The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on July 7, 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.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING – 5:00 PM Council Workshop – Lake City Woman's Club

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor/Council Member Noah Walker

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member	Noah Walker
City Council	Chevella Young
	Ricky Jernigan
	James Carter
	Tammy Harris
City Attorney	Clay Martin
City Manager	Don Rosenthal
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Gerald Butler
City Clerk	Audrey Sikes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Young requested Item #16 be heard prior to Item #12. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Erica Winsberg

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - May 5, 2025 Regular Session

2. Minutes - May 19, 2025 Regular Session

3. Minutes - June 2, 2025 Regular Session

4. Minutes - June 16, 2025 Regular Session

5. City Council Resolution No. 2025-089 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Request For Proposal Number 016-2025 for debris management and removal; accepting the proposal from Disaster Program & Operations, Inc., a Florida Corporation; approving the agreement with said vendor; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; 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.

6. City Council Resolution No. 2025-090 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Request For Proposal Number 017-2025 for emergency debris monitoring services; accepting the bid from DebrisTech LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company; approving the agreement with said vendor; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; 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.

7. City Council Resolution No. 2025-093 - 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; making certain findings of fact in support of the City selling or disposing of said property and authorizing the City Manager to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

8. City Council Resolution No. 2025-094 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving the retirement and transfer of ownership of Police Service Dog K-9 Rugar to his handler, Corporal Gary Borchardt; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said transfer; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute such documents as are necessary to transfer ownership of said K-9 Rugar; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

9. City Council Resolution No. 2025-096 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding with RollKall Technologies, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company for a license for a web-based application providing administrative and operational management services to the Lake City Police Department in connection with such department's off-duty officer programs and activities; 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. Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

10. Brendan McKitrick, CPA, James Moore & Co., Annual Audit for the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Mr. McKitrick presented members with the annual audit for the year ended September 30, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

11. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2326 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Section 70-127, Paragraph (b) of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances to add the Conclusive Cancer Presumption Provisions of Florida Statute, as established by Section 112.1816, FLA. STAT.; providing for inclusion in the Code of Ordinances; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2326 on first reading. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

At this time, Item #16 was heard

16. Discussion and possible action: Use of City facilities by persons and organizations not affiliated with the City (Vice Mayor/Council Member Chevella Young)

Ms. Young expressed her concerns with persons and organizations not affiliated with the City, using City facilities.

Resolution

12. City Council Resolution No. 2025-095 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, establishing support for a "makerspace" - a physical workspace equipped with tools and resources to facilitate hands-on learning, creation, and innovation for students of all ages to design, experiment, and invent for the purpose of workforce development and inspired learning; making findings of fact in support thereof; identifying a site to be made available for a privately managed makerspace; directing the City Manager to solicit proposals from interested charitable non-profit organizations and public/governmental organizations to privately utilize such site for a makerspace for educational and workforce development purposes; directing the City Manager to include reasonable and prudent guidelines for respondents to said solicitation; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Erika Mayo, Shawn Holmgren

Mayor Walker spoke in support of a makers space and workforce development.

At this time, members took a recess from 7:14 PM until 7:20 PM.

Mr. Carter spoke in support of the concept of a makers space and stated for the record the decision made regarding the use of city facilities prior, was made by council comprised of different people.

Ms. Young spoke in support of a makers space, but against it being held at City Hall.

Mr. Carter reported it would be desirable to have as many City Departments as possible in City Hall.

Ms. Young suggested the topic of City Hall be placed on a future agenda.

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to table City Council Resolution No. 2025-095. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2025-097 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving Task Assignment Number Two (2) pursuant to the continuing contract with Gmuer Engineering, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, to extend a water main along Leisure Drive and Wren Court into a residential area from the existing water main on State Road 247 at a not-to-exceed cost of $19,500.00; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said Task Assignment; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Task Assignment; authorizing the City Manager with the consent of the City Attorney to make minor changes to the scope of work of the Task Assignment provided such changes do not increase the quoted price in the Task Assignment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-097. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

<u>Other Items</u>

14. Discussion and Possible Action: Summer Game Night Sponsorship (Council Member Chevella Young)

Ms. Young proposed the idea of sponsoring a Summer Game Night at two locally owned arcades by providing vouchers for children between the ages of 13 to 15. She stated she would like to see the Boy Scouts be the first recipients.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Terell Kannady

Mayor Walker suggested utilizing the Mayors Matching Grant

Members concurred for staff to come back with action items on the next agenda.

15. Update and Discussion: The Council Meeting for August 4, 2025 has been cancelled due to a conflict with the Annual Airport Conference being held August 2nd through August 5th. A Special Called Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM. (Mayor Noah Walker)

    Mayor Walker briefed members on the rescheduling of the August 4, 2025 Council Meeting.

    Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore reported the TRIM schedule called for certain dates needed for the Fire Assessment and Budget Hearings.

16. Discussion and possible action: Use of City facilities by persons and organizations not affiliated with the City (Vice Mayor/Council Member Chevella Young)

    This item was discussed prior to item #12.

COMMENTS BY:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – City Manager Rosenthal reported there would be a Special Meeting sometime in August to discuss the Housing Authority.

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young clarified that she received a phone call informing her of a citizen at City Hall after hours.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan requested members keep in mind the everyday danger the Lake City Police and Fire Departments are in everyday, and commended department heads for working well together.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter suggested a workshop be held after budget meetings to discuss procedures members want regarding discussion and possible action items and suggested creating a Recreation Coordinator position to help coordinate funds the City invests in recreation.

Ms. Young reported during a Joint City/County Meeting at Richardson Community Center it was discussed the County would donate $100,000.00 a year, with the City also donating $100,000.00 to recreation at Richardson.

City Clerk Audrey Sikes stated she would conduct research to find minutes regarding the topic.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris thanked all department heads who met her for lunch; reported taking water and Gatorade to City workers in the extreme heat; thanked City Clerk Audrey

Sikes for volunteering at the LAD Soup Kitchen; reported the success of her Town Hall Meeting; and asked Chief Butler provide an update on the officer shot in the line of duty. Chief Butler reported Officer Hardison was doing well and in physical therapy, with an anticipated return date of April 2026. Ms. Harris also thanked fellow members and staff for their contributions to improving Lake City.

Ms. Young also added she was impressed with the warmth displayed at the Customer Service building and reported she would like the same at City Hall.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker provided cheers and accolades to Executive Director of Utilities Steve Brown and his team for getting the project of repaving Camp Street underway; reported a successful 4th of July event that was safe, fun, and clean, he commended Community Programs Director Terri Phillips, the Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department for their contributions to the event; announced Breakfast with the Chief would be at the Holiday Inn on July 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM, the upcoming Citizens Police Academy, and Coffee with a Cop on August 20, 2025 from 8:30 until 10:00 AM. He also thanked City Manager Rosenthal for being a great leader and reported he was pleased to read the City's audit.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

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Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk