

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on April 17, 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 – Vice Mayor Council Member Todd Sampson

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

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

City Attorney  
Assistant City Manager  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS – None

#### MINUTES

1. April 5, 2023 Special Called Regular Session

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the April 5, 2023 Special Called Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

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

- Josh Garner spoke before approval of agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt reported Item #2 was requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. **Mr. Hill 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

- Sylvester Warren
- Vanessa George
- Alensha Fudge

- Kim Wilson
- Nathan Gambles
- Glenel Bowden

2. City Council Resolution No. 2023-046 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the termination of the Community Development Block Grant Cares (CDBG-CV) Subgrant Agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to facilitate the rehabilitation of the existing Richardson Community Center; and providing an effective date.

Note: On March 6, 2023 the City Council voted to terminate the grant if it could not be modified. Please refer to item #3 in March 6, 2023 minutes.

Public Comment: Glenel Bowden; Glynnell Presley; Nola D.; Sylvester Warren

Members discussed grant uses. No motions were made.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. City Council Resolution No. 2023-046 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the termination of the Community Development Block Grant Cares (CDBG-CV) Subgrant Agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to facilitate the rehabilitation of the existing Richardson Community Center; and providing an effective date.

Note: On March 6, 2023 the City Council voted to terminate the grant if it could not be modified. Please refer to item #3 in March 6, 2023 minutes.

This was removed from the Consent Agenda per the motion on Approval of Agenda. This item was discussed after Public Participation – Persons Wishing to Address Council.

## PRESENTATIONS

3. Tom Geoffrey, Florida Gas Utility, PowerPoint Presentation on Discounted Natural Gas Supply.

Mr. Geoffrey went over the presentation on Discounted Natural Gas Supply.

## 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. 2023-2244. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2244 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be**

heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2244. After hearing public comment from Glenel Bowden, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2244 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 23-01, relating to voluntary annexation; making findings; 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; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2244 on final reading, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 23-01, relating to voluntary annexation; making findings; 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. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### Ordinances

5. Ordinance No. 2023-2248 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use 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 23-03, 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, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Residential, High Density (less than or equal to 20 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 an effective date. (The Pines at Forest Meadows LLC)

Note: 4-12-2023, petition received from Dale Ann Stadler, President Oak Meadow Plantation and Forest Plantation Owners Association, Inc.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Shannon Davis – spoke in opposition
- Joe Adkins – spoke in opposition

- Sylvester Warren – spoke in opposition
- David Mervica – spoke in opposition
- Mark Ganstop – spoke in support
- Rita Myers – spoke in opposition
- Ms. Patel – spoke in opposition
- Joshua Garner – spoke in opposition

**Mr. Hill made a motion to not approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2248 on first reading. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. Mr. Hill rescinded his motion and no motions were made approving City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2248 on first reading.**

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2249 (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 ten or less contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 23-03, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential, Office (RO) to Residential, Multiple Family-2 (RMF-2) 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. (The Pines at Forest Meadows LLC)

Note: 4-12-2023, petition received from Dale Ann Stadler, President Oak Meadow Plantation and Forest Plantation Owners Association, Inc.

**No motions were made approving City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2249 on first reading.**

### Resolutions

7. City Council Resolution No. 2023-031 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, terminating the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Columbia County, Florida for the engagement of the County's Building Official to act as the City's Building Official.

Note: This resolution was tabled during the March 20, 2023 Regular Session Meeting.

Mr. Johnson reported this position was still being advertised for, as the one applicant withdrew. He stated the City would contract out to an engineering company if necessary.

**No motions were made to remove City Council Resolution No. 2023-031 from the table, nor to approve it.**

8. City Council Resolution No. 2023-036 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of utility work by highway contractor agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation for minor modifications to an existing project for a price not-to-exceed \$11,814.00; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-036, authorizing the execution of utility work by highway contractor agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation for minor modifications to an existing project for a price not-to-exceed \$11,814.00. 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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2023-039 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a contract with Anderson Columbia Co., Inc., for the milling and resurfacing of NE Patterson Avenue from W Duval Street to CR 100A at a cost not to exceed \$543,099.05.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

**Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-039, authorizing the execution of a contract with Anderson Columbia Co., Inc., for the milling and resurfacing of NE Patterson Avenue from W Duval Street to CR 100A at a cost not to exceed \$543,099.05. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

10. City Council Resolution No. 2023-040 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, declaring certain Personal Property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the Fixed Assets of the City. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-040, declaring certain Personal Property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions**

and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the Fixed Assets of the City. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

11. City Council Resolution No. 2023-041 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Gas Services Agreement with the Florida Gas Utility, a public body corporate and politic; providing for the participation in a natural gas pre-pay transaction; and providing for an effective date. (Directive 2023A) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-041, authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Gas Services Agreement with the Florida Gas Utility, a public body corporate and politic, and providing for the participation in a natural gas pre-pay transaction. 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

12. City Council Resolution No. 2023-042 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Gas Services Agreement with the Florida Gas Utility, a public body corporate and politic; providing for the participation in a natural gas pre-pay transaction; and providing for an effective date. (Directive 2023B) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-042, authorizing the execution of an Addendum to the Gas Services Agreement with the Florida Gas Utility, a public body corporate and politic, and providing for the participation in a natural gas pre-pay transaction. 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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2023-044 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an agreement with

Benesch f/k/a Tindale-Oliver Design Group, LLC. for consulting services to assist the City in accomplishing the Fire Rescue Assessment Project for Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024, at a cost not-to-exceed \$32,875.00; and establishing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-044, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Benesch f/k/a Tindale-Oliver Design Group, LLC. for consulting services to assist the City in accomplishing the Fire Rescue Assessment Project for Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024, at a cost not-to-exceed \$32,875.00. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

14. City Council Resolution No. 2023-045 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Six to the continuing contract with North Florida Professional Services, Inc., providing for engineering services related to the repaving of SW Montgomery Avenue; providing for payment for the professional services at a cost not to exceed \$56,000.00; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

**Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-045, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Six to the continuing contract with North Florida Professional Services, Inc., providing for engineering services related to the repaving of SW Montgomery Avenue, and providing for payment for the professional services at a cost not to exceed \$56,000.00. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Other Items

15. Discussion and Possible Action - Schedule Council Workshop to retake Council Group Photo

Ms. Sikes requested to schedule the group photo once Mr. Dyal returned from leave.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

#### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt reminded everyone about the Joint City/County Meeting on April 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone in attendance.

Ms. Young spoke on transparency and professionalism within the City.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.**

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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk