

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on January 19, 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. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Glenel Bowden spoke in opposition of having separate interviews for the City Manager position.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City Manager Candidate Thomas Thomas 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 Thomas Thomas questions.

2. Discussion and Possible Action - Debriefing with Renee Narloch and Associates regarding City Manager Search

Ms. Narloch updated members on the City Manager process, and gave status updates on the background checks of the candidates. She reminded members the City's onboarding process would still be needed.

Members concurred to move forward with candidate Thomas Thomas.

After discussion, members concurred to appoint City Attorney Fred Koberlein, Jr. as the point of contact for negotiations. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to pursue contract negotiations with Thomas Thomas as the next City Manager. The point of contact for the City is Attorney Fred Koberlein; starting with the framework of up to \$10,000.00 for relocation expenses, time off component consistent with prior contracts, \$120,000 salary and contingency on the completion of the background check. The motion also provides authorization for the Lake City Police Department to move forward with the background check on Thomas Thomas. 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

Members concurred to meet Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM to discuss the negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk