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**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF LAKE CITY**  
**City Council Special Session**  
**May 26, 2026**  
**5:30 PM at City Hall**

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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** – 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. Jernigan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Public Participation - Persons Wishing to Address Council – None**

**New Business**

Resolutions

1. City Council Resolution No. 2026-057 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution and delivery of the form of attached loan documents between the City and State of Florida, Department of Commerce for a loan through the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund Program, Section 288.65, Florida Statutes, in the principal amount of \$5,500,000.00 for costs for the acquisition of the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the North Florida Mega Industrial Park in Columbia County, Florida; making certain findings of paramount public purpose; providing new utilities revenues to pay the indebtedness; providing for the rights, securities and remedies for the holder of the promissory note; making certain covenants and agreements in connection therewith; and providing for severability and an effective

date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-057. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Attorney Martin reported there was an intentional blank space in the definition of “promissory note” on page two of the resolution. The blank appears where the document references an exhibit attached to the loan agreement. The exhibit number has not yet been assigned because the documents will only be compiled after execution. The blank will be filled in later once the exhibit designation is finalized.

2. City Council Resolution No. 2026-063 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving those certain easement assignment and deed agreements between the City, the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners, and Weyerhaeuser Company and its affiliates in furtherance of the closing of the acquisition of the North Florida Mega Industrial Park Waste Water Treatment Plant contemplated by the agreement approved by Resolution 2026-043; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreements and instruments; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreements and instruments; recognizing the authority of the Vice-Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreements and instruments in the absence or unavailability of the Mayor; directing the Mayor or Vice-Mayor, as appropriate to execute and bind the City to said agreements and instruments; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-063. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

3. City Council Resolution No. 2026-067 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the closing statement, closing affidavit, and closing agreements in furtherance of the closing of the acquisition of the North Florida Mega Industrial Park Waste Water Treatment Plant contemplated by the agreement approved by Resolution 2026-043; authorizing the expenditure of funds as represented on said closing statement in furtherance of the closing of the acquisition of the North Florida Mega Industrial Park Waste Water Treatment Plant contemplated by the agreement approved by Resolution 2026-043; making certain findings of fact in support of the City authorizing the execution of said documents; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said documents; recognizing the authority of the Vice-Mayor to execute and bind the City to said documents in the absence or unavailability of the Mayor; directing the Mayor or Vice-Mayor, as appropriate to execute and bind the

City to said agreements and instruments; authorizing and directing the City Manager to take such actions as are necessary and proper to give effect to the expenditure of funds authorized hereby; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-067. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

4. City Council Resolution No. 2026-064 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain application for funds from the Federal Aviation Administration Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant for T-hangar taxi lane rehabilitation and drainage improvements at the Lake City Gateway Airport; making certain findings of fact in support of the City applying for such grant funds; recognizing the authority of the City Manager or his designee to submit such application; directing the City Manager or his designee to submit such application; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-064. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

### **Comments by Council Members**

Council Member Chevella Young – None

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan commented on a very professional checkpoint put out by the Lake City Police Department; commended the Fire Department; congratulated Columbia High School softball team for winning state and suggested a State Champs sign at city limits.

Council Member James Carter – None

Council Member Tammy Harris – None

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker congratulated the Columbia County High School softball team on winning state; expressed gratitude for the FAA grant and the airport developing in a positive way; thanked the City’s partners at the state level, Chuck Brannan and Jennifer Bradley, for their hard work at the Capital on behalf of the City.

## Adjournment

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 5:42 PM.

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Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk