilitate a mixed-use development within the Wellness Way Area Plan.	DIAL
WITHDRAWN	Tab 2. Rezoning Case # PZ2025-352 Islamic Center of Clermont, Inc. (RZ) Rezone approximately 3.69 +/- acres from Agriculture (A) District to Community Facility District (CFD); incorporate the subject 3.69 +/- acres into the existing CFD approved under Ordinance #2007-20; and to facilitate the expansion of a Place of Worship.	DIAL
TABLED	Tab 3. Rezoning Case # PZ2026-36 Church of God Campground (RZ) Amend Planned Unit Development (PUD) Ordinance #2014-5 to revise the land uses to include Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) uses, increase the total number of RV sites and allow a total of twenty-nine (29) permanent RV sites.	DIAL

	The Board approved to table this item to the October 6, 2026 BCC meeting.	
	VARIANCES	
TABLED	Tab 4. Variance Case # PZ2025-379 Narayana Dental Office (VAR) A variance to Land Development Regulations (LDR) Section 9.01.06, entitled Landscape Buffer Requirements, to accommodate site development for a dental office with associated parking on the western side of the subject parcel, in lieu of the required Type C, twenty-five (25) foot landscape buffer. **The Board approved to table this item to the October 6, 2026 BCC meeting.**	DIAL
	ANNEXATION REPORT	DIAL
APPROVED	**Tab 3.** Recommend approval to conduct a Closed Session regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations on September 8, 2026, pursuant to Section 447.605, Florida Statutes. There is no fiscal impact.	MARSH
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Ms. Barker commented that County offices would be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026 in observance of Labor Day.	BARKER
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	Commr. Parks relayed that he wanted to compliment Commissioner Campione for the way she handled the meeting, opining that it was a very difficult meeting. He also expressed appreciation to Commissioner Morris for being respectful.	PARKS