

RESOLUTION NO 2025-092

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING A NEED FOR THE RESTORATION OF GWEN LAKE IN THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA; RECOGNIZING A NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH GRANT FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE RESTORATION OF GWEN LAKE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THAT CERTAIN HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN FURTHERANCE OF RESTORATION OF GWEN LAKE; RECOGNIZING SAID GRANT REQUIRES A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MATCH FROM THE CITY; DIRECTING THE CITY'S FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO EARMARK AND SET ASIDE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AS THE CITY'S REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS IN THE EVENT THE CITY IS AWARDED SAID GRANT; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY APPLYING FOR SAID GRANT; RECOGNIZING THE AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AS ARE NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR SAID GRANT; DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID DOCUMENTS; REPEALING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Gwen Lake and its immediate surrounding lands (collectively, "Gwen Lake") are commonly identified by Columbia County 2025 Tax Parcel Number 31-3S-17-06000-999, which parcel is approximately 7 acres in area encompassing the lake, surrounding lake edge, and outflow channel from the lake; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Lake is wholly owned by the City of Lake City (the "City");

WHEREAS, Gwen Lake is in need of restoration following years of sedimentation buildup, causing flood risks to surrounding lands; and

WHEREAS, the City is financially constrained and unable to restore Gwen Lake without financial assistance from other funding sources; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County (the "County") has available certain funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (the "Agency") from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (the "Grant Program") for the purpose of assisting financially constrained communities like the City mitigate against flood risks; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to apply for certain grant funds (the “Grant Funds”) from the Grant Program in furtherance of restoring Gwen Lake (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Agency requires the City to submit an application (the “Application”) as a condition of being considered for an award of the Grant Funds from the Grant Program in furtherance of funding the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent that the City earmark and set aside certain funds in the amount of six hundred forty thousand dollars as the City’s required matching funds (the “Matching Funds”) in the event the City is awarded the Grant Funds from the Grant Program to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, submitting the Application to be considered for an award of the Grant Funds from the Grant Program and setting aside and earmarking the Matching Funds in furtherance of funding the Project is in the public interest and in the interests of the City;

WHEREAS, receiving the approval of the City Council prior to accepting any Grant Funds awarded to the City by the Agency from the Grant Program in furtherance of the Project is necessary and prudent to ensure completing the Project aligns with the City’s goals and objectives at the time of such award of Grant Funds; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida:

1. Submitting the Application to be considered for an award of the Grant Funds from the Grant Program in furtherance of funding the Project is in the public interest and in the interests of the City; and
2. In furtherance thereof, completion and submission of the Application should be and is approved by the City Council of the City of Lake City; and
3. Setting aside and earmarking the Matching Funds in furtherance of funding the Project is in the public interest and in the interests of the City; and
4. In furtherance thereof, the City’s finance department is directed to set aside and earmark the Matching Funds for use as the City’s required funding match pursuant to the terms of the Grant Program; and
5. The Mayor of the City of Lake City is the officer of the City duly designated by the City’s Code of Ordinances to enforce such rules and regulations as are adopted by the City Council of the City of Lake City; and

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6. The Mayor of the City of Lake City is authorized to execute on behalf of and bind the City to the terms of the Application and any other documents required to apply for the Grant Funds from the Grant Program; and
 7. The Mayor of the City of Lake City is directed to execute on execute on behalf of and bind the City to the terms of the Application and any other documents required to apply for the Grant Funds from the Grant Program; and
 8. The City Manager is directed to notify the City Council of any award of Grant Funds pursuant to the Application and to seek the approval of the City Council prior to accepting such Grant Funds; and
 9. All prior resolutions of the City Council of the City of Lake City in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and
 10. This resolution shall become effective and enforceable upon final adoption by the City Council of the City of Lake City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, at a regular meeting, this ____ day of June, 2025.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY,
FLORIDA

Noah E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Clay Martin, City Attorney