

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on June 16, 2025, 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 – Vice-Mayor/Council Member 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

**Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Young seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

#### PROCLAMATIONS

1. Juneteenth - June 19, 2025

Mayor Walker read aloud the proclamation for Juneteenth 2025.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Jake Hill
- Pat Barnett
- Dakota Beekner

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

#### PRESENTATIONS

2. Shannon Williams, Gateway Grant Writing & Administrative Services, Inc. - Gwen Lake Restoration Project - Opportunity to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Funding

Shannon Williams provided an overview of an opportunity to apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding. Michael Klink provided an update on the Gwen Lake Project.

Ms. Young inquired if the City is prepared to meet the required match, to which City Manager Rosenthal replied yes.

## QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

First Reading – None

Second Reading

### **Open Quasi – Judicial Proceeding**

At this time Attorney Clay Martin read from a prepared script.

### **Preliminary Matters (Attorney Clay Martin):**

#### **The City Attorney shall read the ordinance by title**

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2311 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 25-04, submitted by Real Terrace, LLC relating to voluntary annexation; annexing certain real property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact, and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida, 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. (Property is located at the intersection of NW Real Terrace and NW Bascom Norris Drive)

#### **Disclosure by Council members of ex-parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.**

Ms. Young	No
Mr. Carter	No
Mr. Jernigan	No
Ms. Harris	No
Mayor Walker	Reported he disclosed during first reading of this ordinance.

#### **Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.**

City Attorney Martin swore in Planning Technician Robert Angelo.

#### **Clerk should take custody of exhibits.**

Note: All exhibits, diagrams, photographs and similar physical evidence referred to during the testimony or which you would like the Council to consider must be marked for identification and kept by the Clerk for 30 days.

**A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff.** Robert Angelo adopted presentation and application from the first reading of this ordinance.

**B. Presentation of application by applicant.** N/A

**C. Presentation of evidence by city staff.** N/A

**D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any.** N/A

**E. Public comments.** None

**F. Cross examination of parties by party participants.** N/A

**G. Questions of parties by City Council.** None

**H. Closing comments by parties.** N/A

**I. Instruction on law by attorney.**

**J. Discussion and action by City Council.**

**Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2311 on final reading. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2318 (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 to the Future Land Use Map of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 25-03, submitted by Carol Chadwick, P.E., as agent for TJL Associates, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; identifying said lands by the 2025 Columbia County Tax Parcel Identification Number 01-4S-16-02703-014; providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from Residential Medium, allowing up to eight (8) dwelling units per acre to Commercial 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. (This property is located at the corner of Sisters Welcome Road and Century Glen).

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This was covered under the previous ordinance.

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All parties were still sworn in under the previous ordinance.

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**E. Public comments.** None

**F. Cross examination of parties by party participants.** N/A

**G. Questions of parties by City Council.** None

**H. Closing comments by parties.** N/A

**I. Instruction on law by attorney.**

**J. Discussion and action by City Council.**

**Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2318 on final reading. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2319 (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 ten or less contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 25-04, submitted by Carol Chadwick, P.E., as agent for TJL Associates, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, the property owner of said acreage; identifying said lands by the 2025 Columbia County Tax Parcel Identification Number 01-4S-16-02703-014; providing for rezoning from Residential Mobile Home 3 (RMH-3) to Commercial Intensive (CI) of said lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (This property is located at the corner of Sisters Welcome Road and Century Glen).

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**C. Presentation of evidence by city staff.** N/A

**D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any.** N/A

**E. Public comments.** None

**F. Cross examination of parties by party participants.** N/A

**G. Questions of parties by City Council.** None

**H. Closing comments by parties.** N/A

**I. Instruction on law by attorney.**

**J. Discussion and action by City Council.**

**Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2319 on final reading. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2320 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 25-05, submitted by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, relating to voluntary annexation; annexing certain real property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact, and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida, 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 off Highway 100, on SE Enterprise Court).

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**E. Public comments.** None

**F. Cross examination of parties by party participants.** N/A

**G. Questions of parties by City Council. None**

**H. Closing comments by parties.**

**I. Instruction on law by attorney.**

**J. Discussion and action by City Council.**

**Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2320 on final reading. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

## **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. 2025-2322. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2322 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2322. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2322, therefore Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.**

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2322 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Chapter 86, Article I, Section 86-2 of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances concerning park hours; establishing park hours; providing definitions; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2322 on final reading. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

### Other Items

8. Lake Shore Hospital Authority - Update from City Attorney

City Attorney Martin reported he was optimistic the City would be able to work towards a final resolution and bring something back to the July meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Resolutions

9. City Council Resolution No. 2025-087 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving Task Assignment Number Two (2) pursuant to the continuing contract with Toco Engineering, a Baxter Woodman Company, to provide a stormwater utility rate study analysis at a cost not to exceed \$18,500.00; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said Task Assignment; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Task Assignment; authorizing the City Manager with the consent of the City Attorney to make minor changes to the scope of work of the Task Assignment provided such changes do not increase the quoted price in the Task Assignment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Rosenthal asked for the study to come back to members with a recommendation.

Ms. Harris confirmed with the engineer present, Don Ramdass, on how long the study would take. Mr. Ramdass reported it would take three to six months.

Mr. Carter confirmed when the study would start, Mr. Ramdass reported it would begin after a kickoff meeting with the City.

**Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-087. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

10. City Council Resolution No. 2025-092 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, recognizing a need for the restoration of Gwen Lake in the City of Lake City, Florida; recognizing a need for financial assistance through grant funding to complete the restoration of Gwen Lake; authorizing the City to apply for that certain Hazard Mitigation Grant Program administered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Grant Funding in furtherance of restoration of Gwen Lake; recognizing said grant requires a twenty-five percent match from the City; directing the City's Finance Department to earmark and set aside funds in the amount of six hundred forty thousand dollars as the City's required matching funds in the event the City is awarded said grant; making certain findings of fact in support of the City apply for said grant; recognizing the



authority of the Mayor to execute such documents as are necessary to apply for said grant; directing the Mayor to execute said documents; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Harris made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-092. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### COMMENTS BY:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal informed members he would get with the City Clerk to schedule a workshop to discuss the Lake City Women’s Club.

City Attorney Clay Martin – Mr. Martin reported this was his first day as a City Employee and was looking forward to working with everyone.

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young thanked Grant Writer Shannon Williams and welcomed Ms. Pat Barnett to Lake City; thanked the Boy Scouts and their troop leaders for their volunteer hours; and expressed her gratitude towards the City of Lake City and Community Programs Director, Terri Phillips for a successful Boots & Pearls event, and thanked all participants as well as law enforcement.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan instructed City Manager Rosenthal to set a meeting with himself, the City Clerk, and the City Attorney. He also recognized the Community Programs Director Terri Phillips for a successful event.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter thanked Community Programs Director Terri Phillips and staff for a successful event; and spoke in support of the Jake Hill Community Day Event being held in August.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris spoke in support of the Community Day Event being held in August; and inquired as to whether Richardson Community Center had turned in any documentation regarding the funding request. Mr. Rosenthal reported he would get members a copy of what has been turned into administration so far.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker thanked City Staff and law enforcement for a great weekend of events in the City and is looking forward to meeting about the Women’s Club.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM.**

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Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk