

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 3, 2022 beginning at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting live on our YouTube Channel.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. Witt

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

City Attorney  
Interim City Manager  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Deputy City Clerk

Stephen M. Witt  
Jake Hill, Jr.  
Eugene Jefferson  
C. Todd Sampson  
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.  
Paul Dyal  
Interim Chief Gerald Butler  
Michelle Cannon

MINUTES – None

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt stated Item #16 would need to be removed from the agenda while more research was being done. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Glenel Bowden spoke on gun violence in the community and the ongoing issue of Covid-19. He confirmed with the Mayor the workshops would be held this month, January.
- Befaihtful Coker welcomed Paul Dyal as the new Interim City Manager, and spoke on the separation of power between administration and Council members.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

#### PRESENTATIONS

1. Mr. David Kraus, County Manager, regarding Richardson Community Center - Transfer of Land

Mr. Kraus updated Council on the title search and recommended proceeding with the transfer of title.

Mayor Witt agreed and the Council concurred on the City and County attorneys working together on an agreement.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Other Items

2. Discussion and Possible Action - Fire Pension Board Appointee (Mayor Stephen Witt)
3. Discussion and Possible Action - Planning and Zoning Board (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt reminded members there was still a need for someone qualified for both the Fire Pension Board and Planning and Zoning Board.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Ordinances

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2196 (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, pursuant to an application, LDR21-05, by the City Council, providing for amending section 4.14.3, entitled permitted accessory uses and structures by revising regulations pertaining to the use of public rights-of-way for outdoor seating by restaurants and other businesses within the "C-CBD" Commercial, Central Business District; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2196, on first reading, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended, pursuant to an application, LDR21-05, by the City Council, providing for amending section 4.14.3, entitled permitted accessory uses and structures by revising regulations pertaining to the use of public rights-of-way for outdoor seating by restaurants and other businesses within the "C-CBD" Commercial, Central Business District. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2213, (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code to add a new section numbered 86-110.17 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing, vacating, and abandoning of that portion of Laurel Lane lying between Blocks 17 and 18 of McFarlane Park Subdivision, and east of SW Montgomery Avenue, McFarlane Park Subdivision, a subdivision as per the plat thereof and recorded in Plat Book 423, page 604 of the public records of Columbia County, Florida; finding that the roadway was abandoned by the City; finding that the closing of the roadway will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare; finding that it is in the best interest of the City and for the general welfare of its citizens to close the roadway; providing for a reservation of utility easements; providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for

inclusion into the City Code; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2213, on first reading, amending the City Code to add a new section numbered 86-110.17 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing, vacating, and abandoning of that portion of Laurel Lane lying between Blocks 17 and 18 of McFarlane Park Subdivision, and east of SW Montgomery Avenue, McFarlane Park Subdivision, a subdivision as per the plat thereof and recorded in Plat Book 423, page 604 of the public records of Columbia County, Florida; finding that the roadway was abandoned by the City; finding that the closing of the roadway will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare; finding that it is in the best interest of the City and for the general welfare of its citizens to close the roadway; providing for a reservation of utility easements, and providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### Resolutions

6. City Council Resolution No. 2021-175 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with American Sign Language Services Corporation to provide professional interpreting services for video remote interpreting requests; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-175, authorizing the execution of an agreement with American Sign Language Services Corporation to provide professional interpreting services for video remote interpreting requests. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jefferson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

7. City Council Resolution No. 2021-187 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Change Order Number One to the contract between the City and Legacy Water Group, LLC; providing for the installation of the west gravity sewer system at the Interstate 75 and State Road 47 interchange as additional work to the initial agreement; providing for the additional cost not-to-exceed \$139,000.00; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-187, authorizing the execution of Change Order Number One to the contract between the City and Legacy Water Group, LLC; providing for the installation of the west gravity sewer system at the Interstate 75 and State**

Road 47 interchange as additional work to the initial agreement, and providing for the additional cost not-to-exceed \$139,000.00. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Resolution No. 2021-190 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the Change Order Number Two to the contract between the City and SGS Contracting Services, Inc.; providing for additional services to be performed at the St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility; providing for the replacement of the north aeration basin drain valves; providing for additional grit removal; providing for an extension of ninety (90) days to both the project substantial completion date and the project final payment date; and providing for an additional cost not-to-exceed \$587,050.20. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-190, authorizing the execution of the Change Order Number Two to the contract between the City and SGS Contracting Services, Inc.; providing for additional services to be performed at the St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility; providing for the replacement of the north aeration basin drain valves; providing for additional grit removal; providing for an extension of ninety (90) days to both the project substantial completion date and the project final payment date; and providing for an additional cost not-to-exceed \$587,050.20. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

9. City Council Resolution No. 2021-191 – 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. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-191, 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. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

10. City Council Resolution No. 2022-001 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office; providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-001, authorizing the execution of the Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

11. City Council Resolution No. 2022-002 - 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. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-002, 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. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

12. City Council Resolution No. 2022-003 – 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. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-003, 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. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

13. City Council Resolution No. 2022-004 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing members to the Board of Adjustment in accordance with Ordinance 2021-2201; providing for the terms of offices of the Board of Adjustment to run concurrently with the terms of offices of the Planning and Zoning Board; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-004, appointing members to the Board of Adjustment in accordance with Ordinance 2021-2201; providing for the terms of offices of the Board of Adjustment to run concurrently with the terms of offices of the Planning and Zoning Board; and providing for an effective date. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

**Mr. Sampson Aye**

**Mr. Jefferson Aye**

**Mr. Hill Aye**

**Mayor Witt Aye**

14. City Council Resolution No. 2022-006 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing a salary adjustment of the Interim City Manager Paul Dyal; providing for a salary adjustment in the equivalent of \$120,000.00 per fiscal year; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-006, authorizing a salary adjustment of the Interim City Manager Paul Dyal, and providing for a salary adjustment in the equivalent of \$120,000.00 per fiscal year. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

**Mr. Sampson Aye**

**Mr. Hill Aye**

**Mr. Jefferson Aye**

**Mayor Witt Aye**

#### Other Items

15. Discussion and Possible Action - Camera surveillance in regard to gun violence in the community (Mayor Stephen Witt)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden spoke on gun violence in the community and in favor of security cameras.

Mayor Witt reported he has spoken with Interim Chief Butler, Interim City Manager Paul Dyal, and Information Technology Director Matt Benedetti about moving forward with placing a surveillance system in the areas where gun violence has recently been prevalent.

Mr. Sampson stated he was looking forward to seeing what impact the license plate readers will have, and asked if security cameras were budgeted.

Mayor Witt confirmed with Mr. Koberlein that he did not need a motion to move forward, and stated the community needed to come together to get a handle on these issues.

#### DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

16. Agreement with County regarding Growth Management Department Services  
(Presenter: Interim City Manager Paul Dyal) – PULLED FROM AGENDA

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill asked who monitored the security camera that was on the Olustee Monument and spoke on the issue with speeding in neighborhoods.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Michelle Cannon, Deputy City Clerk