

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 2, 2024 beginning at 6:00 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor/Council Member Stephen Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt

Jake Hill, Jr.

Chevella Young

Ricky Jernigan

City Attorney
Interim City Manager

Todd Kennon

Dee Johnson

Sergeant-at-Arms

Assistant Chief Andy Miles

City Clerk

Audrey Sikes

MINUTES – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Glenel Bowden
- Sylvester Warren

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2265. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2265 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2265. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2265, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

1. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2265 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Sections 2-178(e) and 2-182 of Article VI, Chapter 2, of the Code of the City of Lake City relating to purchases of items and contractual services and bid procedures; providing that all purchases of items

and contractual services when the estimated cost thereof exceeds thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) be purchased by formal written contract, approved by the City Council, after public notice inviting quotations and proposals; providing that all bid-based contracts for the purchase of items and contractual services when the estimated cost thereof exceeds thirty five thousand dollars, (\$35,000.00) be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; providing for the elimination of bid quotations for purchase of items and services when the cost thereof does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); providing for bid procedures for the purchase of items and services when the cost exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), but is less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00); providing for bid procedures for the purchase of items and services when the cost thereof exceeds fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), but is less than thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00); providing for bid procedures for the purchase of items and services which cost thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) or more; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2265 on final reading, amending Sections 2-178(e) and 2-182 of Article VI, Chapter 2, of the Code of the City of Lake City relating to purchases of items and contractual services and bid procedures; providing that all purchases of items and contractual services when the estimated cost thereof exceeds thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) be purchased by formal written contract, approved by the City Council, after public notice inviting quotations and proposals; providing that all bid-based contracts for the purchase of items and contractual services when the estimated cost thereof exceeds thirty five thousand dollars, (\$35,000.00) be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; providing for the elimination of bid quotations for purchase of items and services when the cost thereof does not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); providing for bid procedures for the purchase of items and services when the cost exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), but is less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00); providing for bid procedures for the purchase of items and services when the cost thereof exceeds fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), but is less than thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00), and providing for bid procedures for the purchase of items and services which cost thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) or more. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

2. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2266 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the official zoning atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land; pursuant to an Application, Z 23-09, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential Office (RO) and Residential Multi-Family 1 (RMF-1) to Commercial Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Faith Crossing) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2266 on first reading, amending the official zoning atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land; pursuant to an Application, Z 23-09, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from Residential Office (RO) and Residential Multi-Family 1 (RMF-1) to Commercial Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2267 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida amending the official zoning atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of more than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 23-08, by the property owner of said acreage, providing for rezoning from Commercial General (CG) and Commercial Intensive (CI) to Commercial Highway Interchange (CHI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida, providing severability, repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Lake City RV Park) **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2267 on first reading, amending the official zoning atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of more than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 23-08, by the property owner of said acreage, providing for rezoning from Commercial General (CG) and Commercial Intensive (CI) to Commercial Highway Interchange (CHI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2268 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to Section 4.15.5, Special Exceptions, more specifically Section 4.15.5.2, amending the text for Travel Trailer Parks and Campgrounds, and Section 4.15.5.3 adding text to allow storage facilities for boats, recreational vehicles, and similar equipment by Special Exception, within the Commercial Highway Interchange Zoning District of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (LDR-TA-23-01) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2268 on first reading, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to Section 4.15.5, Special Exceptions, more specifically Section 4.15.5.2, amending the text for Travel Trailer Parks and Campgrounds, and Section 4.15.5.3 adding text to allow storage facilities for boats, recreational vehicles, and similar equipment by Special Exception, within the Commercial Highway Interchange Zoning District of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2269 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations; as amended; relating to Section 4.13.5, Special Exceptions, more specifically Section 4.13.5.16, amending the text to permit Travel Trailer Parks of Campgrounds by Special Exception, within the Commercial Intensive Zoning District of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida, providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (LDR-TA-23-02) **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2269 on first reading, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations; as amended; relating to Section 4.13.5, Special Exceptions, more specifically Section 4.13.5.16, amending the text to permit Travel Trailer Parks of Campgrounds by Special Exception, within the Commercial Intensive Zoning District of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2270 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-07, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from Residential Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Faith Crossing) **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2270 on first reading, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-07, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from Residential Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Resolutions

7. City Council Resolution No. 2024-001 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, through the Lake City Police Department, to coordinate services that are provided to adult and adolescent victims and survivors of rape. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-001, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, through the Lake City Police Department, to coordinate services that are provided to adult and adolescent victims and survivors of rape. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Resolution No. 2024-002 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, through the Lake City Police Department, to coordinate services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-002, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, through the Lake City Police Department, to coordinate services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

9. City Council Resolution No. 2024-003 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the Third Judicial Circuit Mutual Aid Agreement between municipalities and sheriffs of counties located in the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, through the Lake City Police Department. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-003, authorizing the execution of the Third Judicial Circuit Mutual Aid Agreement between municipalities and sheriffs of counties located in the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida, through the Lake City Police Department. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

10. City Council Resolution No. 2024-004 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, designating Michael Deloach, as the alternate director to serve on the Florida Gas Utility Board of Directors on behalf of the City; and repealing all prior resolutions in conflict with this resolution. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-004, designating Michael Deloach, as the alternate director to serve on the Florida Gas Utility Board of Directors on behalf of the City; and repealing all prior resolutions in conflict with this resolution. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

11. City Council Resolution No. 2024-005 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a utility easement from Notami Hospitals of Florida, Inc., for the purpose of relocating the existing utilities to accommodate the tower expansion. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-005, accepting a utility easement from Notami Hospitals of Florida, Inc., for the purpose of relocating the existing utilities to accommodate the tower expansion. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

12. City Council Resolution No. 2024-006 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the city to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the city. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-006, declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the city to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the city. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

13. City Council Resolution No. 2024-007 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City to enter into Change Order Number One to Task Assignment Number Ten between the City and Jones Edmunds, for professional services assisting the City with the State Road 47 and Interstate 75 improvement project; providing for the connection of septic tanks to the project; increasing the original contract price to a price not-to-exceed \$95,200.00; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-007, authorizing the City to enter into Change Order Number One to Task Assignment Number Ten between the City and Jones Edmunds, for professional services assisting the City with the State Road 47 and Interstate 75 improvement project; providing for the connection of septic tanks to the project, increasing the original contract**

price to a price not-to-exceed \$95,200.00. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Hill Aye
Ms. Young Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

Other Items

- 14. Discussion and Possible Action - Filling the vacancy of Council Member for City Council District 13. (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt suggested members fill the vacancy through the process utilized previously in filling the vacancy of District 14.

Mr. Jernigan suggested members wait until the election for District 13 before filling the vacancy, as the process used previously was unsuccessful.

Mayor Witt reported per the City Charter the City has 60 days to fill the vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Glenel Bowden; James Carter

Letters of interest will be accepted for 30 days. Members will discuss the process for filling the vacancy at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt reminded members of upcoming dates of interest: January 15, 2024 Martin Luther King Parade at 10AM; January 22, 2024 Council Workshop to discuss the Mariah Fund at 6:00 PM; January 29, 2024 Council Workshop to discuss Council Meeting Decorum at 6:00 PM; February 26, 2024 Council Workshop to discuss Affordable Housing/Properties and Application and Grant Funding Request \$5,000.00 max.

Mr. Jernigan announced free services are available via the Lake City Homeless Veteran Stand Down Program at the Florida National Guard Armory from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on February 16, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hill made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk