

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on April 4, 2022 beginning at 6:07 P.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.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING – Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 5:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen 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
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

1. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 10-16, 2022

Mayor Witt presented the National Public Safety Telecommunications proclamation to the Lake City Police Department.

MINUTES

2. March 21, 2022 Regular Session

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the March 21, 2022 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda with removing Item #'s 10, 13, and 14. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Mr. Sampson stated until we get an interim or permanent City Manager there is no need to discuss those items.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren
- Dana Jernigan
- Glenel Bowden

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2214. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2214 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2214. After public comment from Sylvester Warren, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

3. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2214 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code relating to the cleaning of lots; providing for amendments to Division 5 titled "Lot Cleaning Code", of Article VII, of Chapter 22 of the City Code; providing for compatibility with the Florida Statutes; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2214 on final reading, amending the City Code relating to the cleaning of lots; providing for amendments to Division 5 titled "Lot Cleaning Code", of Article VII, of Chapter 22 of the City Code, and providing for compatibility with the Florida Statutes. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2218. City Council

Ordinance No. 2022-2218 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2218. After public comment from Glenel Bowden and Sylvester Warren, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

Mayor Witt recommended a workshop on meeting decorum.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2218 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the future land use plan map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 22-02, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the future land use classification from County Residential, Low Density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to City Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (St Johns LLC) **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2218 on final reading, amending the future land use plan map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 22-02, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and providing for changing the future land use classification from County Residential, Low Density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to City Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2219. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2219 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2219. After public comment from Sylvester Warren, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

Mayor Witt stated due to abuse there would only be public comment on items on the agenda, and at the beginning of the meeting. He stated the rules of the meeting would be addressed.

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2219 (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 22-01, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from County Residential,

Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to City Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2219 on final reading, 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 22-01, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from County Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to City Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2220. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2220 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2220. After public comment from Glenel Bowden, Stew Lilker and Sylvester Warren, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2220 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to unlawful activity within public roads and rights-of-way; amending Chapter 98 of the City of Lake City Code to increase the fines associated with activities that interfere with public safety and the primary purpose of the public roads and rights-of-way; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing for codification; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2220 on final reading, relating to unlawful activity within public roads and rights-of-way, and amending Chapter 98 of the City of Lake City Code to increase the fines associated with activities that interfere with public safety and the primary purpose of the public roads and rights-of-way. 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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2221. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2221 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2221. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2221, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2221 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code relating to the minimum standards code; providing for amendments to Division 1 titled "In General", of Article VII, of Chapter 22 of the City Code; providing for compatibility with the Florida Statutes; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2022-2221 on final reading, amending the City Code relating to the minimum standards code; providing for amendments to Division 1 titled "In General", of Article VII, of Chapter 22 of the City Code, and providing for compatibility with the Florida Statutes. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Other Items

8. Discussion and Possible Action - Police Officers Pension Board Appointee (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt reminded members there was still a need for a Fire Pension Board Appointee.

9. Discussion and Possible Action - Fire Pension Board Appointee (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt reminded members there was still a need for a Police Officers Pension Board Appointee.

Mr. Sampson stated the issue is finding someone that lives in the City limits.

10. Discussion and Possible Action - Fish and Game - Pier at Lake Montgomery (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

This item was removed with the approval of agenda.

11. Discussion and Possible Action - Removal/relocation of benches in central business corridor (Presenter: Council Member Todd Sampson)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson presented to members his recommendations for the removal/relocation of benches in the central business corridor. He stated the timeframe would be at the pleasure of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Sampson made a motion approving the moving of up to ten benches from the Central Business Corridor at the pleasure of the Public Works Department. The motion provides for benches to remain in Olustee Park and in front of John Kuykendall’s building. The motion also provides for the benches to be relocated to other City parks within the City limits.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shamal Bowden

Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion.

Mr. Hill spoke in favor of moving the benches.

Mr. Jefferson stated he supported moving the benches, but with the caveat that not all benches will be removed. He agreed that some need to be moved, as he had counted 21 benches in total.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

12. Discussion and Possible Action - City Manager Position

Also discussed at this time was Item #16.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden
PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Hill spoke in support of Don Rosenthal.

Mr. Sampson suggested to reach out to ICMA to aid in the search for a City Manager or an interim. He recommended interviewing Mr. Rosenthal when the City has other candidates.

Mayor Witt stated he would update Renee Narloch and supports receiving assistance from the ICMA for an Interim City Manager and/or a permanent City Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden
PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren
PUBLIC COMMENT: Stew Lilker

Mr. Sampson made a motion to authorize City Clerk Audrey Sikes to invite the ICMA and Florida City and County Management Association Senior Advisor Jim Hanson to come give a presentation to the Council as soon as possible during a Special meeting. The motion provides for Ms. Sikes to

schedule a Special meeting as soon as possible as is allowed to provide ample public notice. 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

13. Update - Skate Park (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

This item was removed with the approval of agenda.

14. Update - Senior Program (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

This item was removed with the approval of agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

15. City Council Resolution No. 2022-034 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, awarding a project to Graham & Sons Electric, Inc., related to the installation of safety disconnects on field pumps located at the City's Spray Field; providing for the execution of a contract; providing for a contract price not to exceed \$36,750.00; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2022-034, awarding a project to Graham & Sons Electric, Inc., related to the installation of safety disconnects on field pumps located at the City's Spray Field; providing for the execution of a contract, and providing for a contract price not to exceed \$36,750.00. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

16. City Council Resolution No. 2022-035 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting the resignation of Paul Dyal as Interim City Manager; providing for the appointment of Michael D. Williams as Interim City Manager; providing for the addition of Michael D. Williams as an authorized signor of all checks, vouchers, transfers, or disbursements on all bank accounts of the City; and providing for an effective date. **This item was discussed with Item #12.**

Other Items

17. Discussion and Possible Action - Advisory Utility Committee (Presenter: Mayor Stephen Witt)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Dyal reported there were no County personnel on the Utility Advisory Committee.

Mr. Sampson recommended looking at all Committees to confirm whether or not there were potential Sunshine Law violations.

Mayor Witt stated the City would need to verify if the County was asking to be removed totally.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stew Lilker

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill asked Chief Butler if the Lake City Police Department could look into speeding and noise in the neighborhood at Wilson and Long Street.

Chief Butler confirmed overtime was just authorized for officers to work speeding in neighborhoods. He stated if anyone had any information to send it to him for enforcement.

Mr. Hill spoke on the mail received from the Board of Ethics.

Mr. Sampson suggested a Workshop to discuss the pier renovations and to invite the County and Florida Wildlife Commission.

Mayor Witt stated he would get with Chris Wynn to set up a workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk