

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on January 16, 2024 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 – Council Member Chevella Young

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt

Jake Hill, Jr.

Chevella Young

Ricky Jernigan

City Attorney

Todd Kennon

Interim City Manager

Dee Johnson

Sergeant-at-Arms

Chief Gerard Butler

City Clerk

Audrey Sikes

After Mayor Witt read the rules of decorum aloud, Mr. Jernigan inquired about consequences should someone violate the rules. Mayor Witt reported it would be addressed at that time and reminded there is a decorum workshop coming up soon.

MINUTES

1. December 18, 2023 Regular Session
2. January 2, 2024 Regular Session

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the December 18, 2023 Regular Session and January 2, 2024 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Sylvester Warren

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval to award Bid ITB-001-2024 US Highway 90 Landscape Maintenance Services Annual Contract to Green Star Management, LLC, the lowest bidder, for \$16,500.00.

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Item #3 above. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS – 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. 2024-2266. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2266 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2266. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2266, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2266 (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 23-09, by the property owner of said acreage, providing for rezoning from Residential Office (RO) and Residential Multi-Family 1 (RMF-1) to 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. (Faith Crossing) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2266 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 23-09, by the property owner of said acreage, providing for rezoning from Residential Office (RO) and Residential Multi-Family 1 (RMF-1) to Commercial Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	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. 2024-2267. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2267 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2267. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2267, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2267 (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 more than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 23-08, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Commercial General (CG) and Commercial Intensive (CI) to Commercial Highway Interchange (CHI) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing for an effective date. (Lake City RV Park) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2267 on final reading, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of more than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 23-08, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from Commercial General (CG) and Commercial Intensive (CI) to Commercial Highway Interchange (CHI) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	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. 2024-2268. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2268 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2268. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2268, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2268 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to Section 4.15.5, Special Exceptions, more specifically Section 4.15.5.2, amending the text for Travel Trailer Parks and Campgrounds, and Section 4.15.5.3 adding text to allow storage facilities for boats, recreational vehicles, and similar equipment by special exemption, within the Commercial Highway Interchange Zoning District of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (LDR-TA-23-01) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-228 on final reading, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to Section 4.15.5, Special Exceptions, more specifically Section 4.15.5.2, amending the text for Travel Trailer Parks and Campgrounds, and Section 4.15.5.3 adding text to allow storage facilities for boats, recreational vehicles, and similar equipment by special exemption, within the Commercial Highway Interchange Zoning District of certain lands within**

the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Mr. Hill Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Ms. Young 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. 2024-2269. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2269 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2269. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2269, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

- 7. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2269 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to Section 4.13.5, Special Exceptions, more specifically Section 4.13.5.16, amending the text to permit Travel Trailer Parks or Campgrounds by Special Exception, within the Commercial Intensive Zoning District of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing for an effective date. (LDR-TA-23-02) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2269 on final reading, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to Section 4.13.5, Special Exceptions, more specifically Section 4.13.5.16, amending the text to permit Travel Trailer Parks or Campgrounds by Special Exception, within the Commercial Intensive Zoning District of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

**Mr. Hill Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Ms. Young 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. 2024-2270. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2270 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2270. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2270, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

- 8. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2270 (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 23-07, 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 Residential Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Commercial of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Faith Crossing) **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2270 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 23-07, 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 Residential Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Commercial of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Resolutions – None

Other Items

9. Discussion and Possible Action - Filling the vacancy of Council Member for City Council District 13. (Mayor Stephen Witt)

City Clerk Audrey Sikes reported one letter of interest has been received so far.

Members concurred to wait until after the February 1, 2024 deadline to determine if letters of interest would be reviewed or if the applicants would be interviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

10. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2274 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code of Ordinances to create Article IX titled Shopping Carts, to regulate businesses within the City of Lake City, Florida, that provide shopping carts to customers; establishing shopping cart retention system requirements; establishing enforcement procedures; establishing a civil citation penalty; providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for repeals; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2274 on first reading, amending the City Code of Ordinances to create Article IX titled Shopping Carts, to regulate**

businesses within the City of Lake City, Florida, that provide shopping carts to customers; establishing shopping cart retention system requirements; establishing enforcement procedures; establishing a civil citation penalty, and providing for codification. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Hill Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Ms. Young Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

- 11. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2275 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the City Code to add new Section Number 86-2 to Part III, Chapter 86, Article I; providing for the regulation of Public Parks, park hours, and penalties for violations; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2275 on first reading, amending the City Code to add new Section Number 86-2 to Part III, Chapter 86, Article I; providing for the regulation of Public Parks, park hours, and penalties for violations. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Hill Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Ms. Young Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

Resolutions

- 12. City Council Resolution No. 2024-010 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, declaring one firearm to be surplus to the City's needs; providing for the conveyance of the firearm to Sergeant Jason Byrd for his outstanding service to the City and its citizens during his career with the Lake City Police Department; and providing for the removal of the firearm from the fixed assets of the City. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-010, declaring one firearm to be surplus to the City's needs; providing for the conveyance of the firearm to Sergeant Jason Byrd for his outstanding service to the City and its citizens during his career with the Lake City Police Department; and providing for the removal of the firearm from the fixed assets of the City. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Ms. Young Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

13. City Council Resolution No. 2024-011 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, confirming and upholding the City of Lake City's Historic Preservation Agency's issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness as to COA 23-31, submitted by Rocky Ford as owner; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-011, confirming and upholding the City of Lake City's Historic Preservation Agency's issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness as to COA 23-31, submitted by Rocky Ford as owner. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Abstained (Florida Statute 286.012)
Mayor Witt	Aye

Note: Per Attorney Todd Kennon, the vote for Resolution No. 2024-011, was an extension and finalization of the December 27, 2023 Quasi-Judicial proceedings, allowing Ms. Young to abstain from voting on this resolution.

Other Items

14. Discussion and Possible Action: City Attorney (City Attorney Todd Kennon)

Mr. Kennon reported tendering a letter of resignation, which provides for 60 day's notice. He stated the transition with Folds Walker, LLC had already begun, with the main attorney being Clay Martin to represent the City. Mr. Kennon also stated an ordinance would need to be prepared to address the residency requirement listed in City Code under Section 70-2.

Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2024-013, authorizing staff to move forward with an amended contract with Folds Walker, LLC, designating as primary attorney, starting March 1, 2024. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Ms. Sikes assigned resolution number 2024-013, and proceeded with roll call.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Ms. Sikes confirmed; members concurred to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to remove the residency requirement for the City Attorney.

15. Informational Purposes Only - City Attorney Robinson, Kennon, and Kendron, P.A. invoices for December 2023. Folds Walker, LLC invoice for December 2023.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

16. Discussion and Possible Action - Executive Director of Utilities position (Interim City Manager Dee Johnson)

Mr. Johnson reported it would be in the best interest of the City to bring the Executive Director of Utilities position back due to upcoming projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Hill made a motion authorizing the addition of an Executive Director of Utilities position with the position description as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt reminded members of upcoming dates of interest: City Council Workshop to discuss the Mariah Fund on January 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM; City Council Workshop to discuss Council Meeting Decorum on January 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM; City Council Workshop to discuss Affordable Housing/Properties and Application and Policy for Grant Funding Request \$5,000.00 max.

Mr. Hill reminded he and other members would be in Tallahassee on January 29th for Legislative Action Days. Mayor Witt reported the Workshop for January 29th would need to be rescheduled.

Ms. Young inquired as to the process of a public record request once an initial deposit has been paid.

Ms. Sikes provided an update on the public records process.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 PM and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk