The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on March 2, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Mayor Stephen M. Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member Vice Mayor/Council Member City Council

City Attorney City Manager Sergeant-at-Arms City Clerk Stephen M. Witt Eugene Jefferson Chris Greene Jake Hill, Jr. Melinda Moses

Frederick Koberlein, Jr. Joseph Helfenberger Chief Argatha Gilmore Audrey E. Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS None

3. MINUTES None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Mr. Joseph O'Hern, Community Health Advocate-Columbia County QuitDoc Foundation - Tobacco Retail Licensing

Mr. O'hern presented members with an information packet and stated he oversees the Tobacco Free Program. He addressed the lack of enforcement with youth being able to purchase tobacco products and recommended a local Tobacco Retail License Policy.

Mr. Green inquired what communities currently have this type of policy. Mr. O'hern stated Alachua County has adopted a local Tobacco Retail License Policy.

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

A. Mary Carter, 769 NE Gurley Ave, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding a call she received from Growth Management regarding an \$800,000.00 lien on property. Mr. Helfenberger will look into the lien details and report back to the City Council.

B. Sylvester Warren, 832 NE Richardson Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding what role the Chamber of Commerce has with the City of Lake City.

Mayor Witt stated the Chamber of Commerce is a separate entity and not run by the City of Lake City.

Mr. Warren asked Council if they would give the same amount they currently give the Chamber of Commerce to a Black Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Witt stated that all requests for funding are addressed annually during the budget process and is open to anyone who would like to request funding from the City.

Mr. Warren stated he and two other citizens felt threatened by a Public Works employee during a peaceful protest at Sallie Mae Jerry Park and expressed concerns with the City's handling of his complaint regarding this incident.

Mr. Helfenberger stated he is following City Policy with the handling of the complaint. He reported the investigation into the complaint is being handled by the Lake City Police Department and he will wait to make any recommendations until after he reviews the findings of the investigation.

- C. Glenel Bowden, 1156 NE Bascom Norris Drive, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding the need for employee training on how to handle situations where the public is involved. He asked for an explanation as to the obligations of the City regarding the Blanche.
- D. Vanessa George, 930 NE Joe Coney Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding Mr. Warren and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee.
- E. Sandra Smith, 350 SW, Lake City, FL, addressed members regarding litter from Olustee Festival.
- F. Ron Williams, Jr., 352 NW Belvin Way, Lake City, FL addressed Council regarding Mr. Warren and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee. Mr. Williams is in favor of waiting for the findings of the investigation before making any decisions regarding the employee. He also addressed an issue with water retention at his church, City hiring practices, employee training, and City ordinances.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permit Application from the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce to hold the Gateway City Craft Beer & Wine Festival on Saturday, March 28, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. until 8 p.m. All supporting documents including certificate of insurance have been provided.
- B. Approval for the Utility Department/Distribution & Collections to use remaining funds, in the amount of \$60,241.00, in Account No. 410.78.36-060.64 to purchase a new Asphalt Hopper and Roller. In addition to cost and time, this equipment will also relieve the need for Public Works to change their schedule to assist with completing utility projects.
- C. Approval for Britt Surveying and Mapping, LLC to complete survey work for the Alligator Lake Property at a cost of \$19,500.00. Three survey firms were contacted to submit quotes and Britt Surveying and Mapping, LLC submitted the lowest quote.

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of items "A", "B", and "C" identified above. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. 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. 2020-2139. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2139 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2139.

Sylvester Warren, 832 NE Richardson Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed members regarding he and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee.

Vanessa George, 930 NE Joe Coney Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding Mr. Warren and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee.

Mayor Witt asked if anyone else wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2139, no one else asked to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2139, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

1. Ordinance No. 2020-2139 (final reading), if adopted, relates to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land from Commercial, General (CG to Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. This property is owned by Jeffery L. Ruffo and is located at 251 Hall of Fame Drive. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2139 on final reading relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land from Commercial, General (CG to Commercial, Highway Interchange (CHI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. This property is owned by Jeffery L. Ruffo and is located at 251 Hall of Fame Drive. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	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. 2020-2140. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2140 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2140.

Sylvester Warren, 832 NE Richardson Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed members regarding he and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee.

Vanessa George, 930 NE Joe Coney Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding Mr. Warren and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee.

Mayor Witt asked if anyone else wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2140, no one else asked to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2140, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

2. Ordinance No. 2020-2140 (final reading), if adopted, relates to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land from Residential/Office (RO) to Commercial, Central Business District (C-CBD) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. All of the properties are owned by the City of Lake City and are located in the vicinity of Lake Desoto and Wilson Park. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2140 on final reading relating to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land from Residential/Office (RO) to Commercial, Central Business District (C-CBD) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. All of the properties are owned by the City of Lake City and are located in the vicinity of Lake Desoto and Wilson Park. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Greene 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. 2020-2141. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2141 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2141.

Sylvester Warren, 832 NE Richardson Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed members regarding he and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee.

Vanessa George, 930 NE Joe Coney Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding Mr. Warren and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee.

Mayor Witt asked if anyone else wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2141, no one else asked to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2141, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

3. Ordinance No. 2020-2141 (final reading), if adopted, provides for the voluntary annexation of certain property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact, and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida. This property is owned by D & B Timber and Land Trust and is located off of 441 North and I10. Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2141 on final reading providing for the voluntary annexation of certain property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact, and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida into the boundaries of the City of

Lake City, Florida. This property is owned by D & B Timber and Land Trust and is located off of 441 North and I10. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Greene Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Ms. Moses 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. 2020-2142. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2142 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2142.

Sylvester Warren, 832 NE Richardson Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed members regarding he and two other citizens feeling threatened by a Public Works employee.

Sandra Smith, addressed concern over animals possibly carrying diseases being allowed in restaurants.

Vanessa George, 930 NE Joe Coney Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed Council speaking against dogs being allowed in restaurants.

Dave Young, Growth Management Director, clarified dogs would only be allowed on the exterior portions of a restaurant and stated there are strict guidelines.

Mayor Witt asked if anyone else wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2142, no one else asked to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2142, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

4. Ordinance No. 2020-2142 (final reading), if adopted, will amend the Land Development Regulations of the City of Lake City by creating within Article Thirteen, Section 13.14, titled "Dog Friendly Dining"; providing a local exemption procedure to certain provisions of the Food and Drug Administration Food Code in order to allow patron's dogs within certain designated outdoor portions of public food service establishments; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing for codification in the Land Development Regulations; and providing an effective date. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2142 amending the Land Development Regulations of the City of Lake City by creating within Article Thirteen, Section 13.14, titled "Dog Friendly Dining"; providing a local exemption procedure to certain provisions of the Food and Drug Administration Food Code in order to allow patron's dogs within certain designated outdoor portions of public food service establishments and providing for codification in the Land Development Regulations. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Greene Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

B. Discussion and Possible Action: Code Enforcement Lien Process

Mr. Helfenberger went over the document included in the agenda packet. The process will come back before Council at the April 6th meeting for their input as the final draft of the ordinance is prepared.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2020-2144 (first reading), if adopted, will amend the City Code to add a new section Number 86-110.15 to Article III. Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing of all of that portion of NW Albright Place, lying north of Lots 12,13, and 14 of Block "A" and south of Lots 1 and 6 of Block "F", all of said lots being located in the Thompson Subdivision as recorded on a plat thereof and recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 23, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida; finding that the closing of the platted roadway will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare; finding that it is in the best interest of the City and for the general welfare of its citizens to close the roadway; providing for the repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion into the City Code; and providing an effective date. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2144 on first reading, amending the City Code to add a new section Number 86-110.15 to Article III, Chapter 86, which provides for the permanent closing of all of that portion of NW Albright Place, lying north of Lots 12,13, and 14 of Block "A" and south of Lots 1 and 6 of Block "F", all of said lots being located in the Thompson Subdivision as recorded on a plat thereof and recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 23, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida; finding that the closing of the platted roadway will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare; finding that it is in the best interest of the City and for the general welfare of its citizens to close the roadway. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

B. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2020-017, if adopted, will declare one Smith & Wesson M & P .40 caliber firearm to be surplus to the City's needs and conveying said surplus to Police Lieutenant Clint VanBennekom for his outstanding service to the City and its

citizens during his career as an officer of the Lake City Police Department and authorizes the City to remove such surplus property from the Fixed Assets of the City. Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-017, if adopted, will declare one Smith & Wesson M & P .40 caliber firearm to be surplus to the City's needs and conveying said surplus to Police Lieutenant Clint VanBennekom for his outstanding service to the City and its citizens during his career as an officer of the Lake City Police Department and authorizes the City to remove such surplus property from the Fixed Assets of the City. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Greene Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

2. City Council Resolution No. 2020-018, if adopted, will authorize the Lake City Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, to coordinate services to victims and survivors of rape. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-018, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, to coordinate services to victims and survivors of rape. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Jefferson Aye
Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mr. Greene Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

3. City Council Resolution No. 2020-019, if adopted, will authorize the Lake City Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, to coordinate services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-019, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Another Way, Inc., Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, to coordinate services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Greene Aye
Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

4. City Council Resolution No. 2020-021, if adopted, will accept the bid of Rogers Roofing Corporation, ITB-009-2020, for the removal and replacement of a roof on a

40' x 162' pre-engineered metal building located at the City's Sprayfield, and authorizes the City to enter into a contract with Rogers Roofing Corporation for a price not-to-exceed \$26,000.00. Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-021, accepting the bid of Rogers Roofing Corporation, ITB-009-2020, for the removal and replacement of a roof on a 40' x 162' preengineered metal building located at the City's Sprayfield, and authorizes the City to enter into a contract with Rogers Roofing Corporation for a price not-to-exceed \$26,000.00. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Greene Aye
Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

5. City Council Resolution No. 2020-022, if adopted, will authorize the execution of an agreement for the services of a Special Magistrate with Attorney Stephanie Marchman. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-022, authorizing the execution of an agreement for the services of a Special Magistrate with Attorney Stephanie Marchman. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Greene Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

6. City Council Resolution No. 2020-023, If adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with Capital Metal Supply, Inc., a Florida Corporation, leasing property located at the Lake City Gateway Airport and authorizes execution of the lease. Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-023, authorizing the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with Capital Metal Supply, Inc., a Florida Corporation, leasing property located at the Lake City Gateway Airport and authorizes execution of the lease. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Greene Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Ms. Moses Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

7. City Council Resolution No. 2020-024, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with Tubular Building Systems, LLC., a Florida Limited Liability Company, leasing property located at the Lake City Gateway Airport and authorizes execution of the lease. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-024, authorizing the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with Tubular Building Systems, LLC., a Florida Limited Liability Company,

leasing property located at the Lake City Gateway Airport and authorizes execution of the lease. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Resolution No. 2020-025, if adopted, will authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement for cost share assistance with the Suwannee River Water Management District to restore Gwen Lake (Phase Two) to a natural condition and reimburse the City for costs associated with engineering and construction services up to an amount of \$220,000.00. Mr. Hill made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-025, authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement for cost share assistance with the Suwannee River Water Management District to restore Gwen Lake (Phase Two) to a natural condition and reimburse the City for costs associated with engineering and construction services up to an amount of \$220,000.00. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

C. Discussion and Possible Action: Authorize the acquisition, following the City's Procurement Policy, of the following items for Wilson Park: irrigation system, outdoor speaker system, welcome sign and ten (10) picnic tables (Joe Helfenberger) The estimated cost for these items is \$92,000.

Note: This item was presented for consideration at the CRA Meeting on March 2, 2020.

Ms. Moses made a motion to authorize the acquisition, following the City's Procurement Policy, for the following items for Wilson Park: irrigation system, outdoor speaker system, welcome sign and ten (10) picnic tables. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

D. Discussion and Possible Action: Select Charter Review Board Chairman

The following five electors will be presented via City Council Resolution No. 2020-020 at the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting, Sparkle Green, Hercules Maxwell, Fredrick Reed, Ann Skinner and Rob Summerall (Mayor Witt)

Ms. Moses made a motion to appoint Rob Summerall as the Charter Review Board Chairman. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses Aye
Mr. Hill Aye
Mr. Jefferson Aye
Mr. Greene Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Discussion and Possible Action: Sallie Mae Jerry Park Improvements (Joe Helfenberger)

Mr. Helfenberger read from a memo, included in the agenda packet, regarding acquiring property near Sallie Mae Jerry Park to provide parking for the park and possibly a bathroom.

Mr. Greene suggested contacting citizens living near Sallie Mae Jerry Park regarding lighting and fencing being installed as a courtesy. He also stated a bathroom would be essential to citizens getting proper use of the park.

Mayor Witt suggested having Sallie Mae Jerry Park improvements placed on the Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee's agenda for input. Ms. Moses (Chairperson of the CRAC) agreed with the item being placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Greene made a motion to proceed with the foreclosure of the property. Ms. Moses seconded the motion.

Mr. Hill asked if some of the work outlined for Sallie Mae Jerry Park improvements could be performed in-house. Mr. Helfenberger stated all work that can be completed in-house will be performed in-house.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Greene	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Glenel Bowden, 1156 NE Bascom Norris Drive, Lake City, FL, addressed Council regarding closing the park while improvements are being made and the importance of citizens bringing concerns to the Council for action to be taken.

Mr. Helfenberger stated he has directed the Human Resource Department to provide all employees, dealing with the public, with Customer Service Training.

Sylvester Warren, 832 NE Richardson Terrace, Lake City, FL, thanked the Mayor for stating the improvements to the parks will be made regardless of grants.

Linard Johnson, 174 NW Towerview Gln, Lake City, FL addressed Council regarding issues in District 10 and the need for diversity training for City employees. Mr. Johnson offered his services for providing diversity training.

Vanessa George, 930 NE Joe Coney Terrace, Lake City, FL, addressed Council speaking against the need for diversity training citing these things cannot be taught.

- 11. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
 None
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

 All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk