

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 5, 2026, 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/Council Member 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

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

- Linda Andrews
- Stew Lilker
- Sylvester Warren

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes - December 1, 2025 Regular Session
2. City Council Resolution No. 2026-001 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Invitation to Bid Number 002-2026 for the SR-47 Septic to Sewer RV Park Extension; awarding said bid to Advanced Project Solutions, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, at a cost not to exceed \$906,921.50; approving the agreement and addendum thereto 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 and related addendum; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement and related addendum; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

3. City Council Resolution No. 2026-003 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida approving that certain lease agreement between the City of Lake City and Tubular Building Systems, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, to lease certain real property located in the Lake City Airport Industrial Park; 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 agreement; directing and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Lease setting forth the essential terms of said lease agreement for purposes of recording same in the public records of Columbia County, Florida, repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
4. City Council Resolution No. 2026-005 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the renewal of that certain agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lake City and Another Way, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation; 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; directing the Chief of Police to execute said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
5. City Council Resolution No. 2026-009 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida accepting the donation of a new fuel tanker truck having vehicle identification number 3HAEKTATXRL099903 to the City by the State of Florida Department of Emergency Management; making certain findings of fact in support of the City accepting said donation; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute such documents as are necessary to accept said donation and to transfer ownership of said fuel truck to the City of Lake City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

First Reading

Open Quasi – Judicial Proceeding

At this time Attorney Clay Martin read from a prepared script.

Preliminary Matters (Attorney Clay Martin):

The City Attorney shall read the ordinance by title

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2349 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 25-07, submitted by Lake City 47, LLC, a

Florida Limited Liability Company, relating to voluntary annexation; annexing certain real property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact, into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date.

Disclosure by Council members of ex parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.

Ms. Young	None
Mr. Carter	None
Mr. Jernigan	None
Ms. Harris	None
Mayor Walker	None

Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.

Attorney Martin swore in Planning Technician Robert Angelo.

Clerk should take custody of exhibits.

Note: All exhibits, diagrams, photographs and similar physical evidence referred to during the testimony or which you would like the Council to consider must be marked for identification and kept by the Clerk for 30 days.

A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo went over a PowerPoint presentation and moved the presentation and application into the record. It is attached as Exhibit A.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. None

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. None

D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any. None

E. Public comments. Stew Lilker – Attorney Martin explained how Florida Statute 171 allows this type of annexation via an Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement that would allow property owners to annex into the City even though property is not contiguous.

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. N/A

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

H. Closing comments by parties. Waived

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance 2026-2349 on first reading. 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

Final Reading

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2025-2315 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 25-03, by Carol Chadwick, P.E., as agent for Florida First Coast Investment Corp., Inc., the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-3 (RSF-3) to Commercial, Neighborhood (CN) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. This property is located on Laurel Lane behind Circle K on Highway 90.

Disclosure by Council members of ex parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.

This was answered under the previous ordinance.

Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.

Planning Technician Robert Angelo was sworn in under the previous ordinance.

Clerk should take custody of exhibits.

Note: All exhibits, diagrams, photographs and similar physical evidence referred to during the testimony or which you would like the Council to consider must be marked for identification and kept by the Clerk for 30 days.

A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. Planning Technician Robert Angelo asked to adopt the presentation and application presented at the December 15, 2025 meeting into the record. This is attached as Exhibit B.

B. Presentation of application by applicant. None

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. None

D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any. None

E. Public comments. None

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants. None

G. Questions of parties by City Council. None

H. Closing comments by parties. Waived

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance 2025-2315 on final reading. 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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2347 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended, pursuant to an application, LDR 25-03, by the Growth Management Department of Lake City, Florida; providing for amending Section 4.1.1 entitled Zoning Districts, Establishment of Districts by adding a "MU" Mixed-Use Zoning District; providing for amending Section 4.1.6 entitled Zoning Districts, Definitions of Groupings of Various Districts by adding a definition of Mixed-Use; providing for adding Section 4.1.9 entitled Zoning Districts, Mixed-Use Zoning District; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date.

Planning Technician Robert Angelo provided a brief recap presentation to members.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2347 on first reading. 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	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

9. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2348 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended, pursuant to an application, LDR 25-04, by the Growth Management Department of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for amending Section 4.9.8 entitled "RMF" Residential, Multiple Family, Maximum Height of Structures, Section 4.10.8 entitled "RO" Residential/Office, Maximum Height of Structures and Section 4.14.8 entitled "C-CBD" Commercial, Central Business District, Maximum Height of Structures by limiting the height of Single Family Dwellings and Duplex Dwellings to 35 feet and all other structures to 85 feet; providing for amending Section 4.12.8 entitled "CG" Commercial, General, Maximum of Height of Structures, Section 4.13.8 entitled "CI" Commercial, Intensive, Maximum Height of Structures, Section 4.15.8 entitled "CHI" Commercial, Highway Interchange, Maximum Height of Structures, Section 4.16.8 entitled "ILW" Industrial, Light and Warehousing, Maximum Height of Structures, and Section 4.17.8 entitled "I" Industrial, Maximum Height of Structures, by limiting the height of structures to 85 feet; providing for amending Section 4.15.6 entitled "CHI" Commercial, Highway Interchange, Minimum Lot Requirement by deleting the Minimum Area and Width Requirements; providing for amending Section 15.7 entitled "CHI" Commercial, Highway Interchange, Minimum Lot Yard Requirement by reducing the Front Yard Requirement from 30 feet to 20 feet and by deleting the Side and Rear Yard Requirements; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date.

Planning Technician Robert Angelo provided a presentation to members and reported staff recommended approval.

Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2348 on first reading. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Resolutions

10. City Council Resolution No. 2006-008 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida adopting that certain updated Cross Connection Control Program pursuant to Section 62-555.360(2), Florida Administrative Code; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said update; directing the City Manager to update, publish, and implement the program adopted hereby; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-008. 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	Aye
Mayor Walker	Aye

COMMENTS BY:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – None

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Chevella Young – invited members to the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Brunch being held at Richardson Community Center from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 18, 2026 and requested a proclamation be presented.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – wished everyone a Happy New Year and gave a shoutout to the Lake City Police and Fire Departments.

Council Member James Carter – wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Tammy Harris – reported receiving a note of appreciation from the Garden Street Community thanking City Staff – Don Rosenthal, Brian Scott, Steve Brown and Dee Johnson.

Mayor Noah Walker – wished everyone a Happy New Year; noted that on the consent agenda, the City accepted a fuel truck that was donated to the Airport by the Department of Emergency Management and congratulated Airport Director Ed Bunnell for his work in securing the truck; announced January 20, 2026 there would be a joint City/County Workshop at the Columbia County School Board Building at 5:00PM followed by the Regular Session Meeting at 6:00PM; announced the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade was Monday, January 19, 2026 at 10:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk