

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on February 21, 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.

EVENTS PRIOR TO MEETING – 5:00 PM – City Council Photo Session

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member Jake Hill Jr.

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
C. Todd Sampson
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
Todd Kennon
Paul Dyal
Assistant Chief Andy Miles
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS – None

MINUTES

1. January 30, 2023 Special Called Regular Session
2. February 6, 2023 Regular Session

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the January 30, 2023 Special Called Regular Session and February 6, 2023 Regular Session minutes. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Witt reported there was a request to remove Item #12. **Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Joshua Garner – declined to speak
- Glenel Bowden
- Aaron Trippensee
- Tony Geiger

- Conrad Wallace
- Sylvester Warren

PRESENTATION FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEM - Chris Keller from Wetland Solutions Inc. made a PowerPoint presentation on the grant identified as Item 3 under the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval for the City, with assistance from Wetland Solutions, Inc., to apply for a grant in the amount of \$11,300,000.00 to convert the South Sprayfield into a treatment wetland in order to meet the new nutrient requirements.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Item 3. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Enterprise Fleet Management PowerPoint Presentation - Simon Ortega and Heather Bell

Simon Ortega and Heather Bell gave a brief overview of the program.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Verbal presentation from Schara Wilson, Wilson Family, owners of the Historic Theater located at 348 North Marion Avenue.

Schara Wilson and Stephanie Wilson owners of the Henry Wilson Performing Arts Theatre addressed members and requested support via a partnership for grants to restore their building at 348 North Marion Avenue. The Wilson family also requested partnership with the City via the donation of the parking lot adjacent to the theatre to alleviate parking issues.

Mr. Jernigan verified the hours, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 5PM to 7PM.

Mr. Sampson inquired about utilization of a grass parking lot to be maintained by the City that would also be available for use by the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden, Sylvester Warren, Davion Jones

Mr. Hill expressed his support and stated he is excited to partner with the Wilson family.

Ms. Young expressed her support and gratitude to the Wilson family.

Mr. Dyal expressed his support and asked the members for more specificity as to the grants and the parking lot.

Mr. Kennon recommended any grant or funding assistance pledged tonight be legally contingent on assurances with any future grants the city participates in to be approved individually by the City Council prior to the grant being submitted. This will allow time for the City to review what impact the grant will have on funding assistance for other projects.

Members concurred for administration to review what is needed on the parking lot and to bring back a recommendation to council.

Ms. Young made a motion to assist the Wilson family with grant opportunities. The motion provides that any grant assistance the City is partnering on must be presented and approved individually by the City Council prior to grant submittal. The motion provides for administration to review what is needed for the parking lot and to bring a recommendation back to council for consideration. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Other Items – None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

6. City Council Resolution No. 2023-014 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Four to the continuing contract with North Florida Professional Services, Inc., providing for engineering services related to the Evergreen Drainage Ditch; providing for payment for the professional services at a cost of not to exceed \$5,600.00; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-014, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Number Four to the continuing contract with North Florida Professional Services, Inc., providing for engineering services related to the Evergreen Drainage Ditch, and providing for payment for the professional services at a cost of not to exceed \$5,600.00. 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

7. City Council Resolution No. 2023-015 - 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 Environmental Protection, to facilitate the expansion of the existing recharge wetland through conversion at the Steedly Spray Field Site to a groundwater recharge wetland and reimburse the City for certain costs expended up to an amount of \$6,100,000.00. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-015, authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, to facilitate the expansion of the existing recharge wetland through conversion at the Steedly Spray Field Site to a groundwater recharge wetland and reimburse the City for certain costs expended up to an amount of \$6,100,000.00. 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

8. City Council Resolution No. 2023-016 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting a Public Record Requests Policy; providing for repeal of previous policies; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-016, adopting a Public Record Requests Policy. Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

Members discussed changing the amount of time at which citizens would be charged for requests.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed on a 4-1 vote.

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

Mr. Hill made a motion to table City Council Resolution No. 2023-016. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

9. City Council Resolution No. 2023-017 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing the City, by and through the Lake City Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Flock Group, Inc., for investigative purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Assistant Chief Miles updated members on what the Memorandum of Understanding would cover.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Information Technology Director Matt Benedetti updated members on the installation status of the new security cameras.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-017, authorizing the City, by and through the Lake City Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Flock Group, Inc., for investigative purposes. Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren

Mr. Sampson asked for an update on the Gunshot Detection System, and for it to be added to the next agenda.

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

10. City Council Resolution No. 2023-019 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the execution of a contract with Kurt Spitzer & Associates, Inc.; providing for professional services related to the redistricting for the City; waiving the procurement process pursuant to Section 2-178(G)(2) of the City Code; authorizing and agreement price not-to-exceed \$27,500.00; authorizing additional charges as necessary for a price not-to-exceed \$10,000.00; providing for conflict; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-019, authorizing the execution of a contract with Kurt Spitzer & Associates, Inc.; providing for professional services related to the redistricting for the City; waiving the procurement process pursuant to Section 2-178(G)(2) of the**

City Code; authorizing and agreement price not-to-exceed \$27,500.00, and authorizing additional charges as necessary for a price not-to-exceed \$10,000.00. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Glenel Bowden

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

Other Items

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Capital outlay paving projects (Interim Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson)

Interim Assistant City Manager reported the City is working with an engineer to identity a ranking of the road projects in the budget. He stated the rankings are due back next week. Upon receipt of the rankings he would like a consensus from the members to get started on the schedule.

Ms. Young reported she has received a phone call regarding the condition of Camp Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren, Glenel Bowden

Members concurred for staff to bring the rankings back to the council.

12. Discussion and Possible Action: Aviation Academy (Council Member Todd Sampson)

This Item was removed under approval of agenda.

13. For Information Purposes Only - Annual Report of Investment Activity for Police and Fire Pension

Mr. Dyal reported this was for informational purposes only.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt stated the April 3, 2023 meeting would need to be discussed at the next meeting, as some members would be out of town attending Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee.

Ms. Young spoke to unfinished projects.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk