

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on November 3, 2025, 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 Noah Walker

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Walker reported a request to remove Item #9. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Carter seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Terrance Jones

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Resolution No. 2025-145 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting grant funds awarded by the State of Florida Department of Law Enforcement to the City of Lake City; providing funding for the purchase of two drones to be utilized by the Lake City Police Department; making certain findings of fact in support of the City accepting such funds and adopting said Grant Award Agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
2. City Council Resolution No. 2025-148 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and NV5 Geospatial, Inc., a Wisconsin Corporation, for certain information technology products and services; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement;

directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

3. City Council Resolution No. 2025-149 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain "Railroad Reimbursement Agreement - Grade Crossing Traffic Control Devices - Municipal" with the State of Florida Department of Transportation related to certain railroad traffic signal upgrades on NE Broadway Avenue at FDOT/ARR Crossing Number 622832K in the City of Lake City; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

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

PRESENTATIONS

4. Partnering for Progress: Precept Acquisitions & City of Lake City (Workforce Housing) - Leslie Buckholtz, President, Precept Acquisitions LLC

Ms. Buckholtz presented a Strategic Partnership Proposal to members.

Mayor Walker reported that members would not be voting to decide at this meeting.

Procurement Director Brenda Karr reported that under the P3 Florida Statute, the City would be allowed to enter into an agreement without going through the normal bidding process.

Council Member Young suggested instructing the City Manager to work with Ms. Buckholtz and bring something back at the next meeting.

Mayor Walker suggested the City hold a Workshop on December 1, 2025, to define and identify goals.

City Attorney Martin requested contracts and documents to be forwarded to him so he could begin working on them.

At this time, members took a short recess from 7:11 PM until 7:16 PM.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING

Final Reading

Open Quasi – Judicial Proceeding

At this time Attorney Clay Martin read from a prepared script.

Preliminary Matters (Attorney Clay Martin):

The City Attorney shall read the ordinance by title

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2329 (final 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 more than 50 acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 25-05, by Carol Chadwick, P.E., as agent for Real Terrace, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, the property owner of said acreages, 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 County Residential, Low Density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to Commercial of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (Property is located at the intersection of NW Real Terrace and NW Bascom Norris Dr)

Disclosure by Council members of ex-parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.

Ms. Young	No
Mr. Carter	No
Mr. Jernigan	No
Ms. Harris	No
Mayor Walker	No

Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.

City Attorney Martin swore in Carol Chadwick as agent for Real Terrace, and Planning Technician Robert Angelo.

Clerk should take custody of exhibits.

Note: All exhibits, diagrams, photographs and similar physical evidence referred to during the testimony or which you would like the Council to consider must be marked for identification and kept by the Clerk for 30 days.

A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo requested the application and presentation from the first hearing be moved into the record. It is attached as Exhibit A.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. Ms. Chadwick moved the application into the record. It is attached as Exhibit B.

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. None

D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any. None

E. Public comments. None

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. None

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

H. Closing comments by parties. Waived by both parties.

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2329 on final reading. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2333 (final 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 ten or more contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 25-07, by Carol Chadwick, P.E., as agent for Real Terrace, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, the property owner of said acreages; providing for rezoning from County Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to City Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date.(Property is located at the intersection of NW Real Terrace and NW Bascom Norris Dr)

Disclosure by Council members of ex-parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.

This was answered under the previous ordinance.

Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.

This was done under the previous ordinance.

Clerk should take custody of exhibits.

Note: All exhibits, diagrams, photographs and similar physical evidence referred to during the testimony or which you would like the Council to consider must be marked for identification and kept by the Clerk for 30 days.

A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo requested the application and presentation from the first hearing be moved into the record. It is attached as Exhibit C.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. Ms. Chadwick moved the application into the record. It is attached as Exhibit D.

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. None

D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any. None

E. Public comments. City Attorney Martin swore in Barbara Lemley for public comment.

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. Ms. Chadwick and Robert Angelo.

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

H. Closing comments by parties. Waived by both parties.

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2333 on final reading. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances

At this time Mayor Walker closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2340. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2340 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2340. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2340, therefore Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2340 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, concerning Code Enforcement and Forgiveness of Code Enforcement Liens amending the definition of "violator" in Chapter 2, Article X,

Section 2-413 of the City of Lake City, Florida Code of Ordinances; providing for lien forgiveness and forgiveness of fines and liens associated with Code Enforcement proceedings by amending Chapter 2, Article XI of the City of Lake City, Florida Code of Ordinances; providing for severability; providing for codification and scrivener's errors; providing for conflicts, and providing an effective date. **Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2340 on final reading. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

At this time Mayor Walker closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2342. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2342 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2342. After hearing public comments from Ben Loftstrom on City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2342, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2342 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to the presence of minors in businesses selling alcoholic beverages; repealing Chapter 6, Section 6-5 of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances in its entirety; providing direction for codification of this ordinance; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. **Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2342 on final reading. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Ms. Harris	Aye
Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Nay
Mayor Walker	Aye

Other Items

9. Lake Shore Hospital/Meridian Update (City Attorney Clay Martin)

This Item was removed during the approval of agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

10. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2327 (first reading) - An ordinance pertaining to solid waste services and management within the City of Lake City; providing

updated definitions; establishing provisions related to third-party and contractor-generated waste; establishing provisions related to storm debris waste contractors; establishing a contractor registration process for declared states of emergency; repealing all resolutions and ordinances in conflict; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2327 on first reading. 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
Mayor Walker	Aye

11. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2341 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to the use of a Speed Detection System in school zones in the City of Lake City, Florida; creating Chapter 98, Article V, Section 98-85 of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances entitled "School Speed Zone Infractions" which authorizes a school speed zone speed enforcement program and use of Speed Detection Systems; providing program implementation requirements; designating school zones and enforcement; providing legislative findings; providing for severability; providing for codification; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2341 on first reading.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ben Loftstrom

Council Member Jernigan requested for Chief Butler to explain how the system would work. Chief Butler provided an explanation and reported he would like to increase the hourly rate of the crossing guards.

Resolutions

12. City Council Resolution No. 2025-147 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and Spyglass Group, LLC., an Ohio Limited Liability Company, for auditing services to analyze primary telecommunications service accounts; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-147. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Other Items

13. Discussion - Animal Control (Council Member James Carter)

Mr. Carter expressed concerns with services provided by the Lake City – Columbia County Humane Society.

Chief Butler explained the Police Department should be called and Animal Control would respond under the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Ms. Harris preferred resources of the Police Department be utilized for enforcement versus responding to Humane Society calls.

Mayor Walker requested an update on puppy sales taking place near Walmart.

City Attorney Martin reported the City could opt animal control into their ordinance.

Mayor Walker spoke in support of consistent enforcement in the City and County and suggested the creation of a Joint Task Force to work through the issues and bring forward solutions and ordinances.

Members concurred for the Chief of Police, City Attorney, and City Manager to bring back the best practices from the around the State, and to be inclusive of the Humane Society.

COMMENTS BY:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – None

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – Ms. Sikes thanked members and staff for the texts, calls, flowers, and cards on the passing of her mother-in-law.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young requested a proclamation for National Day of Prayer on the next meeting agenda.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan thanked the Lake City Police and Fire Departments for their service and requested an update on the officer that was shot. Chief Butler reported Officer Hardison was recovering and would be returning to duty the next week.

Council Member James Carter – None

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris reported speaking with the City Manager about approving grants. City Attorney Martin explained the grant policy and reported the City Manager could apply to grants the City is not required to match, but the grant agreement does require council approval. She inquired as to whether the City could use downed trees for mulch and recommended only giving out candy during parades if there is enough to last the entire parade.

Council Members Young and Carter thanked two CRA Business Members for attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Terrance Jones

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker announced the Veteran’s Day Parade would be held Saturday, November 8, 2025; Safety training for Houses of Worship on November 18, 2025; Farm Share on November 22, 2025; recommended members who were participating in parades ride together regardless of which vehicle they rode in; suggested the possibility of switching or canceling the January 5, 2026 meeting and looking at the ordinance to make changes to be able to cancel a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk