

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met as the Community Redevelopment Agency on December 15, 2025, 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

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

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Sylvester Warren

## MINUTES

1. June 2, 2025

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

## NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion and possible action to, among other things, a) expand the scope of the current CRA Façade Grant program to include building demolition and building capital improvements as funding-eligible projects under the grant program; b) increase the maximum amount available to an eligible project through the grant program; c) realign other relevant elements of the grant program to accommodate the expansion of its scope and the increase in available amounts; and d) reallocate \$150,000.00 from Capital Outlay Infrastructure / Undesignated Projects 103.40.559-060.63 to Operating Expense Other Current Charges / CRA Facade Grant 103.40.559-030.49 to be specifically designated for commercial projects.

City Manager Rosenthal provided a brief introduction for staff to provide an overview of our current program.

Principal Planner Richard Benderson presented an application process that would upgrade the Façade Grant Program to \$40,000.00.

City Manager Rosenthal reported staff needed direction from members to create a program to bring back to be voted on.

Council Member Jernigan clarified the importance of spending funds in the CRA District.

**Ms. Young made a motion to allow staff to develop a Business Development Grant Program to come back to the Community Redevelopment Agency for consideration. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.**

Council Member Carter inquired as to whether the program would include Residential. Growth Management Director Scott Thomason reported there would be two phases in which Business would be Phase I and Residential would be Phase II.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Sheri Carter

Council Member Carter recommended part of the program be a mechanism for determining how funds are spent.

Council Member Young reported the \$40,000.00 was not set in stone, and suggested priority be set after reviewing applications as \$40,000.00 was not a lot of money.

Council Member Harris reported attending the CRA Open House held at Richardson Community Center and hearing resident concerns.

Council Member Jernigan verified all grants were reviewed before being disbursed and spoke in support of the application process.

Mayor Walker spoke in support of the program having an application deadline window and scoring rubric.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sheri Carter

**A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Chairman Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

ADJOURNMENT

**Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.**

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Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk