

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in a Special Called Session, on September 26, 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 – Reverend Pamela Green

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Dyal spoke in support of staff and in support of Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson being qualified to serve as Interim City Manager.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Cassie Villan
- Sylvester Warren
- Glenel Bowden

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

1. City Council Resolution No. 2023-112 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, accepting the resignation of Paul Dyal as City Manager; and providing for an effective date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sylvester Warren; Glenel Bowden

Mayor Witt called for a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-112, no motions were made.

Mr. Hill spoke in support of Mr. Dyal and stated he would like for him to stay as City Manager.

Mr. Jernigan spoke in support of Mr. Dyal and suggested an evaluation of the City Manager that could lead to funding a salary increase. He asked Mr. Dyal to reconsider. Mr. Jernigan discussed meeting decorum.

Mr. Sampson discussed the importance of having a plan in place for the City Manager position, needing a process on how agenda items are presented and meeting decorum.

Ms. Young asked Mr. Dyal to explain what lead him to the decision of leaving, and what the City Council could do for him to reconsider his resignation.

Mr. Dyal explained the dysfunction of the council the past several meetings over the last several months, bypassing of City Administration on agenda items could potentially lead to ethical and legal violations and council getting involved in day to day operations. He encouraged the members if a citizen needs something, to pass it along to administration to be vetted. Mr. Dyal reminded members it places a heavy burden on administration when items are not fully vetted and placed on the agenda as an action item. He stated whether he stays or not these are items that must be addressed or the next individual won't be successful.

Mayor Witt asked Mr. Dyal if he would consider staying on a couple more months.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to table City Council Resolution No. 2023-112. 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

2. Discussion and possible action - Appointment of Interim City Manager (Mayor Stephen Witt)

City Council Resolution No. 2023-113 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, appointing Interim City Manager, granting authority to the Interim City Manager, providing authority to Interim City Manager and City Finance Director, by joint signatures, to sign all checks and vouchers on all City bank accounts; and providing for an effective date.

Since Item #1 was tabled this item was not discussed.

Other Items

3. Discussion and Possible Action - City Manager Hiring Process (Council Member Todd Sampson)

Since Item #1 was tabled this item was not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sampson made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 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