

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met as the Community Redevelopment Agency, on September 7, 2021 beginning at 5:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. The meeting was also available via YouTube.

CALL TO ORDER – 5:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Chairman  
Vice Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

Stephen M. Witt  
Chris Greene  
Jake Hill, Jr. – tardy  
Eugene Jefferson  
C. Todd Sampson  
Frederick Koberlein Jr.  
Ami Mitchell Fields  
Chief Butler  
Audrey Sikes

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

MINUTES

1. August 2, 2021

**Mr. Greene made a motion to approve the August 2, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Greene seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenel Bowden addressed Council about the logo on the presentation sent out prior to the meeting. He also addressed the \$120,000.00 cost of the tree removal project.

Commissioner Ron Williams stated he never met with anyone regarding a sign for the park.

Sylvester Warren distributed copies of ethics complaints he filed in Tallahassee and felt there was a conflict of interest with funds being awarded to Mr. Lester McKellum.

Shawn Holmgren apologized for using the outdated logo on the presentation. He expressed concern with signage in the Historic District.

## NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion and Possible Action - Funding for Sweetwater Project, Greater Lake City Community Development Corporation - Presentation, Lester McKellum

Lester McKellum of the Greater Lake City Community Development Corporation gave a presentation on the Sweetwater Project. He reported the development is for multifamily housing. On April 3, 2018 he requested financial assistance and in-kind support. Mr. McKellum stated the ground-breaking ceremony would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022. The funding request is \$100,000.00 for 2021 and \$100,000.00 for 2022.

Mr. Sampson stated Mr. McKellum had a binding document and the City was committed to the funds.

Mr. Greene asked Mr. McKellum asked for a complete review of the project commitments and asked Mrs. Fields to research other commitments that may be out there.

## OLD BUSINESS

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Funding for Downtown Beautification Project

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vanessa George handed out and presented ideas for a Northside Downtown Beautification Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Ron Williams stated he did not meet with Ms. Fields in a private meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Kraus stated he had no secret meetings with the City and did not know anything about this sign.

## SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Members will meet as needed.

## ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M. on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Audrey Sikes/City Clerk/Secretary

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Stephen Witt, Mayor/Chairman