

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on May 17, 2021 beginning at 6:00 P.M., at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium located at 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, FL 32055, and via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Vice Mayor/Council Member Chris Greene

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
Vice Mayor/Council Member
City Council

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Stephen M. Witt
Chris Greene
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Joseph Helfenberger
Chief Argatha Gilmore
Audrey Sikes

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Building Safety Month

Mayor Witt presented the Building Safety Month Proclamation to Growth Management Director Dave Young.

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2019 Economic Development (ED) Application.

2. Corbett Alday, V.P. of Guardian CRM Inc. - Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2019 Economic Development (ED) Application Second Public Hearing PowerPoint (HAECO Hanger).

Mr. Alday presented the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2019 Economic Development (ED) Application PowerPoint. Upon completion of the presentation, Mayor Witt opened the floor to public comments. The following person(s) spoke during public comments:

Public Comment: Blondell Johnson expressed the need for the City to consider housing with Community Development Block Grant funding.

Corbett Alday stated the Economic Development Category does not compete with the Housing Category and there is no option for housing with Economic Development.

Mr. Greene reminded it is important to get the word out about tap and impact fees being waived and excess properties are for sale with those proceeds going towards affordable housing.

Public Comment: Sylvester Warren expressed the need for housing and repairs to be prioritized.

Public Comment: Glennel Bowden reminded the next application has been committed for housing by the council. He spoke in support of a Citizen Review Board, not an Advisory Board.

Public Comment: Stew Lilker commented on the inability to see the online attendees of the meeting and stated there was some confusion regarding the two levels of grants.

Public Comment: Bea Coker inquired about the jobs to be created as a result of the grant.

Public Comment: Trisha Moverl inquired if the jobs created via the grant were permanent positions.

Mr. Greene asked about the fire suppression system for the facility and who would be responsible for its maintenance. Per Corbett it would be the City's responsibility.

Mr. Sampson inquired about jobs and job retention.

MINUTES – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt added an emergency walk on item for the purchase of sewer pipe. This was added to the agenda as item#13. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Greene seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Brandon Colbert presented a three-page letter to Mayor Witt for dissemination to the City Council. Mr. Colbert left the meeting prior to public comments as Mayor Witt assured him the letter would be released to the Council.

Sylvester Warren spoke on the need to expedite the process for new business owners. He inquired as to the funding in the budget to clean up and/or tear down abandoned houses.

Glennel Bowden requested a copy of the three-page letter from the citizen referenced at the start of public comments. He suggested for the letter to be read into the record or placed on the screen for the public to see.

Bettye Jefferson reported the home on Aberdeen Street was not for sale and stated citizens needs to be informed as to the rules and process for properly tearing homes down.

Sylvester Warren spoke on blighted homes and lots.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2184 - (first reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 20-03, 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. (Hunter Farms) - Voluntary Annexation. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2021-2184, on first reading, an ordinance pursuant to Petition No. ANX 20-03, 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. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Resolutions

4. City Council Resolution No. 2021-066 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the Cares Act Subrecipient Agreement between Columbia County and City of Lake City, Florida; a sub award of \$913,710.00 for certain expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-066, authorizing the execution of the Cares Act Subrecipient Agreement between Columbia County and City of Lake City, Florida; a sub award of \$913,710.00 for certain expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

5. City Council Resolution No. 2021-072 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration's Aeronautical Services Group to provide digital notices to airmen; providing for the execution of a letter of agreement with the air traffic control tower manager to provide digital notices to airmen; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-072, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration's Aeronautical Services Group to provide digital notices to airmen; providing for the execution of a letter of agreement with the air traffic control tower manager to provide digital notices to airmen. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

6. City Council Resolution No. 2021-073 - A resolution of the City Council authorizing the execution and renewal of a cooperative service agreement with the CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc.; providing for coordination, referral, and effective service delivery of counseling, case management and prevention services to clients and their families; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-073, authorizing the execution and renewal of a cooperative service agreement with the CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc.; providing for coordination, referral, and effective service delivery of counseling, case management and prevention services to clients and their families. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

7. City Council Resolution No. 2021-074 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between Suwannee River Water Management District and the City of Lake City; providing for an extension to the contract end date; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-074, authorizing the execution of the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between Suwannee River Water Management District and the City of Lake City; providing for an extension to the contract end date. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Resolution No. 2021-075 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a contract with Careersource Florida Crown; providing for the implementation of a program titled "Summer Youth Employment Program: to include training and employment opportunities with the city between June 14, 2021 and August 2, 2021; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-075, authorizing the execution of a contract with Careersource Florida Crown; providing for the implementation of a program titled "Summer Youth Employment Program: to include training and employment opportunities with the city between June 14, 2021 and August 2, 2021. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Mr. Sampson stated he serves on the Board for the Career Force Workforce. He verified with Mr. Koberlein that no conflict exists.

9. City Council Resolution No. 2021-076 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting a bid from Anderson Columbia Co., Inc., related to the annual supply of asphalt; providing for the award of an annual asphalt supply contract; providing for the execution of the annual asphalt supply contract; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-076, accepting a bid from Anderson Columbia Co., Inc., related to the annual supply of asphalt; providing for the award of an annual asphalt supply contract; providing for the execution of the annual asphalt supply contract. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

10. City Council Resolution No. 2021-077 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-077, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

11. City Council Resolution No. 2021-078 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for approval of the Lake City Community Development Block Grant; providing for fire suppression improvements of hangars three and five at the Lake City Gateway Airport; providing for the execution of an interlocal agreement with Columbia County, Florida, for the administration and construction of the fire suppression improvement; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2021-078, authorizing an application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for approval of the Lake City Community Development Block Grant; providing for fire suppression improvements of hangars three and five at the Lake City Gateway Airport; providing for the execution of an interlocal agreement with Columbia County, Florida, for the**

administration and construction of the fire suppression improvement. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Other Items

12. Discussion and Possible Action - CMT Meetings and Location (Joseph Helfenberger).

Mr. Helfenberger recommended to return to City Hall for all future meetings as of the second meeting in June, unless the Council anticipates a large turnout. Mr. Helfenberger also suggested for all Committee meetings to be held in the Council Chambers, and to transition into live streaming YouTube for all Council Meetings. The committee meetings could be recorded (not live streamed) and posted later. If the public wants to participate, participation would have to be in person for all meetings.

Mr. Sampson asked for clarification on live stream and inquired when the committee meeting recordings would be posted for the public. Mr. Helfenberger responded committee meetings could be posted the next day on the website. Ms. Sikes reminded if the meeting takes place on Friday, the meeting would not be available on the website until Monday and if Monday is a holiday it would be posted the next business day.

Members concurred by general consent to accept the City Managers recommendation to return to City Hall effective the second meeting in June and to transition to live stream meetings via YouTube. Committee meetings will be recorded and posted no later than the next business day. Attendance can be accomplished via the platform. However, participation at all meetings will be required to be in person. Remote participation in meetings will end with the expiration of the Governor's State of Emergency Executive Order.

Public Comment: Stew Lilker spoke regarding the memorandum dated 5-12-2021 from the City Manager.

Mr. Koberlein reported the location of the meeting will be changed at the next meeting via resolution.

13. Emergency Purchase of Pipe (walk on)

Mr. Helfenberger reported this emergency sewer pipe purchase is necessary due to lack of availability and escalating costs of materials and project delays. **Mr. Hill made a motion to authorize the emergency purchase of sewer pipe for the estimated cost of \$97,000. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Sampson reported there was a good turnout at the workshop on Saturday and would like to move timely on the subject. He also spoke about SHIP funds and Affordable Housing for repairs. Mr. Sampson would like Mr. Helfenberger explore to see what it would take to get those funds administered. He also suggested to move forward with the application process and to have the structure worked out for affordable housing.

Mr. Greene reminded Council of the Lien Amnesty Program and asked for an update to see if persons are taking advantage of this.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk