

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on June 17, 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/Vice-Mayor Jake Hill, Jr.

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
James Carter
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 the agenda as presented. Ms. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Noah Walker
- Glenel Bowden

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 26, 2024 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes
2. May 6, 2024 Regular Session Minutes
3. May 20, 2024 Regular Session Minutes
4. June 3, 2024 Regular Session Minutes
5. City Council Resolution No. 2024-045 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City to apply for that certain Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Grant administered by the United States Department of Justice; making certain findings of fact in support of the City applying for said grant; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute such documents as are necessary to apply for said grant;

directing the Mayor to execute said documents; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

6. City Council Resolution No. 2024-046 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting funds awarded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program to purchase ballistic shields, Conex boxes, and other equipment; adopting the grant award agreement associated with accepting such grant funds; making certain findings of fact in support of the City accepting such funds and adopting said grant award 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.
7. City Council Resolution No. 2024-047 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting that certain Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Gainesville by and through the City of Gainesville Police Department allowing the Lake City Police Department to participate in the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program; making 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; authorizing and 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.
8. City Council Resolution No. 2024-048 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, concerning and recognizing the appointment of Brenda Douglass to serve through the end of the current term in Seat "A" on the City's Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Agency Board; recognizing the expiration of said term on October 31, 2026; 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.
9. City Council Resolution No. 2024-049 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, concerning and recognizing the appointment of Schara Wilson to serve through the end of the current term in Seat "D" on the City's Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Agency Board; recognizing the expiration of said term on October 31, 2027; 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.
10. City Council Resolution No. 2024-050 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the addition of Donnie L. Rosenthal, as City Manager, as an authorized signor of all checks, vouchers, transfers, or disbursements on all bank accounts of the City of Lake City, Florida; ratifying and reaffirming the previous appointments of Demetrius Johnson, as Assistant City Manager, and Angela Taylor Moore, as City

Finance Director as additional signatory options on all checks, vouchers, or disbursements on all City bank accounts; making findings of fact in support thereof; and providing for an effective date.

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

PRESENTATIONS

11. Victoria Coker, Chair of Youth Group Activities for Youth Leadership Week - Appreciation to Council
12. Staff Sergeant Jacob Burgess with the National Guard Armory - PowerPoint on Recruiting (Council Member Ricky Jernigan)

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions – None

Other Items

13. Discussion - Council pay raises (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt discussed previous proposals for ordinances regarding Council pay raises.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

14. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2286 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, closing, abandoning, and vacating a utilities easement for HCA Florida Lake City Hospital pursuant to application VRW24-03 submitted by same; finding abandoning and vacating said utilities easement will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare; authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute such Quit Claim of easement as are necessary to effectuate the intent hereof; directing the City Attorney to prepare said Quit Claim of easement; finding it is in the best interest of the City and for the general welfare of its citizens to vacate said easement; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing severability; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2286 on first reading. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

15. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2287 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, closing, abandoning, and vacating a utilities and drainage easement for Clyde Skaflestad pursuant to application VRW24-01 submitted by same; finding closing, abandoning, and vacating said utilities and drainage easement will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare; conditioning the closing, abandonment, and vacation of said easement on the applicant granting an alternative drainage easement to the City; authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute such Quit Claim of easements as are necessary to effectuate the intent hereof; directing the City Attorney to prepare said Quit Claim of easement from the City to the applicant; directing the City Attorney to prepare said grant of easement of the alternative easement from the applicant to the City; finding it is in the best interests of the City and for the general welfare of its citizens to close, abandon, and vacate said easement upon the conditions set forth in this ordinance; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. (Clyde Skaflestad) **Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2287 on first reading. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Resolutions

16. City Council Resolution No. 2024-051 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing John Woolum to serve through the end of the current term in Seat "F" on the City's Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Agency Board; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the expiration of said term on October 31, 2024; 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. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2024-051. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

Other Items

17. Informational Purposes Only - April 2024 Invoice for Robinson, Kennon, & Kendron, P.A.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Young reported 84 kids had signed up for the Summer Camp at Richardson Community Center and provided a brief update of the current staffing condition.

Mr. Jernigan spoke in appreciation of the Lake City Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM. Ms. Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk