

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 20, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting on our YouTube Channel.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING – 5:00 PM Joint City/County Workshop

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member James Carter

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Noah Walker
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
James Carter
Tammy Harris
Clay Martin
Don Rosenthal
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 19, 2026

Mayor Walker read the proclamation aloud.

2. Black History Month - February 2026

Mayor Walker presented the proclamation to Our Community Cares Coalition.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Linda Andrews
- Jesse Shepard
- Stew Lilker

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes - November 17, 2025 Regular Session

4. Minutes - December 15, 2025 Regular Session
5. Minutes - January 5, 2026 Regular Session
6. City Council Resolution No. 2026-002 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain lease agreement between the City of Lake City and Tubular Building Systems, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, to lease certain vacant land located in the Lake City Airport Industrial Park; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing and authorizing the Mayor to execute a memorandum of lease setting forth the essential terms of said lease agreement for purposes of recording same in the public records of Columbia County, Florida; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
7. City Council Resolution No. 2026-010 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting that certain Memorandum of Agreement with Florida Department of Corrections Identified as Agreement Number A572 to provide support during emergencies or escapes at the Columbia Correctional Institution and/or Lake City Community Release Center; making certain findings of fact in support of the City adopting said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind to said agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES

8. Gwen Lake Update - Michael Klink, Four Waters Engineering
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Dr. Shannon Williams, Gateway Grant Writing & Administration Services, Inc.

Michael Klink and Shannon Williams provided members with an update on the Gwen Lake Project. Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson also provided a brief update.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

First Reading

Open Quasi – Judicial Proceeding

At this time Attorney Clay Martin read from a prepared script.

Preliminary Matters (Attorney Clay Martin):

The City Attorney shall read the ordinance by title

9. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2350 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 25-08, submitted by Pam

Stewart and Scott D. Stewart, relating to voluntary annexation; annexing certain real property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact, into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. This property is located at SW quadrant of I75 and SR47.

Disclosure by Council members of ex-parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.

Ms. Young	No
Mr. Carter	No
Mr. Jernigan	No
Ms. Harris	No
Mayor Walker	No

Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.

City Attorney Martin swore in Planning Technician Robert Angelo and Justin Tabor with North Florida Professional Services.

Clerk should take custody of exhibits.

Note: All exhibits, diagrams, photographs and similar physical evidence referred to during the testimony or which you would like the Council to consider must be marked for identification and kept by the Clerk for 30 days.

A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo moved the presentation and application into the record. It is attached as Exhibit A.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. Justin Tabor with North Florida Professional Services was present for any questions.

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. None

D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any. None

E. Public comments. Stew Lilker spoke about the property not being in the City limits.

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. None

G. Questions of parties by City Council. Council Member Jernigan confirmed with Attorney Martin the property location. Attorney Martin reported once the property was annexed it would be within the City limits.

H. Closing comments by parties. Waived

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2350 on first reading. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

- 10. City Council Resolution No. 2026-012 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and AVI-SPL, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, for audio visual equipment and related professional services; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stew Lilker

Council Member Jernigan spoke in opposition to purchasing new equipment.

Council Member Carter spoke in opposition to purchasing new equipment and requested members make sure they are speaking into the microphone.

Council Member Young spoke in opposition to purchasing new equipment.

Council Member Carter made a motion to table City Council Resolution No. 2026-012. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.

Mayor Walker confirmed with City Attorney Martin that members would need to vote to table the resolution. At the suggestion of City Attorney Martin, Council Member Carter rescinded his motion and made a motion to table the resolution to a specific meeting. Information Technology _____ Phil Adler provided an overview to the members of the equipment included in the proposed purchase.

Council Member Carter made a motion to table City Council Resolution No. 2026-012 to February 2, 2026, Regular Session Meeting. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

11. City Council Resolution No. 2026-013 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Invitation to Bid Number 004-2026 for the milling and resurfacing of NE Congress and SE Castillo Terrace; awarding said bid to Anderson Columbia Co, Inc., a Florida Corporation, at a total cost not to exceed \$200,015.64; approving the agreement with said vendor; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-013. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

12. City Council Resolution No. 2026-014 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Invitation to Bid Number 004-2026 for the milling and resurfacing of NE Bailey Street; awarding said bid to Florida Fill and Grading, Inc., a Florida Corporation, at a total cost not to exceed \$86,646.00; approving the agreement with said vendor; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-014. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Carter	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

COMMENTS BY:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal announced staff would be bringing back a Strategic Plan and the option to acquire another City Hall.

City Attorney Clay Martin – Mr. Martin complimented everyone that was involved in the Martin Luther King Day Brunch.

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Chevella Young – Ms. Young thanked everyone who participated in the Martin Luther King Day Brunch.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan reassured the Lake City Fire and Police Department Heads and recognized department heads that were present at the meeting.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris reported a wonderful Martin Luther King Day Event; confirmed when the City Hall discussion would be brought back (per Mayor Walker, the second meeting in February); confirmed with Fire Chief Wehinger the qualifications to hire a fireman; asked for direction as to who is responsible for building parade floats, inquired as to who builds parade floats for the City. Mr. Rosenthal reported there is no designated team for building floats and typically employees volunteer their time and efforts to build them. Ms. Harris asked if it would be possible to have everyone together on one platform to ride together. Ms. Young reported float construction takes a lot of work and pulls staff away from their day-to-day operations. She suggested placing this on an agenda for the council to decide and not to have a float for every parade.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter suggested purchasing a small red trailer to be pulled behind the antique fire truck for parade transportation; recognized Public Works, Community Programs Director Terri Phillips, and City Clerk Audrey Sikes for an excellent Martin Luther King Day Event; suggested the resolution that was discussed during the workshop to move forward with a fire consolidation study could be reworded to be an assessment of consolidation, not specifically a Fire District but with a broad scope.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker echoed everyone's comments on a great Martin Luther King Day Event and parade; congratulated Lake City native, Amare Ferrell for competing and winning the College National Championship.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk MMC/FCPC