

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on March 6, 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. February 21, 2023 City Council Workshop - Council Photo Session
2. February 21, 2023 Regular Session  
**Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the February 21, 2023 City Council Workshop – Council Photo Session and February 21, 2023 Regular Session minutes. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren
- Joshua Garner
- Aaron Trippensee
- Liz Freyre – spoke in opposition of Ordinance 2023-2242 & provided petition
- John Price
- Ronald Williams

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS – None

## OLD BUSINESS

### Other Items

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Seeking direction regarding the CDBG-CV Grant for Richardson Community Center (City Manager Paul Dyal and County Manager David Kraus)

Mr. Dyal reported he was not in support of the grant, as it does nothing for the building. He stated flooding at the center needs to be addressed before the City continued with the grant.

Mr. Hill inquired as to how the flooding would be addressed if the City were to reject the grant.

Mr. Dyal stated a study would need to be performed to address the stormwater issue, and the City could search for a Stormwater Grant.

County Manager David Kraus provided members a brief overview of how the grant funds could be used at the center. Such as, air condition improvements, touchless fixtures, sidewalks and street lights, and making the center more assessible as a Covid testing site.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Sampson expressed concerns with flooding at the center and Mr. Sampson asked if the grant could be modified to address these issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Members discussed the possibility of modifications to the grant.

**Mr. Hill made a motion for Mr. David Kraus to check on what modifications can be made to the CDBG-CV Grant to address flooding at the Richardson Community Center. The motion provides if it is not possible to modify the grant, to address flooding to cancel the grant. 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

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Capital outlay paving projects (Interim Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson)

Mr. Johnson reported if members agreed with the report provided by the engineers, the project could move forward.

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to move forward with the recommended direction provided by North Florida Professional Services in the City of Lake City Street Assessment report dated February 22, 2023. 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

## NEW BUSINESS

### Ordinances

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public transmittal hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2242. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2242 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2242. After a presentation and public comment from Gerry Dedenbach, public comment from Jim Harriott, and Barbara Lemley on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2242, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

**\*Note – earlier in Public Comment, Liz Freyre spoke in opposition and provided a petition to stop/deny amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Reg. Z-23-01.**

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2242 (first 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 more than 50 acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-01, 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 County Residential, low density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre), County Commercial and City Commercial to City Residential, moderate density (less than or equal to 4 dwelling units per acre) on 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. (Hunter's Trust) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2242 on first reading, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of more than 50 acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-01, 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 County Residential, low density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre), County Commercial and City Commercial to City Residential, moderate density (less than or equal to 4 dwelling units per acre) on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. 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

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2243 (first 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 23-01, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from County Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2), County Commercial, Intensive (CI) and City Commercial, (CG) to City Planned Residential Development (PRD) 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. (Hunter's Trust) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2243 on first 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 23-01, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from County Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2), County Commercial, Intensive (CI) and City Commercial, (CG) to City Planned Residential Development (PRD) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. 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

7. City Council Resolution No. 2023-018 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Supplemental Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for up to \$117,626.00 in eligible costs associated with the resurfacing of Patterson Avenue from United States Highway 90 to State Road 100A; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-018, authorizing the acceptance and execution of a Supplemental Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for up to \$117,626.00 in eligible costs associated with the resurfacing of Patterson Avenue from United States Highway 90 to State Road 100A. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

8. City Council Resolution No. 2023-020 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Three with Passero Associates, LLC, for Professional Services; providing for the compliance assistance for current notice of violations, renewal of the expired multi-sector generic permit (MSGP), and providing site inspections for permit condition compliance for calendar year 2023 at the Lake City Gateway Airport; providing for a total cost not-to-exceed \$9,860.00; and providing for an effective date.

Brad Wentz with Passero Associates, LLC explained the planned activity for the Task Assignment.

**Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-020, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Three with Passero Associates, LLC, for Professional Services; providing for the compliance assistance for current notice of violations, renewal of the expired multi-sector generic permit (MSGP), and providing site inspections for permit condition compliance for calendar year 2023 at the Lake City Gateway Airport, and providing for a total cost not-to-exceed \$9,860.00. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

9. City Council Resolution No. 2023-021 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Two with Passero Associates, LLC, for the professional engineering design services, bidding assistance, and one site inspection for removal of tree obstruction debris at the approach of Runway 28 at the Lake City Gateway Airport; providing for a total cost not-to-exceed \$10,930.00; and providing for an effective date.

Brad Wentz with Passero Associates, LLC explained the planned activity for the Task Assignment.

**Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-021, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Two with Passero Associates, LLC, for the professional engineering design services, bidding**

assistance, and one site inspection for removal of tree obstruction debris at the approach of Runway 28 at the Lake City Gateway Airport, and providing for a total cost not-to-exceed \$10,930.00. 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

10. City Council Resolution No. 2023-023 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing Task Assignment Number Eight to the continuing contract with Mittauer & Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services associated with the preparation of a DEP Biosolids Site Permit Renewal Application; providing for a cost not-to-exceed \$6,400.00; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-023, authorizing Task Assignment Number Eight to the continuing contract with Mittauer & Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services associated with the preparation of a DEP Biosolids Site Permit Renewal Application, and providing for a cost not-to-exceed \$6,400.00. 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

11. City Council Resolution No. 2023-025 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing Task Assignment Number Nine to the continuing contract with Mittauer & Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services associated with the preparation of a Water Use Permit application to the Suwannee River Water Management District; providing for a cost not-to-exceed \$29,800.00; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-025, authorizing Task Assignment Number Nine to the continuing contract with Mittauer & Associates, Inc., a Florida Corporation; providing for engineering services associated with the preparation of a Water Use Permit application to the Suwannee River Water Management District, and providing for a cost not-to-exceed \$29,800.00. 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

12. City Council Resolution No. 2023-028 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution and submission of the 2021-2022 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal; providing for a request for a grant award of up to \$2,009,000.00 in eligible costs associated with the extension of the City's existing centralized wastewater, potable water, and natural gas systems to the East side of the SR47/I75 interchange; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-028, authorizing the execution and submission of the 2021-2022 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal, providing for a request for a grant award of up to \$2,009,000.00 in eligible costs associated with the extension of the City's existing centralized wastewater, potable water, and natural gas systems to the East side of the SR47/I75 interchange. 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

#### Other Items

13. Discussion and Possible Action: Terminating the Interlocal Agreement with County as Building Inspector for the City (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal provided a brief history on the Interlocal Agreement with the County as Building Inspector for the City. He requested guidance from members on keeping the agreement with the County, or to bring the position back in-house. He reported this is a budgeted position.

Members discussed hiring a Director as well as continuing to work together with the County to create a more streamline process for citizens.

County Manager David Kraus reported he would like to obtain the City's rules and fees in order to keep everything consistent between the County and the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anthony Hubbard

**Ms. Young made a motion to terminate the Interlocal Agreement with the County as Building Inspector for the City. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hill</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Sampson</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Witt</b>	<b>Aye</b>

14. Discussion and Possible Action: Schedule Council Workshop(s) to discuss the City Hall building, vacant lots, crime prevention and Flock Safety, Inc. Contract (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Members concurred to schedule a Workshop to discuss the City Hall Building on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6PM.

15. Discussion and Possible Action: Change the Monday, April 3, 2023 meeting date to Wednesday, April 5, 2023 due to a conflict with Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee, April 3-5, 2023 (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Members concurred to reschedule the April 3, 2023 City Council Meeting to April 5, 2023 at 6PM.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill encouraged staff to address and work on the repaving of Gwen Lake Road, and spoke in favor of members working together.

At the request of Ms. Young, Chief Butler reminded members about the Flock Safety System, he reported cost would increase by 25-30% after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Members concurred to add this topic to the March 20, 2023 agenda for discussion.

Ms. Young suggested more police patrolling in high gun activity areas, and Chief Butler updated members on recent incidences.

Mr. Sampson suggested ARPA or COVID funding to the Flock Safety System until the new Fiscal Year started.

Mr. Sampson encouraged citizens to review the new Flood Map provided by Suwannee River Management and stated the map could be found on their website.



ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, MMC - City Clerk