
MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE CITY
City Council Regular Session
March 02, 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.

Events Prior to Meeting - 5:00 PM Community Redevelopment Agency Workshop

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - Mayor Noah Walker

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 - None

Public Participation - Persons Wishing to Address Council

- Mark Beebe

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Minutes - January 20, 2026 Regular Session
2. Minutes - February 2, 2026 Regular Session
3. City Council Resolution No. 2026-025 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and State of Florida Department of

Financial Services for administration of State Grant Funds; 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.

4. City Council Resolution No. 2026-026 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and the State of Florida Department of Financial Services for administration of State Grant Funds; 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.
5. City Council Resolution No. 2026-028 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and the State of Florida Department of Transportation for the design and installation of drainage modifications for State Road 247 at SW Bascom Norris Drive; 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.
6. City Council Resolution No. 2026-029 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving Change Order Number Two to that certain contract between the City and Advantage Contracting Group, Inc., a Florida Corporation, said change order increasing the contract price to account for the brand replacement of switches relating to cybersecurity concerns and extending the project for an additional one-hundred (100) days; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said change order; repealing all prior resolutions resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Saint Margarets SCADA Project.)
7. City Council Resolution No. 2026-030 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain application by the Lake City Fire Department for a grant from the State of Florida Department of Financial Services Decontamination Equipment Grant Program to purchase protective gear for the Lake City Fire Department; making certain findings of fact in support of the City applying for such grant funds; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit such application; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
8. City Council Resolution No. 2026-033 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting the donation of Police Service Dog, K-9 Bravo, to the City by a third party; making certain findings of fact in support of the City accepting said donation; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute such documents as are necessary to accept said donation and transfer ownership of K-9 Bravo; 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. 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

Presentations - None

Announcement: The Public Hearings for City Council Ordinance 2025-2338 (final reading) CPA 25-10 for Price Creek and Ordinance No. 2025-2339 (final reading) Z 25-12 for Price Creek have been postponed until the April 20, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Quasi-Judicial Hearings

Open Quasi-Judicial Hearing

First Reading

9. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2357 (first 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.

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 Senior Planner for North Florida Professional Services, Inc., Justin Tabor.

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 was available for 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.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2357 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

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. 2026-2346. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2346 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2346. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2346; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

10. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2346 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended, pursuant to an application, LDR 25-02, by the Growth Management Department of Lake City, Florida; providing for amending Section 2.1 entitled Definitions, General by adding a definition for Administrative Approval Process and Development Review Staff; providing for amending Article 3 entitled Administrative Mechanisms by adding Section 3.3 entitled Administrative Approval; providing for amending Section 13.11 entitled Site and Development Plan Approval by adding Section 13.11.5 entitled Minor Site and Development Plan Approval; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2346 on final 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

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. 2026-2355. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2355 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2355. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2355; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

11. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2355 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, changing the name of that certain public road in the City of Lake City presently identified as Northwest Ivory Terrace situated between Northwest Wilson Street and Northwest Long Street; changing and designating the name of said segment of Northwest Ivory Terrace henceforth to Northwest Bettye Lane Terrace within the City of Lake City; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2355 on final 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

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. 2026-2356. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2356 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2356. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2356; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

12. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2356 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, changing the name of that certain public road in the City of Lake City presently identified as Northwest Campbell Terrace situated between Northwest Wilson Street and Northwest Long Street; changing and designating the name of said segment of Northwest Campbell Terrace henceforth to Northwest Foreman Terrace within the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2356 on final 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

Resolutions

13. City Council Resolution No. 2026-024 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing Kendria Jones to serve in Seat "3-F" on the City's Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Agency Board through October 31, 2028, the end of the current term for said seat; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the expiration of said term on October 31, 2028; directing the City Clerk to reflect said appointment and expiration of term in such records of the City as are necessary and prudent; making certain findings of fact in support of the City Clerk reflecting such appointment and expiration of term in the records of the City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Note: This item was tabled at the February 17, 2026, meeting

Mr. Carter requested Ms. Jones come to the podium to confirm she understood what this appointment would entail.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-024. 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

Other Items

14. Discussion: City Hall (Council Member Tammy Harris)

City Manager Rosenthal reported locating a structure that would fit the City's needs, approximately 21,000 square feet, regarding a new city hall building and offering room for growth. He reported once the appraisal on the building came back, it would be up to council to move forward with making an offer.

Council Member Young spoke in support of a new build.

Council Member Harris confirmed with City Manager Rosenthal the building he was referring to was Vann Carpet and spoke in support of the purchase.

Council Member Carter spoke in support of purchasing the building and reported he was employed by Vann Carpet. He and Attorney Martin can make an inquiry to the Ethics Commission if necessary, regarding a voting conflict.

Council Member Jernigan confirmed with City Manager Rosenthal the owner would be willing to sell to the City.

Mayor Walker spoke in support of the option that would save the taxpayer money and having a central location with all departments.

15. Discussion - Housing Authority (Council Member Tammy Harris)

City Manager Rosenthal reported due to direction from members not being in support of a housing authority at this time, staff took some elements from the concept to allow the City to continue to make a difference in the community. He stated the City could adjust with outside contractors to make repairs on homes coming from Code Enforcement and would work with First Federal Bank to be able to provide additional housing.

At this time, members took a short recess from 6:30 PM until 6:36 PM.

16. Discussion and Possible Action: Funding for Lake City Columbia County Unity Fest (Council Member Tammy Harris)

Assistant City Manager Johnson provided a brief overview of the event and the City utilizing funding already in the City Manager's budget.

Members discussed at length the funding source and need for the event.

Mr. Carter made a motion to deny funding of this event at this time. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rechea Murphy

Due to Ms. Harris withdrawing the request, Mr. Carter rescinded his motion.

New Business

Ordinances

17. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2358 (first 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. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2358 on first reading. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.**

Council Member Harris asked for clarity on this item, to which Chief Butler provided.

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

Resolutions

18. City Council Resolution No. 2026-023 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain amendment to the agreement between the City and Gallagher, Inc, a Florida Corporation, for placement and insurance management 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.

Council Member Carter inquired as to how long the new contract with Gallagher would be.

Human Resources Director BillieJo Bible reported this resolution would continue the annual contract to assist the City with risk safety and liability insurances.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-023. 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

19. City Council Resolution No. 2026-032 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving and adopting that certain Five-Year Strategic Plan prepared by Serafin & Associates, Inc.; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving and adopting said Five-Year Strategic Plan; directing the City Manager to implement said Five-Year Strategic Plan; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-032. 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

Other Items – None

At this time, Mayor Walker opened public comment due to citizens arriving late to the meeting: John and Sarah Lee; Mary Carter.

In response to Mary Carter's comments on stray dogs, Council Member Carter requested staff get an answer or opinion on the Lake City Police Department and Lake City Humane Society responding to calls. After discussion, staff was directed to work on this issue more and come back at a future meeting with any recommendations.

Departmental Administration – None

Comments by:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal requested Executive Director of Utilities Steve Brown come to the podium for an update on City Parks. Mr. Brown reported the City was in the process of upgrading some of its parks, he requested guidance on what members would like to see.

Mayor Walker requested a line item in the City's budget for Park Restoration and Maintenance going forward.

Council Member Young requested an overall quote for restoration in its entirety, one park at a time.

City Manager Rosenthal stated staff would provide members with funding and an implementation plan.

Council Member Carter agreed with Council Member Young and requested to see a full scale – passive recreation plan.

Council Member Young suggested at least one piece of ADA equipment at each park, and securing the parks.

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

Comments by Council Members

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young requested a plan to address animal concerns for the safety of citizens and stated staff needed to insure the City is in compliance for the visually impaired.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan requested staff look into a drainage problem at 132 Crest Street; requested prayer for America's troops; recognized the Lake City Police Department, Lake City Fire Department, Public Works, Finance, and Clerk's Office.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter stated that while comments between members could be contradictory, it was their duty to discuss and debate items on behalf of citizens.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris stated she was feeling not well, and thanked Community Programs Director Terri Phillips, City Manager Don Rosenthal, and Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson with their help on her idea for a City sponsored event.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker expressed his excitement for the park improvement plan; offered thoughts and prayers for America’s troops; thanked the Lake City Police Department for responding to a call at his place of business; thanked Kendria Jones for volunteering to serve on the Planning and Zoning, Historic Preservation, and Board of Adjustment.

City Manager Rosenthal reported staff was close to completing the imminent domain process at Sallie Mae Jerry Park and City Attorney Martin confirmed the City did in fact own the property.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk