

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on February 17, 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 – Council Member Tammy Harris

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Proclamation - Judge Leandra Johnson

Mayor Walker presented Judge Johnson with a proclamation commemorating her career and retirement.

- 2. 250th Project Presentation - Students from Columbia County School System (Lisa Lee)

Community Programs Director Terri Phillips provided members with a summary of events that Lake City will be doing to honor the Nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Students Eavalina Miller and Brooklyn Sapperstein gave a brief presentation on the Nation’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and distributed wind socks they made to members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Osvaldo Lopez

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

3. City Council Resolution No. 2026-004 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and Target Corporation, a Minnesota Corporation, for the use of facility and land suitable to accommodate fire fighter training; 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; 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.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

## NEW BUSINESS

### Ordinances

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2346 (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 25-02, by the Growth Management Department of Lake City, Florida; providing for amending Section 2.1 entitled Definitions, General by adding a definition for Administrative Approval Process and Development Review Staff; providing for amending Article 3 entitled Administrative Mechanisms by adding Section 3.3 entitled Administrative Approval; providing for amending Section 13.11 entitled Site and Development Plan Approval by adding Section 13.11.5 entitled Minor Site and Development Plan Approval; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2346 on first reading. Ms. Harris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2355 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, changing the name of that certain public road in the City of Lake City presently identified as Northwest Ivory Terrace situated between Northwest Wilson Street and Northwest Long Street; changing and designating the name of said segment of Northwest Ivory Terrace henceforth to Northwest Bettye Lane Terrace within the City of Lake City; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing an effective date. **Ms. Harris made a motion to**

approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2355 on first reading. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2356 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, changing the name of that certain public road in the City of Lake City presently identified as Northwest Campbell Terrace situated between Northwest Wilson Street and Northwest Long Street; changing and designating the name of said segment of Northwest Campbell Terrace henceforth to Northwest Foreman Terrace within the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2356 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

### Resolutions

7. City Council Resolution No. 2026-011 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Request for Proposal Number 003-2026 for repairs to the City Hall Facade; accepting the bid from Innovative Masonry Restoration, LLC., a Minnesota Limited Liability Company; approving the agreement between the City and 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 City Council Resolution No. 2026-011. 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

8. City Council Resolution No. 2026-019 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain Mutual General Release between the City and Paul Dyal; 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. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-019. 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 Resolution No. 2026-020 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending that certain agreement between the City and Metropolitan Systems, Inc., a Florida corporation and Kiwanis Club of Lake City, Florida, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation, for placement, maintenance of, and advertising on public benches within the City; making certain findings of fact in support of the City amending 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. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-020. Ms. Harris seconded the motion.**

Council Member Jernigan raised a concern with Council Member Carter serving as president of the Kiwanis Club of Lake City.

City Attorney Martin confirmed reaching out to the Florida Commission on Ethics, and reported there was no conflict of interest for Council Member Carter to vote on this matter.

Mayor Walker confirmed this resolution was for a six-month extension so the City could go out for bid.

**A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

- 10. City Council Resolution No. 2026-024 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing Kendria Jones to serve in Seat "3-F" on the City's Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Agency Board through October 31, 2028, the end of the current term for said seat; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the expiration of said term on October 31, 2028; directing the City Clerk to reflect said appointment and expiration of term in such records of the City as are necessary and prudent; making certain findings of fact in support of the City Clerk reflecting such appointment and expiration of term in the records of the City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Jernigan inquired as to whether Ms. Jones was in attendance.

Council Member Carter requested staff reach out to Ms. Jones to confirm attendance for the next meeting.

**Mr. Carter made a motion to table City Council Resolution No. 2026-024 to the next meeting. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

11. City Council Resolution No. 2026-027 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing Task Assignment Number sixteen (16) pursuant to the continuing contract with Jones Edmunds and Associates, Inc, a Florida Corporation, to provide professional engineering services; providing for a cost not to exceed \$66,680; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said Task Assignment; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said Task Assignment; authorizing the City Manager with the consent of the City Attorney to make minor changes to the scope of work of the Task Assignment provided such changes do not increase the quoted price in the Task Assignment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-027. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

<b>Mr. Carter</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Jernigan</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Young</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Harris</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Walker</b>	<b>Aye</b>

#### Other Items

12. Discussion and Possible Action: Funding for Love Fest (Council Member Tammy Harris)

Council Member Harris proposed a joint event with the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners and went over activities that would be held. She announced the event would be held August 1, 2026, and requested \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 from the City to cover food, activities, and entertainment. Members discussed at length, the date of the event, staff involvement, and funding. Ms. Young suggested providing an itemized breakdown of the event. The consensus was to move forward with the event.

COMMENTS BY:

City Manager Don Rosenthal – Mr. Rosenthal requested approval to begin the process on accepting 1100 acres that the Suwannee River Water Management District is conveying to the City. Members concurred by general consent to move forward with this item.

City Attorney Clay Martin – None

City Clerk Audrey Sikes – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Chevella Young – Ms. Young suggested to City Manager Rosenthal and Assistant City Manager Johnson to speak with members around budget time and confirm whether they have any events included they would like.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan – Mr. Jernigan highlighted local businesses Brittany's Cupcake Shoppe and Ed & Barbs Cream Donuts; inquired into the drainage issue on Evergreen and asked staff to look into the issue; inquired as to who is paying for a new sign for the neighborhood of Forest Hills.

Council Member James Carter – Mr. Carter congratulated the Lake City Garden Club on their annual scrabble event and reported the funds raised were used to help fund plants in the downtown area.

Council Member Tammy Harris – Ms. Harris reported requesting the discussion items of City Hall and a Housing Authority be placed on this agenda. Members discussed at length the process of adding items to an agenda. Ms. Harris requested for Attorney Martin to place n her box, by tomorrow afternoon, how she would go about suspending someone without pay.

Mayor Noah Walker – Mayor Walker announced coffee with the chief would be held Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the First Methodist Church of Lake City on South Marion; congratulated the Lake City Garden Club on their scrabble tournament fundraiser; and suggested the City consider a decrease in ad valorem taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

**Having no further business, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM.**

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Noah Walker, Mayor/Council Member

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Audrey Sikes, City Clerk