

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Workshop, on February 26, 2024 beginning at 6:26 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
Ricky Jernigan
James Carter
Clay Martin
Dee Johnson
Chief Gerald Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
Interim City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sylvester Warren
- Glenel Bowden
- Stew Lilker
- Ben Lofstrom

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. City Council Meeting Decorum

Mr. Jernigan suggested adding wording to the Roll Call section of the agenda that would inform citizens and members on what would happen if they violated the rules of decorum.

Members discussed time limits for public comment and comments on agenda items; they concurred to keep the current three-minute time limit.

Mayor Witt inquired as to when public comment should be taken on an item.

City Attorney Clay Martin reported public comment should be taken after a motion is made, as is defined in Robert's Rules of Order, but members could adjust the rules accordingly to take public comments prior to the proposition.

Mr. Jernigan spoke in support of following Robert's Rules of Order as adopted.

Mayor Witt and Mr. Carter spoke in support of having public comment prior to a motion being made.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Glenel Bowden; Sylvester Warren; Stew Lilker; Ben Lofstrom; Alice Heckerd

Mr. Jernigan spoke in support of the proposed verbiage he presented for Section 2-46 Decorum, that would allow any member of the City Council to move to require the presiding officer to act to enforce the rules. Mayor Witt concurred to incorporate this verbiage.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Glenel Bowden;

2. Application and Policy for Grant Funding Request \$5,000.00 max (Community Program Director Terri Phillips)

Ms. Phillips presented the application and policy for review to members. She discussed a program for them to consider, the Mayor's Matching Grant Program to which the City Council members would serve as the review panel. Ms. Phillips asked members to review the program materials and provide feedback.

Mayor Witt asked members to provide feedback on the proposed application and policy. Staff will receive input from council and come back with an application and policy via resolution for council consideration.

Mr. Jernigan thanked Ms. Phillips and Mr. Johnson for their work on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Glenel Bowden

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Carter thanked members for the appointment to City Council District 13.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jernigan made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk