

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Workshop, on November 17, 2025, beginning at 5:00 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.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

INVOCATION – Mayor Noah Walker

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Housing

- Market Conditions
- Goals of City Housing Involvement

Growth Management Director Scott Thomason provided an update on housing projects in the City Limits.

City Manager Rosenthal provided an update received from Jennifer Daniels at the County on housing projects in the County.

City Manager Rosenthal provided an overview of where the City is at as it relates to housing.

Council Member Carter reported well over 1,000 houses being built in the community and recommended going out to bid for a housing study.

Council Member Jernigan stated he would like to see what staff has planned and suggested coming up with a plan for the Housing Market.

Mayor Walker stated his goal for the City's involvement in housing was to make the City blight free and have housing available at an affordable rate for those that need it in town. He also reported a consultant could do predevelopment designs and compliance. Mayor Walker also

reported that the City opted out of the Live Local Act, and if the City were to report a housing issue, the topic may need to be addressed at the State level.

Council Member Carter spoke against opting in to the Live Local Act.

Council Member Jernigan reported he felt the issue was not in housing, but in the cost of renting.

Council Member Young asked for clarity on a starting point and reported not seeing anyone wanting to invest in the City. She reported Precept will bring in local developers.

Council Member Carter suggested hiring an expert to perform a study for a starting point.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Todd Sampson; Carol Chadwick; Sylvester Warren; Tim Williams; Kylenna Stephens; Dylan Adams; Vanessa George; Leslie Buckholtz

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk