
MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE CITY
City Council Regular Session
April 20, 2026
6:00 PM at City Hall

This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055. Members of the public may also view the meeting on our YouTube channel. YouTube channel information is located at the end of this agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - Vice Mayor Chevella Young

Roll Call

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Noah Walker
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
James Carter
Tammy Harris
Clay Martin
Don Rosenthal
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Approval of Agenda

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

Proclamations/Awards/Recognitions

1. Recognize Recipients of Awards at Annual Employee Luncheon:

Employee of the Year - Police Detective Richard Poteat

Supervisor of the Year - Fire Chief Josh Wehinger

Achievement - Keith Richardson, Natural Gas Supervisor

Dedication - Luther Milton, Crew Leader, Public Works

Mayor Walker recognized the awards recipients.

2. National Student Leadership Week - April 24-30, 2026

Mayor Walker presented the proclamation to Beau Beachamp on behalf of Our Community Cares Coalition, who informed members of upcoming events the coalition was hosting.

Public Participation - Persons Wishing to Address Council

- Olga Allgary
- Sylvester Warren
- Renee Decker

Approval of Consent Agenda

3. Minutes - February 17, 2026 Regular Session
4. Minutes - April 6, 2026 Council Workshop
5. City Council Resolution No. 2026-044 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for administration of Federal Grant Funds; 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; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
6. City Council Resolution No. 2026-047 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain interagency agreement between the City of Lake City and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Police, Lake City District concerning criminal justice information exchange and computer usage; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the Chief of Police of the Lake City Police Department to join the Mayor in executing said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
7. City Council Resolution No. 2026-048 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving an amendment extending that certain annual aviation fuel agreement between the City and Eastern Aviation Fuels, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation DBA Titan Aviation Fuels; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said amendment; 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 amendment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
8. City Council Resolution No. 2026-050 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Invitation to Bid Number 009-2026 for the installation of directional boring under SR-247 and SW Leisure Drive awarding said bid to Badger Drilling, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company; approving the agreement 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; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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

Presentations

9. City Parks Improvement Plan

Video for park presentation. <https://youtu.be/CLn12B6Nzyk>

Executive Director of Utilities Steve Brown was present for any questions.

Members confirmed the mulch for the playgrounds would be ADA approved. Members concurred to move forward with a complete plan as reported by Mr. Rosenthal for council consideration. Mr. Carter asked for color options to be included.

Quasi-Judicial Hearings – None

Old Business

Ordinances

At this time Mayor Walker closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2367. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2367 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2367. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2367; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

10. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2367 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 26-03, submitted by Elizabeth Steely, relating to voluntary annexation; annexing certain real property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact, and contiguous to 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. (Located on Northwest Turner Avenue) **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2367 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

Council Discussion and Possible First Reading

11. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2369 - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida; amending City Code Chapter 86 - Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Article I - In General, adding a new Section 86-2 entitled "Recreational Street Closings Authorized" for the purpose of authorizing the City Manager to temporarily close streets to motor vehicle traffic to facilitate neighborhood recreational opportunities; providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Young requested for members to consider an ordinance regarding recreational events held outside. She requested a review of ordinances that Orlando and Jacksonville have.

City Attorney Martin summarized what the proposed ordinance calls for, and reported it almost mirrors the City of Jacksonville.

City Manager Rosenthal suggested forming a working group made up of legal and administration to work on the ordinance for council consideration at a later date.

After discussion, the consensus was for legal and administration to have a working group on this topic.

Resolutions

At this time Mayor Walker closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Resolution No. 2026-036. City Council Resolution No. 2026-036 was read by title. Mayor Walker asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Resolution No. 2026-036. No one asked to be heard on City Council Resolution No. 2026-036; therefore, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

12. City Council Resolution No. 2026-036 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City to participate in the Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Program provided for in and authorized by the "Brownfields Redevelopment Act" created under the provisions of Sections 376.77-376.85 Florida Statutes, as amended; designating certain lands within the City located at 2932 N US Highway 441, Lake City, Florida, and identified as Property Appraiser's parcel number 17-3S-17-05000-003, as a Brownfield area for the purpose of environmental remediation, rehabilitation and economic development as provided for in the act; providing for notification to the Department of Environmental Protection of the City's decision to designate a Brownfield area for rehabilitation; providing for an effective date. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-036. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

13. City Council Resolution No. 2026-043 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners for the acquisition of the Waste Water Treatment Plant generally identified as the North Florida Mega Industrial Park Waste Water Treatment Plant; 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; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Attorney Martin provided background and legal context for the proposed sale of the wastewater treatment facility at the Mega Industrial Park. He reported the City has been operating at the facility for about a year under an interlocal agreement with the County, which has now expressed interest in acquiring it. Negotiations between City management and legal staff resulted in the contract under consideration, which was already approved by the County Commission. Attorney Martin also outlined the requirements of Florida Statute 180.301, which mandates a public hearing and a determination that such a transaction is in the public interest. The statute lists several criteria the council must consider, including the utility's financial condition, physical state, fairness of the purchase terms, customer impacts, and the buyer's ability to maintain quality, cost-effective service, along with alternatives if the sale is not completed. Some criteria related specifically to privatization contracts were noted as not applicable. The required public interest statement is included in the resolution and supporting memorandum provided in the council's meeting packet.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-043 and incorporate into the resolution for approval the required Section 180.301 analysis memorandum dated April 15, 2026 from the City Manager to the City Council as a statement showing how the City's acquisition of the wastewater treatment plant is in the public interest. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

14. City Council Resolution No. 2026-038 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lake City and the School Board of Columbia County; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said Memorandum of Understanding;

recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Memorandum of Understanding; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Memorandum of Understanding; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-038. 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

Departmental Administration – None

Comments by:

- City Manager Don Rosenthal – None
- City Attorney Clay Martin – None
- City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

Comments by Council Members

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young stated it was disheartening to hear someone from administration did not read certain background information on a particular agenda item. She reported she was unable to attend the Downtown Barbeque Showdown event due to a family emergency.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan commented on a successful Downtown Barbeque Showdown event; recognized Police Chief Butler and Fire Chief Wehinger; announced on April 21st there would be a law enforcement memorial service.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter expressed excitement for City Park upgrades and encouraged citizens to get involved. Mr. Carter asked if the First Federal swing set with no swings could be addressed as part of park improvements.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris expressed excitement for being apart of this council; expressed gratitude towards Executive Director of Utilities Steve Brown, City Manager Don Rosenthal, and City Attorney Clay Martin.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker commented on a successful Downtown Barbeque Showdown and pie competition and thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their work during the event; thanked City Clerk Audrey Sikes and her staff when commenting on the number of proclamations for the month of April; announced breakfast with the Chief on April 25th at 9:00 AM at New Mt. Pisgah Church; National DEA Drug Takeback would be held at the Police Station; Tuesday April 28th at 9:00 AM Prevent Child Abuse and Protect Childhood walk would be held by Another Way starting at Darby Pavilion; expressed excitement for City Park upgrades,

splashpad, and work being done on City Hall; encouraged citizens to stay tuned to social media and emergency alerts regarding wildfires.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk