

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Workshop, on January 22, 2024 beginning at 6:00 P.M., 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.

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member City Council	Stephen M. Witt Jake Hill, Jr. Chevella Young – absent
City Attorney Interim City Manager Sergeant-at-Arms City Clerk	Ricky Jernigan Clay Martin Dee Johnson Chief Gerald Butler Audrey Sikes

After Mayor Witt read the rules of decorum aloud, Mr. Jernigan inquired about consequences should someone violate the rules. Mayor Witt reported the citizen would be removed from the meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Mariah Fund

Mr. Johnson reported reaching out to CareerSource Florida Crown for preliminary discussions on youth programs that were currently available. He asked members for guidance on a possible partnership and provided council with a handout identifying programs offered.

Mayor Witt stated accountability with funds was the main objective. He suggested with Council direction, Mr. Johnson coming up with a more specific program to present to members.

Mr. Hill inquired as to how the funds would be spent if the City were to enter into an agreement with CareerSource.

Mayor Witt suggested periodic reviews on how funds were being spent.

Mr. Jernigan stated he wanted the family of Mariah involved in the planning process, and suggested administration get input from other entities such as the Police Department, High School, Richardson Community Center, and the College.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Aleda Gaskinks
- Befaihtful Coker
- Sylvester Warren

- Jason Futch with Suwannee Valley Unsolved
- Pamela Green
- Michael Ferrell
- Carol Tunsil – provided handout to members
- Dr. Phillip Mobley
- Travis George
- Al Nelson

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt thanked everyone for their valuable input.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for attending and sharing their thoughts.

Mr. Jernigan thanked Mariah's family for attending and for citizen input.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hill made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 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