

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on October 5, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. Witt

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
Vice Mayor/Council Member
City Council

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Stephen M. Witt
Melinda Moses
Chris Greene
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Joseph Helfenberger
Chief Argatha Gilmore
Audrey Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS
None

3. MINUTES
None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Presentations

A. First Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Ms. Melissa Fox, Compliance Manager Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. presented a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the 2019 CDBG application information including the different Community Development Block Grant categories.

Upon completion of the presentation, Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

1. Todd Sampson addressed Council regarding the urgency of neighborhood revitalization, and asked to keep sewer and infrastructure improvements as a top priority for the Community Development Block Grant.

2. Sylvester Warren addressed Council speaking in favor of allocating the Community Development Block Grant to affordable housing in District 10.
3. Glenel Bowden, via Zoom, addressed Council speaking in favor of allocating the Community Development Block Grant to affordable housing and housing rehabilitation.
4. Vanessa George addressed Council speaking in favor of allocating the Community Development Block Grant to affordable housing.
5. John Cole III addressed Council speaking in favor of allocating the Community Development Block Grant to affordable housing.

Mayor Witt asked if anyone else wanted to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. No one else asked to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant; therefore, Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

Mr. Helfenberger stated staff recommended a twofold approach. The first is to complete Wilson Park Phase II, which includes an amphitheater. He stated the City has spent \$130,000.00 to date on the project. This is a reimbursable grant and funds will be reimbursable to the City once the project is complete.

Mr. Helfenberger stated if Wilson Park is finished, the City can commit seven years of going with housing rehab and working on tiny houses for veterans. If approved, Wilson Park Phase II could be completed, then move into affordable housing long term.

Melissa Fox stated the Citizens Advisory Task Force meet at 3 p.m. today in an advertised meeting with the public present. Ms. Fox read into the record the Citizens Advisory Task Force's recommendation. The recommendation is for the city to proceed with submitting a Community Development Block Grant application in the commercial revitalization category to address Wilson Park. The recommendation also included, once the Wilson Park Project is complete, for the City to pursue grant funds for the next seven years for the housing rehabilitation category.

Mr. Hill spoke in favor of applying in the category of affordable housing first then moving on to complete the Wilson Park Project.

Ms. Moses spoke in favor of finishing the Wilson Park Project and then to move on with affordable housing.

Mr. Jefferson asked for the timeline for completion of the Wilson Park Project.

Mr. Helfenberger stated it could be within a year.

Mayor Witt stated he is in favor of applying in the category of commercial revitalization for the completion of the Wilson Park Project then to start working on affordable housing immediately. Mayor Witt stated he would like to determine what grants the city is eligible for relating to affordable housing.

1. Sylvester Warren addressed Council regarding his declined P3 concept. He asked for the City to provide him properties to use his own \$750,000.00 of funding for to complete an affordable housing project.

2. Vanessa George addressed Council regarding the completion of Wilson Park in comparison to affordable housing.

Ms. Moses made a motion to apply for the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the category of Commercial Revitalization for the completion of the Wilson Park Project. The motion provides once Wilson Park is complete for the City to focus the next seven years on affordable housing. 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	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1. Sylvester Warred asked Council to reconsider the closing of the City's Boys and Girls Club programs.

2. Michele Hall asked Council to reconsider the closing of the City's Boys and Girls Club programs.

3. Glenel Bowden addressed Council speaking against the City applying for the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the category of Commercial Revitalization for the completion of the Wilson Park Project

4. John Cole asked Council to reconsider the closing of the City's Boys and Girls Club.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2020-073, if adopted, will ratify and confirm the re-appointment of Garrett Register to serve a two year term as the Elected Police Officers' Trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Lake City Municipal Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund as provided for and required by Ordinance No. 99-859, as amended. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-073, ratifying and confirming the re-appointment of Garrett Register to serve a two-year term as the Elected Police Officers' Trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Lake City Municipal Police Officers Retirement Trust Fund as provided**

for and required by Ordinance No. 99-859, as amended. 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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2020-095, if adopted, will authorize the Mayor to execute a Petition for Annexation of real property located at the Lake City Gateway Airport. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-095, if adopted, will authorize the Mayor to execute a Petition for Annexation of real property located at the Lake City Gateway Airport. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Stew Lilker addressed Council speaking against the information provided for Resolution No. 2020-095.

Mr. Greene stated the City staff works hard to provide accurate information and he is comfortable voting.

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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2020-104, if adopted, will ratify the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-104, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. 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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2020-106, if adopted, will rescind City Council Resolution No. 2020-093. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-106, rescinding City Council Resolution No. 2020-093. 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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2020-107, if adopted, will ratify the appointment of Jake Hill to serve on the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-107, ratifying the appointment of Jake Hill to serve on the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors. 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

- B. Discussion and Possible Action: On meeting format and meeting location.(Mayor Witt)

Members concurred to meet virtually for the next month for safety.

Glenel Bowden addressed Council stating he agreed with meeting virtually for the next month.

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- A. Discussion and Possible Action: Final payment in the amount of \$17,000.00 for work performed at the Woman's Club

Mr. Helfenberger reported the work at the Woman's Club went over the original bid by \$30,300.00.

Ms. Moses made a motion to authorize additional funds in the amount of \$15,175.00 for work performed at the Woman's Club. 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

- B. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider approval of Historical Marker for Richardson High School Building

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the Historical Marker for Richardson High School Building. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

12. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill stated he agreed with those that spoke in favor of reinstating the Girls/Boys Club.

13. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk