

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on December 1, 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.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING – 5:00 PM Workshop – Mobility Fees

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member Ricky Jernigan – before the invocation, Council Member Jernigan asked for a moment of silence for the National Guard Members who were killed in Washington D.C.

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. Ms. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

1. Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer - November 3, 2025

Mayor Walker presented the proclamation to Lavonda Camiel and Vice Mayor Young.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Barbara Lemley
- Ben Loftstrom
- Stew Lilker

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes - November 3, 2025 Regular Session
3. City Council Resolution No. 2025-156 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the use of certain funds awarded from the settlement with Endo Health Solutions,

Inc., a Delaware Corporation to be utilized by the Lake City Fire Department to purchase advanced life support equipment in an amount not to exceed \$30,844.10; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the authority of the City Manager to expend funds not exceeding \$35,000 provided the City's procurement policies are followed; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

4. City Council Resolution No. 2025-157 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Invitation to Bid Number 001-2025 for the exterior painting and renovation of the elevated steel water tank at the City's Water Treatment Plant; awarding said bid to Southeastern Tank and Tower, Inc., a Florida Corporation, at a cost not to exceed \$106,000; approving the agreement with said vendor; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
5. City Council Resolution No. 2025-159 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting funds awarded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program to purchase portable vehicle barriers; adopting the grant award agreement associated with accepting such grant funds; making certain findings of fact in support of the City accepting such funds and adopting said grant award 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.
6. City Council Resolution No. 2025-165 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the Memorandum of Agreement with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Concerning surveys, design, and construction of Alligator Lake Pier at Halpatter Park; making certain findings of fact in support of the City Adopting said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind 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.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances

At this time Mayor Walker closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2343. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2343 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2343. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2343; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2343 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida; amending Chapter 70, Article IV of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances entitled "Police Officers' Pension Plan and Trust Fund;" amending Section 70-96 of the City of Lake City Code of Ordinances entitled "Service Retirement Benefits; Cost of Living Adjustment" by adopting option for partial lump sum benefit; adding Section 70-106 for the purpose of purchasing prior military service; adding a new Section 70-107 for the purpose of purchasing prior police service; providing for severability; providing for codification; providing for correction of scrivener's errors; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2343 on final reading. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Carter	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2345 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving, adopting, and authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement between the City of Lake City, Florida and the Columbia County, Florida Board of County Commissioners regarding a joint planning area and municipal service area to be commonly identified as the cornerstone planning area; providing for recordation; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2345 on final reading. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Carter	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

Resolutions

9. City Council Resolution No. 2025-158 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the mutual aid agreement with United Way of Suwannee Valley, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation; making certain findings of fact in support of the City adopting 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; directing the Chief of Police to execute said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-158. Ms. Young seconded the motion.**

Council Member Carter commented on ADA Compliance.

Council Member Harris asked for clarification of the verbiage of the resolution and its authority.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Harris	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

10. City Council Resolution No. 2025-166 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, complying with Section 164.1057, Florida Statutes; approving that certain resolution of Chapter 164, Conflict Resolution between Lake Shore Hospital Authority and the City of Lake City, Florida; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing and effective date.

Attorney Martin provided a brief update on what the resolution contains.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barbara Lemley; Stew Lilker

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2025-166. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. Due to a conflict with Meridian Healthcare being Ms. Harris’ employer, she withdrew her second and abstained from voting. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Harris	Abstained
Mayor Walker	Aye

Note: Form 8B Voting Conflict Form is attached as Exhibit A

Other Items

11. Appointment of Vice Mayor to serve for 2026 (Mayor Noah Walker)

Council Member Harris requested to hear duties of Vice Mayor.

Council Member Carter volunteered to serve as Vice Mayor.

Council Member Young nominated Council Member Jernigan.

Council Member Carter nominated himself.

Council Member Harris nominated Council Member Young.

Council Member Jernigan accepted his nomination.

Council Member Young accepted her nomination.

Council Member Carter accepted his nomination.

At this time, Mayor Walker closed nominations and members took a five-minute recess from 6:49 PM until 6:54 PM for Ms. Sikes to prepare the ballots for voting.

Upon return from recess, members cast votes for nominees James Carter, Ricky Jernigan and Chevella Young. Ms. Sikes tabulated the ballots and reported the following:

Mayor Walker voted for James Carter
James Carter voted for James Carter
Chevella Young voted for Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan voted for Ricky Jernigan
Tammy Harris voted for Chevella Young

Total votes tabulation:
Nominee James Carter – two votes
Nominee Ricky Jernigan – one vote
Nominee Chevella Young – two votes

Due to a tie between Council Member Carter and Council Member Young, members were provided with a second ballot to vote on all 3 nominees (James Carter, Ricky Jernigan, Chevella Young).

Ms. Sikes tabulated the second ballot and reported the following:

Ricky Jernigan voted for Chevella Young
Chevella Young voted for Chevella Young
Tammy Harris voted for Chevella Young
Noah Walker voted for James Carter
James Carter voted for James Carter

Total votes tabulation:
Nominee James Carter – two votes

Nominee Chevella Young – three votes

Council Member Young will serve as Vice Mayor for 2026.

Ballots and tabulation sheets are attached as Exhibit B.

12. Appointment to Homeless Coalition for United Way (Mayor Noah Walker)

Members concurred to appoint Council Member Tammy Harris to the Homeless Coalition.

COMMENTS BY:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – None

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young expressed appreciation for the nomination of Vice Mayor this year and last.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – None

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter reported items on the agenda needed to be ADA compliant.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris recognized supervisors of the ground crews, Mike Grissom, Cory Williams, and Bo Lord; thanked Executive Director of Utilities Steve Brown and Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson for getting Christmas lights put on the Mariah sign; thanked crews for cleaning up around City Hall; asked about the netting on City Hall, City Manager Rosenthal reported the net was there for safety until it could be determined the bricks on the building were safe; requested an update on the City County Fire Department, City Manager Rosenthal reported staff was working to get that on a future agenda.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker announced the Christmas tree lighting would be Sunday, December 6th from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Olustee Park; the Christmas Market would be Saturday, December 13th; the Christmas Parade would be Saturday, December 13th; the Lake City Holiday Hall would be December 19th from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Veteran Street; wished his daughter a Happy third Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk