

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on October 16, 2023 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. – absent
C. Todd Sampson – absent
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
Todd Kennon
Paul Dyal
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS

1. American Pharmacists Month - October 2023
Mayor Witt read the proclamation for American Pharmacists Month.

MINUTES

2. October 2, 2023 Regular Session

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the October 2, 2023 Regular Session minutes as presented. Ms. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt suggested removing Item # 6, 14, and 15 until the full Council was present. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

Mr. Dyal expressed concerns with City Parking and a recent event held at the Blanche Hotel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Mark Yarick
- Sylvester Warren

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

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. 2023-2257. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2257 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2257. During public comment for City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2257 Sylvester Warren provided Mr. Jernigan with a copy of an ethics complaint he filed. No additional requests were received to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2257, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2257 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Chapter 102 of the City Code of Ordinances; providing for amendments to the City's Utilities; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2257 on final reading, amending Chapter 102 of the City Code of Ordinances, and providing for amendments to the City's Utilities. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

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. 2023-2264. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2264 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2264. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2264, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2264 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida; implementing the State's Statutory Mandate to prepare business impact estimates prior to the adoption of proposed ordinances pursuant to Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes; providing findings; adopting business impact estimate procedures, requirements, and exemptions; providing severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2264 on final reading, implementing the State's Statutory Mandate to prepare business impact estimates prior to the adoption of proposed ordinances pursuant to Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes; providing findings; adopting business impact estimate procedures, requirements, and**

exemptions. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Young Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

Resolutions – None

Other Items

- 5. Discussion and Possible Action: Annie Mattox Park Camera Installation (Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson)

Mr. Johnson reported resolution 2022-049 was approved for the installation of cameras at Annie Mattox Park, but at the time of approval, funds were not allocated. He requested approval to use ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to get the cameras installed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Ms. Young made a motion to move \$58,729.34 from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to install cameras at Annie Mattox Park. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Young Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

- 6. Discussion of September 11, 2023 vote regarding Section 2-53 of the Code of Ordinances relating to the compensation of Mayor and Council Members (City Attorney Todd Kennon)

This Item was removed during approval of the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

- 7. City Council Resolution No. 2023-109 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City by and through its Police

Department to enter into an Interagency Agreement establishing a community partnership between the Florida Department of Corrections and the Lake City Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-109, authorizing the City by and through its Police Department to enter into an Interagency Agreement establishing a community partnership between the Florida Department of Corrections and the Lake City Police Department. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Resolution No. 2023-116 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, dedicating of that portion of Long Street, being in the City limits of the City of Lake City, Florida, beginning at the intersection of NW Long Street and US 441 and ending at intersection of NW Long Street and Lake Jeffery Road to be dedicated to the memory and legacy of Mariah Reginae Smith; authorizing sign installation; providing for the adoption of recitals; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden – Mr. Bowden requested the resolution in its entirety be entered into the minutes.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City (hereinafter the “City”) desires to honor the memory and legacy of Mariah Reginae Smith who at the age of twelve (12) years, was killed while in her residence; and

WHEREAS, the City, by this dedication, shall keep her memory and the dangers of gun violence visible to the City’s citizens and all others who traverse the above described roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City shall place signage on Long Street at the locations provided herein so that the memory and legacy of Mariah Reginae Smith shall be visible; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the best interests of the City to dedicate the above described roadway to the memory and legacy of Mariah Reginae Smith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and accurate and are hereby made a part of this resolution.

Section 2. That portion of Long Street beginning at the intersection of NW Long Street and US 441 and ending at the intersection of NW Long Street and Lake Jeffery Road shall be and is hereby dedicated to the memory and legacy of Mariah Reginae Smith.

Section 3. Signage will be consistent with dedication signs utilized by the State of Florida, Department of Transportation and similar municipalities, and signs shall comply with all FDOT guidelines and specifications.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-116, dedicating of that portion of Long Street, being in the City limits of the City of Lake City, Florida, beginning at the intersection of NW Long Street and US 441 and ending at intersection of NW Long Street and Lake Jeffery Road to be dedicated to the memory and legacy of Mariah Reginae Smith; authorizing sign installation, and providing for the adoption of recitals. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

9. City Council Resolution No. 2023-117 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, reappointing Christopher Lydick to the Planning and Zoning Board, the Board of Adjustments, and the Historical Preservation Agency; and providing for an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-117, reappointing Christopher Lydick to the Planning and Zoning Board, the Board of Adjustments, and the Historical Preservation Agency. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

10. City Council Resolution No. 2023-118 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a continuing contract with RS&H, Inc.; providing for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI)/Observation Services; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-118, authorizing the execution of a continuing contract with RS&H, Inc., and providing for Construction Engineering and**

Inspection (CEI)/Observation Services. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

11. City Council Resolution No. 2023-119 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a continuing contract with AE Engineering, Inc.; providing for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI)/Observation Services; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-119, authorizing the execution of a continuing contract with AE Engineering, Inc., and providing for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI)/Observation Services. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

12. City Council Resolution No. 2023-121 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing David Young as the Land Development Regulation Administrator; and providing for an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-121, appointing David Young as the Land Development Regulation Administrator. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

13. City Council Resolution No. 2023-122 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Three to the continuing contract with Wetland Solutions, Inc., providing for engineering services related to a septic remediation plan to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; providing for payment for the professional services at a cost not to exceed \$36,600.00; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-122, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Three to the continuing contract with Wetland Solutions, Inc., providing for engineering services related to a septic remediation plan to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and providing for payment for the professional services at a cost not to exceed \$36,600.00. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Other Items

14. Discussion and Possible Action: Salary for Interim City Manager Dee Johnson

This Item was removed during approval of the agenda.

15. Update - Collin Baenziger & Associates for City Manager search (City Attorney Todd Kennon)

This Item was removed during approval of the agenda.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson recognized the Natural Gas Department for pipeline safety.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Young made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 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