

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on January 8, 2022 beginning at 10:30 A.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting live on our YouTube Channel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

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

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
C. Todd Sampson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Paul Dyal
Interim Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda with moving Item #4 to the first position under New Business.

Mayor Witt stated he would like to add the discussion of a MLK Walk/Run event to the agenda as a Special Item. **Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren spoke on the City working with the County on Regional Utilities and the hiring of a next City Manager.
- Glenel Bowden expressed concerns with hosting two different meet and greets and secondary interviews for the City Manager position.
- Stew Lilker requested to speak at Item #2.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action - Agreement with County regarding Growth Management Department Services

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Holmgren spoke in opposition of an agreement with the County.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren spoke in opposition of an agreement with the County, and suggested using a provisional program.

PUBLIC COMMENT: County Manager David Kraus spoke in support of an agreement with the County.

After Council discussion, **Mr. Sampson made a motion to enter into an agreement with the County, to appoint the County Building Official as the City Building Official, and to allow the County to operate building permitting and inspection services under the Florida Building Code, and to collect fees for said operation. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

2. Walk On Item – Martin Luther King Walk/Run

Mayor Witt reported there would be a Martin Luther King walk/run and asked Sylvester Warren to clarify details.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren stated there would be a 3K walk/run sponsored by Florida Gateway College, and asked for the City to provide police presence.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to sponsor the Martin Luther King 3K walk/run to be held on January 17, 2022, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM, at Annie Mattox Park, in an emergency status. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren thanked the Mayor for sponsoring the Martin Luther King 3K Walk/Run and spoke on the meet and greet with the City Manager candidate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stew Lilker spoke on public record requests and the employment status of Mr. Adams.

3. City Manager Candidate Glen Adams Second Interview

Renee Narloch gave a brief summary and overview of the candidate's time visiting and touring the City.

At this time, Council Members took turns asking candidate Glen Adams questions.

Ms. Narloch asked for direction in moving forward with the second interview for Thomas Thomas. She stated her office would assist any member needed to conduct anymore questioning of the candidates.

4. Discussion and Possible Action - Scheduling of City Manager Candidate Thomas Thomas Meet and Greet and Second Interview

After discussion, members concurred to have City Manager Candidate Thomas Thomas for a meet and greet on January 18, 2022, from 4:30 PM until 5:30 PM, with his second interview on January 19, 2022, at 10:30 AM.

Ms. Narloch updated members on the status of the candidate's background check.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden suggested for the Lake City Police Department to conduct a background check as well.

Members concurred to move forward with the Lake City Police Department conducting a background check.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk