

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met as the Community Redevelopment Agency on February 2, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM, 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.

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Chairman
City Council/CRA Board

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/Secretary

MINUTES

- 1. December 15, 2025

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the December 15, 2025, minutes as presented. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL – None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 2. Consideration and selection of program

Consideration and selection of application period

Discussion and direction to staff relating to the appointment of an Advisory Board

Growth Management Director Scott Thomason presented an overview of the existing commercial façade grant program, which currently offers a 50/50 matching grant up to \$5,000.00. He proposed an expanded pilot program that would offer an increased max contribution from the CRA in the amount of \$25,000.00, with an 80/20 match; applicants would need to achieve a minimum of 80 points to qualify; contractors would be vetted through procurement procedures; CRA would oversee projects; staff would work to secure competitive pricing and ensure project completion standards.

Members expressed concern that smaller businesses may struggle to provide the required match contribution.

Staff clarified applicants who met the 80 points would qualify regardless of higher private contributions; applicants would primarily be handled on a first-come first-served basis once eligibility requirements are met; and grant amounts would be scaled proportionally to project size.

Members also discussed the potential for future adjustments including: reducing points tied to private investment; providing bonus points to first-time applicants; moving repeat applicants to a 50/50 match structure after their first grant; and partnering with local financial institutions to help businesses bridge funding gaps.

Staff reviewed the application process and timeline and reported the CRA board would have consideration and approval.

Mr. Carter made a motion to accept the application as presented. Ms. Harris seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bea Coker

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Chairman Walker	Aye

Mr. Carter made a motion to begin accepting applications on March 2, 2026. 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
Chairman Walker	Aye

Mr. Carter made a motion to direct staff to develop an ordinance for consideration of the creation of an independent CRA board. 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
Chairman Walker	Aye

Adjournment

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

Noah Walker, Mayor/Chairman

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk