

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Workshop, on April 21, 2025, beginning at 5:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting on our YouTube Channel.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. FY26 Budget – Receive feedback to questions provided by Finance (Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore)

1. Would you consider increasing the Ad Valorem Millage rate?

Mr. Jernigan	No
Ms. Harris	No
Mayor Walker	No
Mr. Carter	No
Ms. Young	No - suggested looking at other avenues

2. Would you consider increasing the Fire Assessment rate?

Ms. Young	Not now, if there is no other way, she would consider
Mr. Carter	Would like to see results of Fire Assessment Study; yes, it is possible
Mayor Walker	Prefers variable taxes; votes no without data showing a substantial need
Ms. Harris	No
Mr. Jernigan	Yes

3. Would you consider implementing a Stormwater Fee?

Mr. Jernigan	Yes
Ms. Harris	No – inquired if there if there was anything else the City could besides a fee

Mayor Walker	No – not without substantial data; prefers variable taxes; likes putting it on a ballot with an explanation to educate the community
Mr. Carter	Maybe – would need to see evidence
Ms. Young	No – if a necessity then she would consider

Per the Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore, the last Stormwater Study was done in 2017. She inquired as to whether members would be open to have another study performed, members concurred.

4. Please identify the top capital/infrastructure priorities that you believe must be addressed?

Ms. Young	Street repairs; crosswalks
Mr. Jernigan	Roads; streetlights; Code Enforcement
Mayor Walker	Neighborhood infrastructure; streetlights; septic/sewer in town; retrofitting buildings for public use; small business incubator
Ms. Harris	Street infrastructure; street lighting; homeless shelter
Mr. Jernigan	Roads; streets; sidewalks

5.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Leslie Jean Bart
- Glenel Bowden
- Vanessa George
- Sylvester Warren

ADJOURNMENT

Having there been no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk