
MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE CITY
City Council Regular Session
July 07, 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 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Carter made a motion to move Item #12 and #13 forward on the agenda, remove Item #4 off Consent Agenda, and table Item #14 until July 20, 2026, per Attorney Martin. The motion failed due to lack of second.

Mr. Carter made a motion to move Item #12 and Item #13 forward on the agenda and to table Item #14 until July 20, 2026, per Attorney Martin. 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

Proclamations/Awards/Recognitions - None

Public Participation - Persons Wishing to Address Council

- Rustyann Brown

- Mike Ziegler
- Sandy Gates
- Sylvester Warren

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Minutes - May 26, 2026 Special Called Session
2. Minutes - June 1, 2026 Regular Session
3. Minutes - June 15, 2026 Regular Session
4. Approval to reallocate unused budgeted funds, via a budget amendment, if necessary, to cover the cost associated for Council Member Harris and Vice Mayor Young, to attend the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation 55th Annual Legislative Conference to be held September 16th - 20th, 2026, in Washington, D.C. The estimated cost is \$6,800.00 for both members to attend. Sufficient funds exist in the 511.40 and 511.55 accounts to cover these costs. The 2027 annual conference has been included in the proposed FY 27 preliminary budget for council consideration.
5. City Council Resolution No. 2026-074 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, consenting to the assignment of that certain agreement between the City and AE Engineering, Inc., a Florida Corporation to WSB, LLC, a Minnesota Limited Liability Company, formerly known as AE Engineering, Inc. a Florida Corporation; making certain findings of fact in support of the City consenting to said assignment; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said consent assignment; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said consent assignment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barbara Lemley

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Young seconded the motion.

Council Member Carter expressed concerns regarding council travel.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

At this time, Items #12 and 13 were heard for consideration as a result of the agenda being amended at Approval of Agenda.

12. City Council Resolution No. 2026-075 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, directing the erection of signs at the intersections along that certain segment of Northwest Madison Street situated between Northwest Main Boulevard and North Marion Avenue in honor of Fire Chief

Randall Burnham; co-designating said street segment as Randy Burnham Street; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Devin Burnham

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-075 with amending the street name to Chief Randy Burnham. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2026-076 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, directing the erection of signs at the intersections along that certain segment of Northwest Alachua Avenue situated between West Veterans Street and North Marion Avenue in honor of Assistant Fire Chief Dwight E. Boozer; co-designating said street segment as Assistant Chief Dwight Boozer Avenue; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Boozer

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-076. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

For documentation purposes, an amendment to Item #13 took place after Item #11 as follows:

At this time, due to a typographical error being pointed out, **Mr. Carter made a motion to reconsider Item #13. 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

Mr. Carter made a motion to amend Item #13 to replace any reference of North Marion Avenue to Northwest Veterans Street. 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

Presentations - None

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. 2026-2372. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2372 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2372. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2372; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2372 (final 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, LDR 26-02, by the Growth Management Department of Lake City, Florida; providing for amending Section 2.1 entitled Definitions to add a definition for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.2.36 entitled Provisions for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.4.3 entitled "A" Agricultural, permitted accessory uses and structures to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.4.7 entitled "A" Agricultural, minimum yard requirements to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.5.3 entitled "RSF" Residential, Single Family, permitted accessory uses and structures to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.5.7 entitled "RSF" Residential, Single Family, minimum yard requirements to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.6.3 entitled "RSF/MH" Residential, (Mixed) Single Family/Mobile Home, permitted accessory uses and structures to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.6.7 entitled "RSF/MH" Residential, (Mixed) Single Family/Mobile Home, minimum yard requirements to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.7.3 entitled "RMH" Residential, Mobile Home, permitted accessory uses and structures to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.7.7 entitled "RMH" Residential, Mobile Home, minimum yard requirements to add requirements for accessory uses and structures and accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.9.3 entitled "RMF" Residential, Multiple Family, permitted accessory uses and structures to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing for amending Section 4.9.7 entitled "RMF" Residential, Multiple Family, minimum yard requirements to add requirements for accessory dwelling units; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council**

Ordinance No. 2026-2372 on final 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

At this time, members took a short recess from 6:36 PM until 6:42 PM.

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. 2026-2373. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2373 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2373. After hearing public comment from Barbara Mizell Perry, Sandy Gates, Al Nelson, David Winsberg – engineer, and Fred Gates on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2376, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2373 (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 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 26-06S, by David M. Winsberg, the property owner of said acreage, 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 Residential Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Residential High Density (less than or equal to 20 dwelling units per acre) 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. (This property is located at NW Early Street)

Planning Technician Robert Angelo introduced the ordinance and requested to adopt the presentation and application that was presented at the June 15, 2026, Regular Session.

Council Member Jernigan inquired as to whether Growth Management had previously spoken with residents regarding this ordinance.

Growth Management Director Scott Thomason reported his department would be happy to facilitate meetings between homeowners and the applicant.

Mr. Carter made a motion to table Item #7 and #8 until a future meeting in August. 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

Quasi-Judicial Hearings

Open Quasi-Judicial Hearing

Final Reading

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2374 (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 less than ten acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 26-04S, by David M. Winsberg, the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-3 (RSF-3) and Residential, Multiple-Family-1 (RMF-1) to Residential, Multiple-Family-1 (RMF-1) and Residential, Multiple-Family-2 (RMF-2) 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. (This property is located at NW Early Street)

This Item was tabled via motion on Item#7 above.

Resolutions - None

Other Items - None

New Business

Ordinances

9. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2380 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article VII, City of Lake City Code of Ordinances to expand the Community Redevelopment Board of Commissioners from five members to seven members; providing definitions; establishing eligibility criteria for said members; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2380 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

10. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2381 (first reading)- An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 295, City of Lake City Code of Ordinances to provide additional detail to the

legal descriptions defining the area of the City of Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2381 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

Resolutions

11. City Council Resolution No. 2026-072 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and Vortex, USA, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, for splashpad components, equipment, and installation services at Youngs Park; 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. **Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-072. 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

12. This Item was moved to top of agenda as a result of the agenda being amended at Approval of Agenda.
13. This Item was moved to top of agenda as a result of the agenda being amended at Approval of Agenda.

At this time, due to a typographical error being pointed out, two additional motions were made relating to Item #13. These motions are recorded with the original motion at the top of the agenda.

14. City Council Resolution No. 2026-079 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting an update to the Lake City Community Redevelopment Plan; providing for severability; repealing all previous resolutions in conflict; providing an effective date.

Note: This item was presented at the CRA Meeting held prior to this meeting.

This Item was tabled until July 20, 2026, per approval of the agenda.

15. City Council Resolution No. 2026-080 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, creating a Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee; making certain findings of fact in support of the City creating said advisory committee; directing the

Mayor to appoint the members of said advisory committee pursuant to Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-48(1) of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances as amended by City of Lake City Ordinance 2023-2254; directing the Mayor to appoint the chairman of said advisory committee pursuant to Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-48(1) of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances as amended by City of Lake City Ordinance 2023-2254; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-080. 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

Other Items - None

Departmental Administration - None

Comments by:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal reported Officer Marcus Hardison returned to full duty last week then reviewed two handouts (June 15, 2026, City Council Investment Report and May 31, 2026, Monthly Financial Report) with members.

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

Comments by Council Members

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young thanked all city departments and stated she was proud to be a part of Lake City and the Council; reported speaking with business owners downtown and stated they were in favor of keeping the benches along the street; reported the new owners of Lake City Florist had invited members to their reopening on July 9th at 4:30 PM.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan congratulated Community Programs Director Terri Phillips and staff, the Lake City Fire Department, and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office on a job well done for the 250th July 4th Celebration; passed along information from a constituent regarding the possibility of downsizing City vehicles; requested City Manager Rosenthal and Assistant City Manager Johnson look into the repaving of Englewood Drive; spoke in support of supporting Kiwanis Club; reported having the opportunity to attend a Hero event recognizing a Sheriff's Deputy for 40 years of service and suggested recognizing someone like Terri Phillips as the City's Hometown Hero.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter commented on an excellent 250th July 4th Celebration and reported many constituents stopped him during the event to thank Ms. Phillips; reported multiple constituents inquiring about Council travel, specifically Item #4, and emphasized that members should share what they learn upon returning from traveling.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris requested an update on the mural project; requested to use the big City tent for her Unity Love Fest on August 1, 2026, members concurred to allow it; applauded Terri Phillips for a successful 250th July 4th Celebration; recognized constituents for cleaning up their street after 4th of July celebrations; suggested naming the splash pad being installed at Youngs Park. Per Mayor Walker this item would be added to an August agenda for discussion, he also suggested a kids contest on naming the splash pad. Ms. Harris requested an update on the two streets that were being renamed for Bettye Lane and Barbara Foreman. Planning Technician Robert Angelo reported due to the process taking two years to complete, honorary street signs would be erected until the streets were officially renamed. Ms. Harris also reported speaking with Glenn Hunter regarding a dog park and stated she would also like to name the dog park as well.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker congratulated everyone involved with the 250th July 4th Celebration and reported there were roughly 7,200 people in attendance; thanked Public Works for keeping the event space clean; suggested adding a requirement to the land development regulations that would require developers to meet with constituents around the area they are wanting to develop, Planning Tech Robert Angelo confirmed for Mayor Walker this was a text amendment he was currently working on.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk