

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Workshop, on August 18, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

INVOCATION – Mayor 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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Proposed Lake City Housing Authority

City Manager Rosenthal introduced Nick Narducci with NJN Consulting Services, and Ric Gilmore, attorney with Saxon Gilmore.

Mr. Narducci went over a PowerPoint Presentation with members and reported he had been working on the proposed Housing Authority project with City Manager Rosenthal for a while. He reviewed the results of the Strategic Plan that was developed with input from a broad range of stakeholders as well as programs the Housing Authority could oversee.

Programs reviewed were abandoned houses, container houses, below market rate loans, senior living, and a below market rate apartment building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Phillip Mobley

Council Member Young suggested another name instead of Housing Authority and stated the program is much needed, with the top priority being affordable housing.

Council Member Carter spoke in support of incentivizing private enterprises to build the developments versus the government taking them on and confirmed this would be at no cost to the taxpayer due to using municipal bonds.

Mayor Walker spoke in support of the goals and programs Mr. Narducci brought forth and suggested partnering with local developers versus taxpayers taking this program on.

Council Member Jernigan confirmed local banks and builders would be considered for the projects. He spoke in support of the program and suggested more workshops in the future.

City Manager Rosenthal reported he would like to use local banks and builders as much as possible.

Mayor Walker suggested the City host a Builder Symposium luncheon to gauge interest in the community.

City Manager Rosenthal responded he would have Growth Management Director Scott Thomason work on the idea of a symposium and bring it back to the members. He added he would like to have one on one meetings with members and eventually hold additional workshops for developer and public input.

Council Member Harris spoke in support of the program and stated she agreed with changing the name, as it would not just be the City participating. She reported County Commissioner Kevin Parnell has shown interest and would like to partner with the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 5:51 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk