

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on June 5, 2023 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
C. Todd Sampson
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
Todd Kennon
Paul Dyal
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS – None

MINUTES

1. May 15, 2023 Regular Session

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the May 15, 2023 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Young recommended removing Item #19 and made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Barbara Foreman – spoke on noisy railcars parked on tracks in her neighborhood.
Mr. Hill made a motion authorizing the City Attorney to send a letter to Florida Gulf Atlantic Railroad, regarding frozen cars on tracks. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

- Ron Worley
- Barbara Carpenter
- Ken Bochette
- Shawn Holmgren
- Sylvester Warren
- Glenel Bowden

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS

2. Brendan McKitrick and Farah Rajae with James Moore & Company - PowerPoint - Annual Audit for the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Zach Chalifour with James Moore & Company gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY22 audit.

Note: Will need motion to accept annual audit for FY22 as presented by James Moore & Company.

Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the annual audit for FY22 as presented. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

3. Aaron Tripensee - Commercial Business Traffic on Laurel Lane

Mr. Tripensee presented four photos to members and spoke in opposition of Commercial Business activity on Laurel Lane.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Buddy Slay

Mr. Sampson suggested for staff to look into this.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2245. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2245 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2245. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2245, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2245 (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 23-02, by 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, Moderate Density (less than or equal to 4 dwelling units per acre) to Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2245 on final reading, 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 23-02, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from Residential, Moderate Density (less than or equal to 4 dwelling units per acre) to Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2246. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2246 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2246. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2246, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2246 (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 more than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 23-02, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to Residential, Multiple Family-1 (RMF-1) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2246 on final reading, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of more than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 23-02, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to Residential, Multiple Family-1 (RMF-1) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2247. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2247 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2247. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2247, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

- 6. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2247 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code to add a new Section Number 86.110.19 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent vacating of the 30.00 foot wide utility easement located at Parcel 2 at Lot "B" Brookside Subdivision, a Subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 45, of the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2247 on final reading, amending the City Code to add a new Section Number 86.110.19 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent vacating of the 30.00 foot wide utility easement located at Parcel 2 at Lot "B" Brookside Subdivision, a Subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 45, of the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Resolutions – None

Other Items

7. Richardson Community Center Update (City Attorney Todd Kennon)

Mr. Kennon reported after the County accepted the deed for the community center, there was the discussion of a joint board with the County. The County opted to take a different direction and issued a Licensing Agreement with the Richard Community Center Board.

Mr. Sampson suggested the City issue a separate license agreement with the County that supports what programs the City would fund.

Mr. Hill spoke in support of funding programs.

Mr. Kennon reported he would provide the license agreement once he received it from the County.

Mr. Jernigan spoke in support of keeping Mr. Dyal involved in this process.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren; Anna Eversole; Vanessa George

8. Property next to Sallie Mae Jerry Park Update (City Attorney Todd Kennon)

Mr. Kennon confirmed notices have been sent for both pieces of property next to the park and reported a complaint would be drafted within the next week to ten (10) days.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson inquired about an ordinance for City parks. Mr. Kennon reported he is working on an ordinance for all parks that would enforce curfew.

9. Ordinance to prevent open flea markets, junk cars, etc. on Marion Avenue Update (City Attorney Todd Kennon)

Mr. Kennon stated the owner was very cooperative and receptive to removing the items relating to Code Enforcement issues on the Marion Avenue property. Code Enforcement provided the property owner forty-five (45) days for compliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Shawn Holmgren (Mr. Holmgren was removed from the meeting at this time)

Mr. Sampson confirmed flea markets and yard sales were in the ordinance.

Mr. Jernigan stated this discussion needed to go through Mr. Dyal.

Mr. Dyal reported the LDR's are currently being revised.

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Moving downtown historical sign (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal referenced the February 22, 2022 Regular Session Meeting minutes where members voted to move the downtown historical sign. He stated there were questions in the past as to where the historic district is, and some members of the public had opposed moving the sign. Mr. Dyal asked for direction from members.

Mr. Sampson and Mr. Hill spoke in favor of moving the sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Dyal stated once a deed or easement was received from the property owner allowing the sign to be placed, the City would move forward.

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Annie Mattox Park Interlocal Agreement - Level 2 Background Check Requirements (Council Member Chevella Young)

Mr. Kennon reported the terms of the agreement could be modified by Council action. He stated it would be contingent upon the Annie Mattox Board accepting the modification to the terms of the agreement.

Ms. Young made a motion to eliminate the Level 2 Background Check Requirements (Sections 3.B. ii a. and b.). Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Nay
Mayor Witt	Nay

Mr. Dyal asked for direction on getting courts at the park resurfaced, as he did not want to lose current bid costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson made a motion to move forward with the basketball courts. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

12. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2250 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code to add a new Section Number 86-110.20 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the partial abandonment of a 20.00 foot water and sewer utility easement as a portion of Parcel 1 of Official Records Book 776, Page 1724, of the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2250 on first reading, amending the City Code to add a new Section Number 86-110.20 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the partial abandonment of a 20.00 foot water and sewer utility easement as a portion of Parcel 1 of Official Records Book 776, Page 1724, of the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

13. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2251 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code to add a new Section Number 86-110.21 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing of all of that portion of Waldron Street lying wholly in Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 17 East, Columbia County, Florida; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Kennon reported this ordinance was revised late that afternoon and did not need a utility easement as identified in (Section 4).

Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2251 on first reading, amending the City Code to add a new Section Number 86-110.21 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing of all of that portion of Waldron Street lying wholly in Section 33, Township 3 South, Range 17 East, Columbia County, Florida. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

14. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2252 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, revising the boundaries of the four (4) separate election districts, consisting of Districts 10, 12, 13, and 14, created by and described in Section 301(C) of Article III of the City Charter, as authorized and required by Section 301 (E) of Article III of the City Charter; redefining the boundaries, pursuant to State Law and the Voting Rights Act, of each District 10, 12, 13, and 14 to insure that each separate District has approximately the same number of residents in accordance to 2020 Census Data, by population; providing that the General Law of the State of Florida on the subject of elections shall apply to all City Elections in the absence of conflicts with the City Code and City Charter; providing for the repeal of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of the ordinance; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2252 on first reading, revising the boundaries of the four (4) separate election districts, consisting of Districts 10, 12, 13, and 14, created by and described in Section 301(C) of Article III of the City Charter, as authorized and required by Section 301 (E) of Article III of the City Charter; redefining the boundaries, pursuant to State Law and the Voting Rights Act, of each District 10, 12, 13, and 14 to insure that each separate District has approximately the same number of residents in accordance to 2020 Census Data, by population; providing that the General Law of the State of Florida on the subject of elections shall apply to all City Elections in the absence of conflicts with the City Code and City Charter, and providing for the repeal of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of the ordinance. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Resolutions

15. City Council Resolution No. 2023-058 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an easement conveying said easement to identified landowners located on West boundary of City owned property located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 16 East, Columbia County, Florida. (Property near Sprayfield) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-058, authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an easement conveying said easement to identified landowners located on West boundary of City owned property located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 16 East, Columbia County, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

16. City Council Resolution No. 2023-060 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing Robert Milligan and Tim Parisi as elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Lake City Municipal Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-060, appointing Robert Milligan and Tim Parisi as elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Lake City Municipal Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

17. City Council Resolution No. 2023-061 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City Florida, authorizing the execution of a second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Columbia County, Florida related to the Emergency Home Repair Program for eligible citizens; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-061, authorizing the execution of a second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Columbia County, Florida related to the Emergency Home Repair Program for eligible citizens. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

18. City Council Resolution No. 2023-062 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, rescinding City Council Resolution No. 2023-003 and rescinding the acceptance of the Federally Funded Community Block Grant Cares (CDBG-CV) Subgrant Agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to facilitate the rehabilitation of the existing Richardson Community Center for the use of Covid testing and vaccinations and reimburse the City for certain costs expended up to an amount of \$2,000,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

Mr. Dyal provided an update on the conference call with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and stated there was a violation of the grant when the County recorded the deed. Mr. Dyal explained the City could try for a waiver. It would take six (6) months to a year for the DEO to review the application as the grant agreement has been violated.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mayor Witt made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-062, rescinding City Council Resolution No. 2023-003 and rescinding the acceptance of the Federally Funded Community Block Grant Cares (CDBG-CV) Subgrant Agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to facilitate the rehabilitation of the existing Richardson Community Center for the use of Covid testing and vaccinations and reimburse the City for certain costs expended up to an amount of \$2,000,000.00. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mayor Witt	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Nay
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Nay

19. City Council Resolution No. 2023-063 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, rescinding City Council Resolution Number 2023-059 and the appointment of Sylvester Warren, III.

This Item was removed under Approval of Agenda.

20. City Council Resolution 2023-064 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Amendment Number One to

Agreement LP12031 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the reimbursement of up to \$1,800,000.00 in costs incurred in connection with enhancing the quality of water quality improvement project; providing for an extension of the agreement to December 31, 2025; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-064, authorizing the execution of Amendment Number One to Agreement LP12031 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the reimbursement of up to \$1,800,000.00 in costs incurred in connection with enhancing the quality of water quality improvement project, and providing for an extension of the agreement to December 31, 2025. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

21. City Council Resolution No. 2023-065 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Two to the continuing contract with Wetland Solutions, Inc., providing for engineering services related to Gwen Lake; providing for payment for the professional services at a cost not to exceed \$23,700.00; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-065, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Two to the continuing contract with Wetland Solutions, Inc., providing for engineering services related to Gwen Lake, and providing for payment for the professional services at a cost not to exceed \$23,700.00. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

22. City Council Resolution No. 2023-066 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Personnel Manual for the City; authorizing and adopting a Retirement Bonus Policy; incorporating the Retirement Bonus Policy into Chapter 14 Employee Benefits of the Personnel Manual; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

Mr. Sampson stated this was a way to show appreciation to staff.

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-066, amending the Personnel Manual for the City; authorizing and adopting a Retirement Bonus Policy, and incorporating the Retirement Bonus Policy into Chapter 14 Employee Benefits of the Personnel Manual. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

23. City Council Resolution No. 2023-067 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Personnel Manual for the City; authorizing and adopting a Graduation Token Policy; incorporating the Graduation Token Policy into Chapter 14 Employee Benefits of the Personnel Manual; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-067, amending the Personnel Manual for the City; authorizing and adopting a Graduation Token Policy; incorporating the Graduation Token Policy into Chapter 14 Employee Benefits of the Personnel Manual. Ms. Young seconded the motion. The motion failed on a 1-4 vote.

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Nay
Mr. Hill	Nay
Mr. Sampson	Nay
Mayor Witt	Nay

Other Items

24. Lake Shore Hospital Authority Parcels Update (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal reported as of today, he had not heard back from Dale Williams, the Executive Director of Lake Shore Hospital Authority.

25. Schedule Council Workshop(s) for the following:
- Discuss City Hall and Vacant Lots
 - Structuring of Advisory Committees
 - Citizens Review Board
 - Retake Council Group Photo

Members concurred to schedule a Workshop to discuss City Hall & Vacant Lots on June 15, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.; a Workshop to discuss the structuring of advisory committees on June 29, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.; and to retake the Council group photo on July 3, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pamela Greene

Ms. Young voiced concerns with safety during public meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sampson made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk