

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on March 17, 2025 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member Ricky Jernigan
ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Procurement Month - March 2025

Mayor Walker presented the Procurement Month proclamation to the Procurement Department.

2. Women's History Month - March 2025

Mayor Walker presented the Women's History Month proclamation to Council Member Chevella Young and Council Member Tammy Harris.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Barbara Lemley
- Sylvester Warren

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

3. Minutes - March 3, 2025 Regular Session

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

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

4. City Council Resolution No. 2025-029 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and Sunrise Consulting Group for government affairs consulting services to assist in the creation of, and advocacy for, the legislative and regulatory priorities of the City to the Florida Legislature; 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. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-029. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2025-031 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and continuing through September 30, 2025 by adding budgetary amounts related to the City's operations of the "Mega-Site" Waste Water Treatment Plant; making certain findings of fact in support of the City amending said budget; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing for an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren was removed from the meeting during his public comments.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-031. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

6. City Council Resolution No. 2025-033 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain developer agreement between the City and Garden Street Communities Southeast, LLC., a Florida limited liability company for the shared cost of certain improvements; making certain finding 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. (Hunters Creek)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barbara Lemley

Executive Director of Utilities Steve Brown provided a brief overview of the project.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-033. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

7. City Council Resolution No. 2025-034 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Invitation To Bid Number 005-2025 for a new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) for the Saint Margarets Waste Water Treatment Facility; accepting the bid from Advantage Contracting Group, Inc., a Florida Corporation; 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.

Wastewater Director Cody Pridgeon provided a brief overview of the system.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-034. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

8. City Council Resolution No. 2025-035 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing Task Assignment Number Thirteen (13) pursuant to the continuing contract with Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc, a Florida Corporation, to provide a Risk and Resilience Assessment update for the City's

potable water system; proving for a proposed cost not to exceed \$59,975.00; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said Task Assignment; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Task Assignment; authorizing the City Manager with the consent of the City Attorney to make minor changes to the scope of work of the task assignment provided such changes do not increase the quoted price in the task assignment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-035. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called and the motion carried.**

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

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of reallocating funds in the Growth Management budget to include the cost of the Tyler Technologies software program in the amount of \$154,185.00 for Enterprise Permitting & Licensing, Business Management Conversion, Community Development Conversion, and Cashiering in addition to Bluebeam Core, Complete, and Prime eReview and training. (Growth Management Director Dave Young)

Assistant Director of Growth Management Scott Thomason explained this was a request to reallocate funds in order to purchase a software program that would better integrate with the Tyler software the City currently uses. He stated the software previously purchased did not integrate well.

Mr. Carter confirmed with City Manager Rosenthal that action was being taken to recoup the funds spent on the program that did not integrate.

Ms. Young inquired as to whether the program previously purchased had been installed yet.

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to direct staff to come back with a resolution to approve the contract with Tyler Technologies. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

COMMENTS BY CHARTER OFFICERS

City Manager Don Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal apologized to staff and council members for his behavior.

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – Ms. Sikes reminded members to get with her on any travel or special requests they might have, as she was in the process of preparing the City Council budget. She stated any information they may have on capital outlay projects would need to be provided to Mr. Rosenthal.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young reported working with Community Programs Director Terri Phillips, and Community Relations Coordinator Ashley Hardison, on an event to be held in June for children during summer break. She stated there were funds allocated in the budget for such an event.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan inquired as to how the discussions with the Lake Shore Hospital Authority were going. City Attorney Martin reported discussion was ongoing and that he firmly believed the City could get this worked out. Mr. Jernigan also apologized to Florida Gateway College for his comments during the Strategic Planning Session, and stated he would like to see more students enrolling at the college.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter spoke to the importance of maintaining decorum on the dais during meetings. He informed members of an upcoming Health Fest event put on by Debo Merix. This is a free event being held on April 18, 2025 at Annie Mattox Park. Mr. Carter also recognized Retro City Arcade & Pizzeria, a new, local establishment.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris informed members and the public that she and County Commissioner Kevin Parnell were going to be out in the community, Saturday, June 14, 2025 to introduce themselves, and invite residents to attend and participate in a Town Hall Meeting. She asked members for their support to host a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Richardson Community Center. Ms. Harris suggested a way for members to look more uniform when attending events would be to wear blazers with name embroidered. She also shared an idea for an event in July, and suggested July 19, 2025 at Memorial Stadium for a battle of DJ's.

Ms. Young reported an issue with street lights all over the City, and stated she had been speaking with staff and a representative from Florida Power & Light on a plan to address this.

Ms. Harris provided accolades to Executive Director of Utilities Steve Brown, City Manager Don Rosenthal, Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson, and Procurement Director Brenda Karr on their work and design for the District 12 sign.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker echoed Mr. Carter's comments regarding decorum at the dais during meetings. He thanked Ms. Young for her efforts in working on City street lighting, and agreed with Mr. Jernigan that Florida Gateway College was a huge asset with great teaching. He reported that he proudly sits on the Florida Gateway College Foundation. Lastly, Mayor Walker stated he would like to see a settlement process as to handling dilapidated properties.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM. Mr. Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk