

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in workshop, on September 13, 2021 beginning at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting live on our YouTube Channel.

Call to Order - 6:00PM

Roll Call

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

City Attorney
Interim City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Ami Mitchell Fields
Chief Argatha Gilmore
Audrey Sikes

Public Comments:

Glenel Bowden discussed handicap accessibility and the need for a safety barrier at the entry of the proposed new council chambers in the historic bank building.

Stew Lilker suggested removal of the old vaults to better utilize the space in the building.

Sylvester Warren suggested for members to compare the cost analysis for a new building for the council chambers versus the cost to repair and or remodel the old historic bank building.

Barbara Lemley suggested relocating the entrance to the other side of the building for the proposed council chambers.

1. City Hall Discussion

Mr. Young gave a presentation on the proposed relocation of City Hall.

The Information Technology Department reported it would take approximately 2 – 3 months to get all the equipment ready in the bank building.

After discussion members concurred to the following:

Council Chambers – Historic Bank Building

- Obtain a cost analysis on a new building for the council chambers versus remodeling the historic bank building. Mr. Sampson reported he is not in favor of building a new council chamber meeting space.
- Check for availability of funds for historic grants.
- Check the availability at the Columbia County Schoolboard for continuation of meetings in their meeting space.

Millennium Bank Building on Hillsboro and Alachua

- Price out a pre-fab restroom versus a permanent restroom for the bank building.
- Redraw plans and obtain a cost analysis for all remodeling.
- Move forward with Customer Service and Information Technologies needs to get staff in the building.
- Move forward with selling the safety deposit boxes and cleaning out the vault.

Girls Club Building

- Obtain a cost estimate to construct permanent walls for the Girls Club renovations versus without permanent walls and utilizing existing cubicles.

Procurement at Public Works

- Obtain cost to remodel the current Public Works building for offices versus the prefabricated modular building. Also consider utilizing cubicles in office space.

Deeded Property from Lake Shore Hospital Authority

- Mr. Sampson requested a cost estimate to use this property for parking.

Current City Hall

- Mr. Sampson would like to sell the building and parking spaces immediately surrounding the building and keep the remaining parking spots.
- Dave Young reported it is going to cost \$34,000 to mitigate the mold on the first floor.
- Mayor Witt would like to get proposals for the property.
- Ms. Fields reported IDP is interested in the property.

Mr. Sampson added the Columbia Youth Football to the agenda for discussion. He inquired who authorized closing down Memorial Stadium that resulted in the cancelled youth football games. Mr. Sampson expressed concern with the communication surrounding this event.

Mr. Sampson asked for the following information to be provided for the September 20, 2021 meeting; a full plan and cost analysis to install a permanent modular bathroom unit and cost estimates on a set of bleachers to put between the small sets on the west side of the stadium.

Adjournment

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk