

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 6, 2025 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 Noah Walker

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member  
City Council

Noah Walker  
Chevella Young  
Ricky Jernigan  
James Carter  
Tammy Harris  
Clay Martin  
Don Rosenthal  
Chief Gerald Butler  
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney  
City Manager  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
City Clerk

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

- James Curry
- Glenel Bowden

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Resolution No. 2025-001 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain form of utilities easement for use by City Departments and Administration; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said form of utilities easement; authorizing non-substantive changes to said form of utilities easement with the concurrence of the City Attorney; directing the City's departments and administration to utilize said form of utilities easement in all such cases where it is applicable; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
2. City Council Resolution No. 2025-007 - 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. Jernigan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2301 (first reading) - An ordinance pertaining to buildings, building regulations, contracting, permitting, licensure and insurance within the City of Lake City; repealing existing provisions of City Code; establishing certain uniform codes; establishing permitting fees and requirements; establishing insurance requirements; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

**Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2301 on first reading. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Resolutions

4. City Council Resolution No. 2025-002 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Request for Proposal number 001-2025 for a qualified Florida Licensed Firm to conduct a City Hall Feasibility Analysis; accepting the proposal from Brame Heck Architects, Inc., a Florida Corporation; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; directing the City Manager to present to the City Council for approval a contract with said vendor which contract conforms to said vendor's proposal; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Rosenthal provided a brief overview of what the analysis would include.

**Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-002. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

5. City Council Resolution No. 2025-003 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the City and Donnie L. Rosenthal for City Manager Services; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said amendment; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said amendment; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said amendment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

Mayor Walker reported turning his evaluation of Mr. Rosenthal in late.

Mr. Carter reported not turning his evaluation in yet, as he was under the impression it would be done during a public meeting.

Mr. Jernigan reported completing his evaluation of Mr. Rosenthal, but not turning it in.

Ms. Harris reported she was under the impression members would turn the evaluation in to Human Resources.

Attorney Martin reviewed Florida Statue 119 concerning public records.

Mr. Carter stated the process of the evaluation form was never discussed and he only utilized it for guidance when meeting with Mr. Rosenthal.

Mayor Walker stated a process was needed and suggested members turn the evaluation form into the City Clerk who could pass it to Human Resources.

Ms. Sikes reported the manager's official personnel file was housed in the Human Resources Department, and not the City Clerk's Office.

Ms. Young reported agreeing to a six-month evaluation when negotiating Mr. Rosenthal's contract, but his contract never referenced a written evaluation.

Attorney Martin offered assistance to Human Resources Director BillieJo Bible and stated they could come back with a recommendation as to a process on how to handle the City Manager evaluations.

**Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-003. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

- 6. City Council Resolution No. 2025-004 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida approving a Third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Columbia County, Florida related to the Emergency Home Repair Program for eligible citizens; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson reported five applicants had already been approved, but repairs had not been completed due to lack of funding. He reported the third amendment was requested by Ms. Young to complete additional more houses for \$100,000.00. Mr. Johnson stated members could complete repairs for all five applicants for \$200,000.00.

Mr. Carter spoke in opposition to funding all five applicants on the list, but supported funding the two already agreed upon for the \$100,000.00.

Mayor Walker confirmed with Mr. Johnson the number of homes repaired with the initial \$750,000.00 already provided to the program, and spoke in opposition for funding all five applicants.

**Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-004. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. After clarification from her motion, Ms. Young withdrew her motion, and Ms. Harris withdrew her second.**

**Ms. Young made a motion to amend City Council Resolution No. 2025-004 to appropriate the amount of \$200,000.00. Ms. Harris seconded the motion.**

Mr. Carter spoke in favor of funding the two applicants for \$100,000.00, and in opposition of \$200,000.00 for all five.

**A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Nay</b>

**Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-004 as amended, to reflect a \$200,000.00 appropriation. Ms. Harris seconded the motion.**

Mr. Jernigan inquired as to whether or not he could abstain from voting on City Council Resolution No. 2025-004 as amended, as he had relatives on the applicant list. Attorney Martin confirmed with Mr. Jernigan he had no immediate family members listed, therefore he could not abstain. He reminded Mr. Jernigan a silent vote would be a yes vote.

**A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Nay</b>

7. City Council Resolution No. 2025-005 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing Daniel Carlucci to serve through the end of the current term in seat "2-E" on the City's Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Agency Board; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the expiration of said term on October 31, 2028; directing the City Clerk to reflect said appointment and expiration of term in such records of the City as are necessary and prudent; making certain findings of fact in support of the City Clerk reflecting such appointment and expiration of term in the records of the City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Applicant Daniel Carlucci briefly spoke to the members about his qualifications.

**Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-005. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

At this time, members took a break, from 7:08PM – 7:13PM.

## Other Items

8. Discussion and Possible Action: New location proposal for Kids Feeding Kids (Council Member Tammy Harris)

Ms. Harris asked John Cole with Kids Feeding Kids to provide an overview of the program and reported finding a new location for the program to be held, located next to Youngs Park and across from the City's Girls Club building.

Mr. Cole provided a brief overview of the Kids Feeding Kids Program.

Ms. Young reported wanting to hear from others who would be taking part in the program.

Ms. Harris spoke in support of the program at the new proposed location.

Mr. Carter spoke in support of the program and requested clear guidelines within the lease or agreement drafted.

Mr. Jernigan expressed concern for the children and who would be working around them. He agreed clear guidelines are needed.

Mayor Walker requested an expedited program to address all member concerns, and for the use of City property.

Mr. Rosenthal stated he would conduct a review and bring something back for discussion by the next council meeting.

Mr. Carter spoke in support of background checks being completed as well.

Members concurred to have Mr. Rosenthal come back the next council meeting with a program for the use of allowable assets for community programs.

9. Discussion and Possible Action: Honorary Street Naming of Escambia for Cleopatra Steele (Council Member Tammy Harris)

Ms. Harris provided an overview of community accomplishments by Ms. Steele.

Mr. Rosenthal confirmed the honorary sign would be placed beneath the actual street sign.

Mr. Jernigan spoke in support of gifting Ms. Steele a key to the City instead of a honorary street name.

Mr. Carter spoke in support of the honorary street naming.

Ms. Harris spoke in support of the honorary street naming.

Ms. Young suggested implementing a process for street name changing as well as honorary street naming.

The consensus of the council was to move forward with a resolution.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Audrey Sikes thanked everyone for their support during the passing of her father.

Council Member Chevella Young – None

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – None

Council Member James Carter – None

Council Member Tammy Harris – None

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker wished everyone a Happy New Year, thanked Amanda with Facilities for cleaning and preparing the council chambers, and suggested an agenda process with a cut off for getting agenda items in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Jernigan made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 PM.**

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Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk