

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on January 30, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Due to technical difficulties, there was no audio or YouTube recording. The meeting was recorded on a port recorder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. 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 Gerard Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Young requested to have Council Comments prior to Public Participation. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Chevella Young expressed the importance of the Council working together.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren
- Helen Colley
- Azie Handy
- Joshua Garner
- Linard Johnson
- Vanessa George
- Pedro Jermaine

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action – Richardson Community Center (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal presented members with options for Richardson Community Center and asked for guidance on moving forward.

Mr. Kennon read aloud the definition of a community center as provided by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

Ms. Young spoke in favor of keeping ownership of the community center and identified COVID and ARPA as possible funding sources.

Mr. Hill spoke in favor of transferring the deeds of the community center to the County.

Mr. Sampson spoke in favor of transferring the deeds to the County.

Mr. Jernigan spoke in favor of keeping ownership of the community center.

Mayor Witt voiced budgetary concerns.

Mr. Sampson suggested scheduling a community workshop to discuss should the County reject the deeds.

Ms. Young would like to see recreation for all ages. She mentioned a \$500,000 grant opportunity and inquired whether Shannon Williams would assist the City with this grant and possibly other grants.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shannon Williams offered to volunteer her services and stated she would need to know who would administer the grant.

Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2023-012, authorizing the City to sign deeds and send to the County for Richardson Community Center. The motion provides if the County returns the City will move forward. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Jernigan spoke in support of City Manager Paul Dyal.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk