

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on July 17, 2023 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 Ricky Jernigan

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr. – Absent
C. Todd Sampson
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
Todd Kennon
Paul Dyal
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS – None

MINUTES

1. June 29, 2023 Council Workshop
2. July 3, 2023 Regular Session

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the June 29, 2023 Council Workshop and July 3, 2023 regular session minutes as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Due to a scheduling conflict, Ms. Young stated she had to leave the meeting early and requested Items #15-18 to be moved up on the agenda prior to presentations. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

Ms. Young reported she had to leave at 7:00 PM to attend First Central District Congress of Christian Education at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, with Pastor Alvin Baker, and requested to present them with a welcome and key to the City.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Aaron Trippensee

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

NEW BUSINESS

Other Items

15. Update on City Projects (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal reported his office was working closely with the Clerk's office in creating a task list of ongoing projects, and provided brief updates on: Annie Mattox Park resurfacing, cameras and light pole installation; progression at Gwen Lake with new engineering firm; clearing and grubbing at Lake Montgomery Pier, as well as camera and new fencing locations; the North Downtown Project list consisting of trashcans, pavers and concrete, relocation of Welcome to Downtown sign, and relocation of Historic District Sign; eminent domain process on lot for parking at Sally Mae Jerry Park; third round of \$250,000.00 distributed to Columbia County for the Senior Home Repair Project and Memorial Stadium repairs.

City Attorney Kennon reported the eminent domains for the property next to Sally Mae Jerry Park have been filed and his office was waiting for the court to issue a summons to the property owners.

16. Discussion - September Cleanup Day (Council Member Chevella Young)

Mr. Dyal reported Customer Service Director Katrina Medearis reached out to Waste Pro about a City-wide Cleanup Day. Waste Pro is willing to provide roll-offs and just needs a date, time and location. Mr. Dyal reported the City would be responsible for tippage fees.

Ms. Young suggested providing food for participants. Members discussed locations, as well as roll-off sites.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

17. Discussion and Possible Action: Staff recommendation to approve proposed FY 23/24 "Tentative" Millage Rate to the Columbia County Tax Appraiser for Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice advertisement to property owners for the City's Tentative Budget Hearing (City Manager Paul Dyal and Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore)

Ms. Moore reported the current rate was 4.900 mills and would be a \$325,000.00 revenue increase. If members wanted to approve the rollback rate, the revenue would stay the same.

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the FY 23/24 "Tentative" Millage Rate of 4.900 to the Columbia County Tax Appraiser for Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice advertisement to property owners for the City's Tentative Budget Hearing. Mayor Witt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mayor Witt Aye
Mr. Sampson Aye
Ms. Young Aye

18. Discussion and Possible Action: Staff recommendation to approve the TRIM schedule for FY23/24 (City Manager Paul Dyal and Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore)

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the TRIM schedule for FY23/24. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mr. Sampson Aye
Ms. Young Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

PRESENTATIONS

3. Tammy Magstadt, Treasurer Richardson Community Center, funding request

Tammy Magstadt and Linard Johnson addressed the members regarding funding for the Richardson Community Center.

Members discussed and reiterated the motion made on April 5, 2023 as it relates to funding programs at the Richardson Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Note: Council Member Chevella Young left upon conclusion of Item #3.

4. Gallagher Benefits Presentation - J.D. Curtis, Benefits Consultant, Tyson Johnson and Ryan Whittington

J.D. Curtis and Ryan Whittington gave a Powerpoint presentation for consideration of changing health insurance companies from United Health Care to Florida Blue.

5. Nick Patel - Circle K Highway 90 & I75 (Council Member Jake Hill)

Mr. Patel provided a prepared handout to the City Council members.

Mr. Patel and his attorney, Guy Norris, requested for the City Council to interpret whether the proposed development authorized by City permit #46609 for Gateway Crossings is a truck stop or an automotive service station under the Land Development Regulations of the City.

Attorney Todd Kennon reported the Planning and Zoning Board is restarting this process in August and he would keep the members apprised of the progress.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions – None

Other Items

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Property next to Wilson Family Theater located at 348 North Marion Avenue (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal asked for guidance regarding the lot next to the Wilson Family Theater.

Members concurred to make this a public parking area.

7. Discussion and Possible Action - Tobacco Free Parks (Council Member Ricky Jernigan)

Members concurred to move forward with the draft ordinance for tobacco free parks.

8. Update on Gwen Lake (City Manager Paul Dyal)

This update was covered under Item #15.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

9. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2253 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 23-02, relating to voluntary annexation; making findings; 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, into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Lake City U Automotive Management, LLC.) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2253 on first reading, pursuant to Petition No. ANX 23-02, relating to voluntary annexation; making findings; 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, into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

Resolutions

10. City Council Resolution No. 2023-076 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of the State Highway Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement Work Order with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation; providing for the terms and conditions of maintenance of the State Facilities to be maintained by the City; and establishing an effective date. (ASO25) **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-076, authorizing the execution of the State Highway Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement Work Order with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, and providing for the terms and conditions of maintenance of the State Facilities to be maintained by the City. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mr. Sampson Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

11. City Council Resolution No. 2023-077 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, to facilitate the Public Safety Building Generator and HVAC replacement and reimburse the City for certain costs expended up to an amount of \$422,000.00. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-077, authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, to facilitate the Public Safety Building Generator and HVAC replacement and reimburse the City for certain costs expended up to an amount of \$422,000.00. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

12. City Council Resolution No. 2023-078 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing and adopting a Security and Awareness Training and Testing Policy; and providing an effective date. (Information Technology) **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-078, authorizing and adopting a Security and Awareness Training and Testing Policy. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan **Aye**
Mr. Sampson **Aye**
Mayor Witt **Aye**

13. City Council Resolution No. 2023-079 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,448.00; providing for the procurement of equipment for the use and benefit of the Police Department; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-079, authorizing the Lake City Police Department to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$15,448.00, and providing for the procurement of equipment for the use and benefit of the Police Department. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson **Aye**
Mr. Jernigan **Aye**
Mayor Witt **Aye**

Other Items

14. Informational Purposes Only - City Attorney, Robinson, Kennon and Kendron, P.A, invoices for May and June 2023. Folds Walker, LLC invoice for June 2023
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Per a motion made to amend the agenda, this item moved up on the agenda.
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COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Kennon requested to add to the Attorney General Opinion request, if Glennel Bowden could serve on the Public Pension Board. Members concurred for him to include this in the Attorney General request.

Mr. Kennon recommended for Mr. Bowden to remain on the General Employee Pension Board until the opinion is received. Members concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sampson made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk