

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on March 30, 2022 beginning at 8:30 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 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. Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

ORIENTATION – Renee Narloch

Due to audio issues with Zoom, members concurred to reconvene at 8:43 AM.

Due to video issues with Zoom, Renee provided orientation to members at 8:50 AM without video.

Video interviews with three City Manager finalists recommended by Renee Narloch of S. Renee Narloch & Associates.

1. Finalists to be interviewed:

8:45 AM Troy Perry – Members conducted Mr. Perry’s interview from 9:00 AM – 9:43 AM.

9:45 AM Don Rosenthal – Members conducted Mr. Rosenthal’s interview from 9:53 AM – 10:24 AM.

10:45 AM Fred Ventresco – Members conducted Mr. Ventresco’s interview from 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Glenel Bowden

Discussion and Possible Action – City Manager finalists

Ms. Narloch discussed the candidates with members on the subjects of salary, status, and availability.

Mr. Sampson stated he did not see the experience in the candidates presented.

Mayor Witt suggested delaying, or bring all candidates in at the same time.

Mr. Jefferson recommended to continue searching for candidates, and not rush just to fill the position.

Mr. Hill stated he felt Mr. Rosenthal was the better candidate of the three.

Members concurred to not move forward today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Members will discuss the status of the City Manager search at the next Council meeting, Monday, April 4, 2022, and determine what the next steps are.

Discussion and Possible Action – Interim City Manager Position (Mayor Stephen M. Witt)

1. Memorandum from Interim City Manager Paul Dyal

Mayor Witt reported Mike Williams would be willing to act as Interim City Manager for a short period of time and could start April 7, 2022.

Mr. Jefferson spoke in favor of Mr. Williams returning as Interim City Manager.

Mr. Hill expressed concerns with Mr. Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stew Lilker

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson made a motion to bring Mike Williams back as Interim City Manager, effective April 7, 2022; with the same terms and conditions as last time. 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

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 12:19 AM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk