

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 18, 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 Chevella Young

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
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

1. 2023 Florida League of Cities Home Rule Hero Award recipient Council Member Jake Hill, Jr. (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt recognized Mr. Hill for receiving the Florida League of Cities Home Rule Hero Award.

MINUTES

2. August 15, 2023 Council Budget Workshop
3. August 16, 2023 Council Budget Workshop
4. August 21, 2023 Regular Session
5. August 28, 2023 Emergency Called Session
6. September 11, 2023 Special Called Session

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 Council Budget Workshop, August 16, 2023 Council Budget Workshop, August 21, 2023 Regular Session, August 28, 2023 Emergency Called Session and September 11, 2023 Special Called Session minutes as presented. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt stated Item #24 would be moved up on the agenda to be heard prior to Public Comment, and Items #15 and 18 needed to be removed as these are still at the Planning and Zoning Board level. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

24. Discussion - Street Designation for Mariah Reginae Smith (Mayor Stephen Witt)

Mayor Witt presented to members the idea of designating a street in remembrance of Mariah Reginae Smith, and stated the City Attorney would need to research this topic to ensure it would be done properly.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Reverend Melvin and Betty Goggins; Glenel Bowden

All members spoke in support of a sign in remembrance of Mariah Smith. Mr. Sampson spoke in support of this being a state designation as well.

Mayor Witt stated this is not an action item at this time and would like for the attorney to conduct research on how to get this accomplished and report back.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Reverend Pamela Green
- Sylvester Warren

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS

7. Tammy Magstadt, Treasurer, Richardson Community Center - Funding request in the amount of \$12,835.00 for the E-Gaming Program

Ms. Magstadt proposed an E-Gaming Program to be offered at the Richardson Community Center and provided an itemized cost list for set-up.

Mr. Sampson suggested reaching out to schools via flyers or handouts. He stated he would like council to be involved with the open house at Richardson.

Ms. Young suggested hosting an event to gauge interest prior to purchasing.

Mr. Sampson spoke in support of administration releasing funds once the notice of interest is provided to the City.

Mr. Jernigan inquired as to the hours of operation at the center, Ms. Magstadt replied the program would be available to students after school and on the weekends.

Mr. Hill confirmed the amount requested (\$12,835.00) fulfilled the remaining funds that were allocated for FY23.

- 10. Discussion and Possible Action - Richardson Community Center - Funding request in the amount of \$12,835.00 for the E-Gaming Program

Public Comment: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson called point of order relating to City Code Article II, Section 2-44 Public Participation and asked Mayor Witt to hold to the 3-minute time limit for the meeting as identified in the rules. Mayor Witt agreed and Mr. Jernigan seconded this point of order. Mr. Sampson confirmed with the Mayor this was a total of 3-minutes for the meeting and not cumulative.

Mr. Sampson confirmed with Ms. Magstadt all volunteers and employees undergo a level two background screening.

Ms. Young updated members on the possibility of a Youth Advisory Board Program.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to authorize the release of \$12,835.00 in funds by administration once the notice of interest is provided for the E-Gaming Program for Richardson. The motion provides the notice of interest should be provided within 30 days. The motion provides funding from this current year’s fiscal budget in accordance with the budget allocations motion made on April 5, 2023. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

BUDGET HEARING

At this time Mayor Witt opened a public hearing to accept input from all interested parties relative to the discussion, consideration, and final approval of the City’s 2023-2024 proposed millage rate and operating budget. Mayor Witt stated the City was offering the opportunity to all in attendance to speak in regard to the budget and ask that all speakers identify themselves by name and address. Mayor Witt stated the Finance Director would provide a summary of the budget process and address those items essential to compliance with the State of Florida Truth In Millage (TRIM) requirements.

Finance Director Angie Moore reported The City Council proposes a final millage rate of 4.9000 mills and a final capital and operating budget of \$74,899,172 for fiscal year 2023-2024. She stated council action tonight constitutes the “Final” Budget Hearing as required by State TRIM criteria and was announced to the General Public by advertisement in the Lake City Reporter published on September 14, 2023. Mrs. Moore reported during this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed:

- The Council will discuss the 2023-2024 millage and operating budget and allow citizen input as appropriate.

- The Council will direct announcement of the final millage rate proposed for adoption and of any increase, decrease, or no change.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Millage Resolution No. 2023-101.
- The Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2023-101 on final reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2023-102.
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. 2023-102 on final reading.

Mayor Witt declared the “Final Budget Hearing” open for discussion for public input followed by discussion by the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Vanessa George; Glenel Bowden

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Witt thanked staff for their work on the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget.

Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

Mayor Witt asked the Finance Director to state for the record 1) the taxing authority, 2) the millage rate to be adopted, 3) the rolled-back millage rate, and 4) any change the final millage rate represents to the current year’s millage.

Finance Director Angie Moore stated the City Council of the City of Lake City, as Taxing Authority, proposes a final tax on all property located within the City of Lake City, Florida, at the rate of 4.9000 mills for the fiscal year 2023-2024 operating budget. She reported the current year proposed operating millage rate is an 7.30% increase from the 4.5668 rolled-back millage rate as defined by Florida Statutes and represents no change from the previous year’s millage rate of 4.9000 mills.

8. City Council Resolution No. 2023-101 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City for fiscal year 2023-2024; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-101, adopting a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City for fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2023-102 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-102, adopting the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.**

Mr. Jernigan expressed his appreciation to the Finance Department.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions – None

Other Items

10. Discussion and Possible Action - Richardson Community Center - Funding request in the amount of \$12,835.00 for the E-Gaming Program

This Item was discussed after Item #7.

11. Discussion of September 11, 2023 vote regarding Section 2-53 of the Code of Ordinances relating to the compensation of mayor and councilmembers (Attorney Todd Kennon)

Mr. Kennon reported due to the wording of Section 2-53 of the Code of Ordinances, the 3% raise would remain in the budget for the mayor and councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Glenel Bowden

Members concurred to allow the City Attorney to research and present options to amend the ordinance for an opt out vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances

12. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2257 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending Chapter 102 of the City Code of ordinances; providing for amendments to the City's utilities; providing for severability; providing for the repeal of conflicts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2257 on first reading, amending Chapter 102 of the City Code of ordinances, and providing for amendments to the City's utilities. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

- 13. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2258 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-04, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in section 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the future land use classification, from Residential, Moderate Density (less than or equal to 4 dwelling units per acre) to Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (TwentyEight Fourteen, LLC)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No.2023-2258 on first reading, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-04, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in section 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the future land use classification, from Residential, Moderate Density (less than or equal to 4 dwelling units per acre) to Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida, and the amended description of 4 to 8 dwelling units. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

- 14. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2259 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less

acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-05, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in section 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended providing for changing the future land use classification from County Commercial to City Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Real Terrace LLC) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2259 on first reading, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended and relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-05, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in section 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended providing for changing the future land use classification from County Commercial to City Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

- 15. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2260 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 23-06, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in section 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from Residential, Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) to Residential, High Density (less than or equal to 20 dwelling units per acre) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Winsberg)

This item was removed during approval of agenda.

- 16. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2261 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulation, as amended; relating to the rezoning of ten or less contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z23-05, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to Residential/Office (RO) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (TwentyEight Fourteen, LLC) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2261 on first reading, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City**

Land Development Regulation, as amended; relating to the rezoning of ten or less contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z23-05, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to Residential/Office (RO) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

17. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2262 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulation, as amended; relating to the rezoning of ten or less contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z23-06, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from County Commercial, Intensive (CI) to City Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Real Terrace, LLC) **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2262 on first reading, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulation, as amended; relating to the rezoning of ten or less contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z23-06, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from County Commercial, Intensive (CI) to City Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits 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
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

18. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2263 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to the rezoning of ten or less contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 23-07, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-3 (RSF-3) and Residential, Multiple Family-1 (RMF-1) to Residential, Multiple Family-2 (RMF-2) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Winsberg)

This item was removed during approval of agenda.

Resolutions

19. City Council Resolution No. 2023-106 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement, for the Second Phase of the obstacle removal of trees/vegetation at the Lake City Gateway Airport; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-106, authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement, for the Second Phase of the obstacle removal of trees/vegetation at the Lake City Gateway Airport. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

20. City Council Resolution No. 2023-108 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement for the design and install of security fencing, gates, access control improvements, installation of new cameras and lighting; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-108, authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement for the design and install of security fencing, gates, access control improvements, installation of new cameras, and lighting. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

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

21. City Council Resolution No. 2023-110 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City to enter into Change Order Number One to the contract between the City and Advantage Contracting Group, Inc., for repairs to the existing stadium seating area at Memorial Stadium; increasing the original contract price to a price not-to-exceed \$38,475.00 and extending the project completion date an additional seven (7) calendar days. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-110, authorizing the City to enter into Change Order Number One to the contract between the City and Advantage Contracting Group, Inc., for repairs to the existing stadium seating area at Memorial Stadium; increasing the original contract price to a price not-to-exceed \$38,475.00 and extending the project**

completion date an additional seven (7) calendar days. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Other Items

22. Project Updates (City Manager Paul Dyal)

Mr. Dyal reported due to Hurricane Idalia there were no project updates at this time.

23. Informational Purposes Only - City Attorney, Robinson, Kennon and Kendron, P.A. invoice for August 2023. Folds Walker, LLC invoice for August 2023

24. Discussion - Street Designation for Mariah Reginae Smith (Mayor Stephen Witt)

This Item was heard after approval of agenda.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Jernigan asked for an update on the Historical Welcome to Lake City Sign being moved on Marion Avenue. Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson reported the owner, who was donating the property, has been out of town.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk