

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on July 15, 2024 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 – Council Member Ricky Jernigan

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt – absent
Jake Hill, Jr. – acting chair
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
James Carter
Clay Martin
Don Rosenthal
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Due to Mayor Witt being absent, Vice Mayor Hill chaired the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Gateway Art Gallery 10th Anniversary

City Clerk Audrey Sikes read aloud the proclamation for the Gateway Art Gallery's 10th Anniversary; Vice Mayor Hill presented the proclamation to Ron Baughn and art gallery attendees.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Barbara Lemley
- Larry Barrett
- Sylvester Warren – submitted two sets of photos to be entered into the record
- Ben Loftstrom
- Glenel Bowden
- Pastor Elaine Merrick

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes - July 1, 2024 Regular Session
3. City Council Resolution No. 2024-064 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain legal services agreement with Cavendish Partners, P.A. for legal services related to investigating the circumstances surrounding a final employment payment made to departing City Manager Paul Dyal; investigating the actions of City legal counsel regarding said payment; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the authority of the City Council to engage said law firm; directing the City Clerk to communicate to said law firm the City's decision to engage said law firm; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Melissa Fox, Grants Compliance Manager, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. - Update on CDBG Wilson Park Grant

Ms. Fox updated members on the CDBG Wilson Park Grant.
5. Shannon Williams with Gateway Grant Writing - Update on grant for the Gwen Lake Project

Ms. Williams updated members on the Gwen Lake Project and grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances

At this time Vice Mayor Hill closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2273. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2273 was read by title. Vice Mayor Hill asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2273. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2273, therefore Vice Mayor Hill closed the public hearing.

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2273 (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 24-02; relating to an amendment to the text of the Land Development Regulations; providing for amending Section 12.4 entitled, "Notice of Hearing" by adding a provision requiring notices to property owners within three hundred (300) feet of a property that is the subject of certain land use actions; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2273 on final**

reading. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Vice Mayor Hill	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Other Items

7. Discussion and Direction from Council: Authorizing an addendum to the City's current lease agreement with Champion Homes - Homes of Merit that provides one (1) additional extension of five (5) years and increasing the rent amount for this additional period by the CPI change from 2019 to 2024; and authorize changing the name of Plant 1 to Parts Warehouse to match County records and for proper billing purposes (City Attorney Clay Martin)

Airport Director Ed Bunnell reported the need for an addendum to the City's current lease agreement with Champion Homes.

After discussion, members concurred for staff to report back with a one (1) year extension to the lease, including CPI change.

8. For Informational Purposes Only: Folds Walker, LLC Invoices for March and April 2024; Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. Invoice for May 2024

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Staff recommendation to approve proposed FY24/25 "Tentative Millage Rate" to the Columbia County Tax Appraiser for Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice advertisement to property owners for the City's Tentative Budget Hearing (City Manager Don Rosenthal and Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore)

After discussion, Ms. Sikes verified via verbal consent with members to advertise the highest rate of 5.7006.

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Staff recommendation to approve the TRIM schedule for FY24/25 (City Manager Don Rosenthal and Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore)

After discussion, members concurred to change the time for the August 21, 2024 and August 22, 2024 Budget Workshops from 6:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill invited everyone to his annual Community Day, August 3, 2024 at Memorial Stadium from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

Mr. Carter suggested upgrading the video and audio system in the council chambers.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone who had donated to his event thus far.

Ms. Young requested an update on City projects.

Mr. Jernigan commended Chief of Police Gerald Butler and his staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk