
MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE CITY
City Council Regular Session
August 17, 2026
6:00 PM at City Hall

This meeting was held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055. Members of the public also viewed the meeting on our YouTube channel.

Events Prior to Meeting - 5:00 PM Closed and Exempt Session pursuant to FS 447.605(1)

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - Vice Mayor Chevella Young

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 per City Attorney Martin, Item #9 would be tabled to a later date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

Proclamations/Awards/Recognitions – None

Public Participation - Persons Wishing to Address Council

- Tony Buzzella
- Tracy Gill
- Jake Hill
- Roy Armstrong

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval to pay Gray Construction the final payment for the North Development Hangar and Taxilanes in the amount of \$76,572.88, which is the retainage. Gray Construction has completed all work as agreed upon in the contract and the final pay request for project completion and retainage is attached.

2. City Council Resolution No. 2026-089 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain utility work by Highway Contractor Agreement between the City and the State of Florida Department of Transportation for the constructing, reconstructing, or other improvements on State Road 247 at SW Bascom Norris Drive; 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; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
3. City Council Resolution No. 2026-090 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain utility work by Highway Contractor Agreement between the City and the State of Florida Department of Transportation for the design and installation of drainage modifications for State Road 247 at SW Bascom Norris Drive; 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. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Presentations

4. ACRUVA Community Developers - Daniel Acosta, Founder, President & Chief Development Officer - Arbors Pointe Apartment Complex Project

ACRUVA representatives presented members with the Arbors Pointe Apartment Complex Project.

Members concurred to have staff report back with a proposal for a tax abatement package.

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. 2026-2360. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2360 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2360. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2360; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2360 (second final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Text of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; pursuant to an application, CPA 26-02T, by the Growth Management

Department of the City of Lake City, Florida, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for amending the Intergovernmental Coordination Element of the Comprehensive Plan by adding Objective VII.9 entitled Joint Planning Area and Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement to the Intergovernmental Coordination Element; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2360 on final reading. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Ms. Harris	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. 2026-2361. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2361 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2361. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2361; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2361 (second final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Text of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; pursuant to an application, CPA 26-03T, by the Growth Management Department of the City of Lake City, Florida, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for amending Policy I.1.2 of the Future Land Use element under Mixed Use by changing the minimum percentage of non-residential uses from 50 to 15, the maximum residential uses from 40 to 75, adding requirements to the open space areas and by changing the residential density limits from 10 to 40 dwelling units based on gross acreage of the overall residential portion of the proposed mixed use land use classification; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2361 on final 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 Mayor Walker closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2383. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2383 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2383. No one asked to

be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2383; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2383 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 26-05, submitted by Ajay U. Mhatre, Anjali U. Mhatre, Shipla U. Mhatre, Umesh M. Mhatre, Anita Mhatre Mihalcik, and the Mhatre Irrevocable Family Trust dated December 27, 1990, relating to voluntary annexation; annexing certain real property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (This property is located in the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement at the corner of Highway 47 and County Road 242) **Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2383 on final reading. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Resolutions - None

Other Items - None

New Business

Ordinances - None

Resolutions

8. City Council Resolution No. 2026-091 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing Tanya Johnson to serve through the end of the current term in seat "1-B" on the City's Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Agency Board; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the expiration of said term on October 31, 2030; directing the City Clerk to reflect said appointment and expiration of term in such records of the City as are necessary and prudent; making certain findings of fact in support of the City Clerk reflecting such appointment and expiration of term in the records of the City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-091. 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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2026-092 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and Suwannee Valley Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation, for lease of the real property formerly known as Five Points Elementary School; 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.

This item was tabled to a later date during Approval of Agenda.

10. City Council Resolution No. 2026-093 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting that certain County deed from the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida conveying to the City certain lands generally located at 854 SE Monroe Street, Lake City, Florida, as more particularly described in the County deed attached hereto; making certain findings of fact in support of the City accepting said County deed; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-093. 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

Departmental Administration - None

Comments by:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – None

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

Comments by Council Members

Council Member Chevella Young – None

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan expressed appreciation for the Lake City Police and Fire Departments; reported the Florida League of Cities conference he attended was very informative; reminded citizens to vote.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter reminded citizens to vote; reported the Florida League of Cities conference he attended was excellent and provided a summary of classes he attended and networking with other council members from other municipalities.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris provided a reminder about the street renaming ceremony taking place August 24, 2026 at 10 AM for Foreman and Lane Terrace.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker reported tomorrow, August 18, 2026 at Parkview Baptist Church he would be attending the Homeless Coalition; reported a successful Community Unity Day; reported how gratifying it was to network with other cities at the Florida League of Cities Conference;

commended the Lake City Fire and Police Departments for keeping the community safe; commented on the Boots and Badges Basketball Tournament that took place the week prior.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk