
MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE CITY
City Council Regular Session
March 16, 2026
6:00 PM at City Hall

This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055. Members of the public may also view the meeting on our YouTube channel. YouTube channel information is located at the end of this agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - Council Member Ricky Jernigan

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/Awards/Recognitions - None

Presentations

1. 250th Project Presentation - Students from Columbia County School System - Ms. Lisa Lee

Catherine Coleman, 7th grader at Lake City Middle School and winner of the Elks Lodge Essay Contest, shared her essay with members.

Public Participation – Persons Wishing to Address Council

- Brandon Detty
- Mark Lutz
- Unknown speaker

Approval of Consent Agenda

2. City Council Resolution No. 2026-006 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding with Learning for Life, Inc., a nonprofit organization operated by the Boy Scouts of America; 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; directing the Chief of Police to execute said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

3. City Council Resolution No. 2026-031 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain update to job position and description for Firefighter Training Officer; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said position and description; directing the City Manager to update the City's Position Descriptions Manual with said Revised Position and description; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

4. City Council Resolution No. 2026-034 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving Change Order Two (2) to that certain Task Assignment Ten (10) between the City and Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation, said Change Order increasing the contract price to \$118,500.00 to account for additional design, bidding, and contractor selection services for the State Road 47 Casey Jones RV Park Collection System Project; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Change Order; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
 City Manager Rosenthal asked to pull Item #3 for consideration. Per the City Attorney, the appropriate time to have amended the agenda would have been at time of agenda approval. At this time, the entire consent agenda would need to be voted up or down. If members voted down, then items could be discussed individually.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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

Quasi-Judicial Hearings

Open Quasi-Judicial Hearing

Final Reading

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2357 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 26-02, submitted by Lake City 47, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, 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. (Intersection of SR47 and I75)

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.

Attorney Martin swore in Planning Technician Robert Angelo, Eryn Mertens planner with North Florida Professional Services, Daniel Crapps realtor, and Brian Pitman Civil Engineer 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 requested to adopt his presentation and staff report from March 2, 2026, into the record. It is attached as Exhibit A.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. Eryn Merten reported North Florida Professional Services had no presentation to add to the staff but was available for any questions.

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. N/A

D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any. N/A

E. Public comments. None

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. Waived

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

H. Closing comments by parties. None

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-2357 on final reading. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

First Reading

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2353 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 26-01S, by Justin Tabor, Senior Planner, North Florida Professional Services, Inc., as agent for Lake City 47, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, and Pam Stewart and Scott D. Stewart, the property owners of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from County Highway Interchange to City Commercial of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (SW quadrant of I75 and SR 47)

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

This was answered under the previous ordinance.

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

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A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo went over his presentation and requested to move the staff report and presentation into the record. It is attached as Exhibit B.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. Eryn Merten reported North Florida Professional Services had no presentation to add to the staff but was available for any questions.

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. N/A

D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any. N/A

E. Public comments. None

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. Waived

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

H. Closing comments by parties. Waived

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2353 on first reading. 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

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2354 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of ten or more contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 26-01L, by Justin Tabor, Senior Planner, North Florida Professional Services, Inc., as agent for Lake City 47, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, and Pam Stewart and Scott D. Stewart, the property owners of said acreage; providing for rezoning from County Commercial, Intensive (CI) and County Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI) to City Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (SW quadrant of I75 and SR47)

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B. Presentation of application by applicant. Eryn Merten reported North Florida Professional Services had no presentation to add to the staff but was available for any questions.

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. N/A

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

E. Public comments. None

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. Waived

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

H. Closing comments by parties. None

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2354 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

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2362 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 26-04S, by Daniel Crapps, Trustee of C & W Land Trust, property owner of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the C & W Business Park Subdivision and as agent for Eastpark, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, property owner of Lot 7 of the C & W Business Park Subdivision; Premiere Investments, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, property owner of Lot 6 of the C & W Business Park Subdivision; and Chad R. Strait, property owner of Lots 4 and 5 of the C & W Business Park Subdivision, the property owners of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from County Residential, Medium/High Density (Less than or equal to 14 dwelling units per acre) and County Commercial to City Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (Intersection of Real Terrace and Hwy 247, Branford Hwy)

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

This was answered under the initial ordinance.

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B. Presentation of application by applicant. Daneil Crapps was in attendance for any questions.

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. N/A

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

E. Public comments. None

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. Waived

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

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. 2026-2362 on first reading. 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

9. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2363 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 26-02S, by Daniel Crapps, Trustee of C & W Land Trust, Property Owner of Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the C & W Business Park Subdivision and as agent for Eastpark, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, property owner of Lot 7 of the C & W Business Park Subdivision; Premiere Investments, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, property owner of, Lot 6 of the C & W Business Park Subdivision; and Chad R. Strait,

property owner of Lots 4 and 5 of the C & W Business Park Subdivision, the property owners of said acreage; providing for rezoning from County - Commercial, Intensive (CI) and County - Residential, Multiple-Family-1 (RMF-1) to City - Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (Intersection of Real Terrace and Hwy 247, Branford Hwy)

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

This was answered under the initial ordinance.

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

This was performed under the initial ordinance.

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A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo went over the presentation and requested the presentation and application be entered into the record. It is attached as Exhibit E.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. Daneil Crapps was in attendance 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. None

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. Waived

G. Questions of parties by City Council. Council Member Jernigan inquired about rezoning.

H. Closing comments by parties. Waived

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2363 on first reading. 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

10. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2364 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 26-05S, by Brian Pitman, P.E., as agent for Eastpark, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from County Residential, Medium/High Density (less than or equal to 14 dwelling units per acre) to City Commercial of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (West of Real Terrace and East of I75 and also West of C&W Business Park, which is at the intersection of Real Terrace and Hwy 247, Brandford Hwy)

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

This was answered under the initial ordinance.

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

This was performed under the initial ordinance.

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A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo went over the presentation and requested the presentation and application be entered into the record. It is attached as Exhibit F.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. Brian Pitman was in attendance 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. None

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. Waived

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

H. Closing comments by parties. Waived

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2364 on first reading. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

11. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2365 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than ten acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 26-03S, by Brian Pitman, P.E., as agent for Eastpark, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from County-Residential, Multiple-Family-1 (RMF-1) to City-Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (West of Real Terrace and East of I75 and also West of C&W Business Park, which is at the intersection of Real Terrace and Hwy 247, Brandford Hwy)

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

This was answered under the initial ordinance.

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

This was performed under the initial ordinance.

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A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo went over the presentation and requested the presentation and application be entered into the record. It is attached as Exhibit G.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. Brian Pitman reported he had nothing else to add.

- C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. None
- D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any. None
- E. Public comments. None
- F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. Waived
- G. Questions of parties by City Council. None
- 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. 2026-2365 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

Close Quasi-Judicial Hearing

Old Business

Ordinances

At this time Mayor Walker closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2358. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2358 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2358. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2358; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

11. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2358 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to the criminal background screening of certain regulated persons, public service providers, municipal employees, vendors, contractors, contractor employees, and appointees, including volunteers; amending Chapter 70, Article I, Section 70-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake City, Florida, providing for criminal background screening of such individuals; making findings of fact in support thereof; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2358 on final reading. 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

Resolutions - None

Other Items - None

New Business

Ordinances

13. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2359 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida; amending City Code Chapter 70, Article V, Firefighters' Retirement, adding a new Section 70-136 for the purpose of purchasing prior military service; adding a new Section 70-137 for the purpose of purchasing prior firefighter service; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2359 on first reading. 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

14. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2360 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Text of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; pursuant to an application, CPA 26-02T, by the Growth Management Department of the City of Lake City, Florida, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for amending the Intergovernmental Coordination Element of the Comprehensive Plan by adding Objective VII.9 entitled Joint Planning Area and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement to the Intergovernmental Coordination Element; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2360 on first reading. 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

15. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2361 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Text of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; pursuant to an application, CPA 26-03T, by the Growth Management

Department of the City of Lake City, Florida, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for amending Policy I.1.2 of the Future Land Use element under Mixed Use by changing the minimum percentage of non-residential uses from 50 to 15, the maximum residential uses from 40 to 75, adding requirements to the open space areas and by changing the residential density limits from 10 to 40 dwelling units based on gross acreage of the overall residential portion of the proposed mixed use land use classification; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. **Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2361 on first reading. 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

At this time members took a short recess from 7:00 PM until 7:06 PM.

Resolutions

16. City Council Resolution No. 2026-007 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida approving that certain agreement between the City and the State of Florida Department of Commerce for administration of grant funds from the State of Florida Department of Commerce Rural Infrastructure Fund; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; recognizing the authority of the City Manager to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the City Manager to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Per Attorney Martin, the title of the resolution should have reflected the Mayor as the authority to execute and bind the agreement, not the City Manager. The title will not be officially re-worked, the minutes serve as the record reflecting the correct authority.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-007. 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

17. City Council Resolution No. 2026-035 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Invitation to Bid Number 006-2026 for the aviation fuels annual contract at the Lake City Gateway Airport; awarding said bid to Eastern Aviation Fuels, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation DBA Titan Aviation Fuels; 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. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-035. 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

18. City Council Resolution No. 2026-037 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Community Redevelopment Agency (the "CRA") Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to reallocate \$150,000.00 from the CRA "Infrastructure" account to the CRA "Other Current Charges" account in furtherance of and in support of an expanded Facade Grant Program to be administered by the CRA; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said amendment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-037. 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

19. City Council Resolution No. 2026-039 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and the Columbia County School Board for the acquisition of real property generally described as the former Five Points Elementary School Campus; providing a more accurate description of said campus; 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.

Council Member Jernigan inquired as to whether this property was in the County. City Manager Rosenthal reported the property was in the County but would be annexed into the City.

Council Member Carter asked for an explanation and intended purpose of the purchase.

City Manager Rosenthal reported there were a number of functions the City would use the building for: office space for Suwannee Valley 4 C's, a storm shelter, and several nonprofit organizations.

Mayor Walker requested a presentation on the overall master plan of use for this building.

City Manager Rosenthal reported his goal was to be budget neutral based on the rents from tenants.

Council Member Young expressed her excitement about the purchase and directed staff to inquire about other vacant elementary schools in the County.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-039. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Other Items

20. Discussion and Possible Action – Chief Butler requests balance of the Mariah Fund in the amount of \$142,788.32 to be used by Executive Director of Utilities for the replacement of the worn/damaged playground equipment in our city parks.

Chief Butler provided a brief overview of the reallocation request for the replacement of playground equipment.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the reallocation of the Mariah Funds. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.

Council Member Young spoke in support of the reallocation of the funds for the replacement of playground equipment.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Departmental Administration - None

Comments by:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal requested permission for Assistant City Manager Johnson to attend a recruitment trip with the County’s Economic Development Department for the airport. Mr. Johnson’s goal is to provide a targeted strategy for recruiting aviation companies at the City’s airport.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve travel expenses for Mr. Johnson and Ed Bunnell. 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

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

Comments by Council Members

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young recognized Airport Director Ed Bunnell for a great job at the airport and suggested more large planters for the downtown area. All members agreed. City Manager Rosenthal reported this would be within his authority to purchase and was currently working with Executive Director of Utilities, Steve Brown, on the task.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan requested prayers for America’s troops and families abroad; recognized the Procurement, Airport, Human Resources, and Lake City Police Departments, with a special recognition for Lake City Fire Department member Christina Monro for completing the Gate River Run 15k in Jacksonville in her full firefighter gear.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter expressed excitement for citizen attendance and encouraged citizens to return to other meetings.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris thanked citizens and members who checked on her health after the last meeting; recounted receiving early-morning calls from community members who shared citizen feedback about members remarks concerning the Unity Fest; reported the Unity Fest was moving forward and being fully funded by community members through donations. She thanked donors and confirmed the event date would be August 1, 2026.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker commended Christina Monro from the Lake City Fire Department for running the Gate River Run 15k in Jacksonville in full firefighting gear; commended Airport Director Ed Bunnell on the aviation fuel certification the City received so that military planes can refuel in Lake City; suggested full restoration of City Parks with the Capital Expenditures account and requested Mr. Rosenthal look into funding; requested a presentation on a quarterly basis on the City’s expenditures overall versus the City’s budget.

Members agreed to award Christina Monro the first City of Lake City Gatekeeper award.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk