

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 18, 2017 beginning at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Council Member Jake Hill, Jr.

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member City Council	Stephen M. Witt Jake Hill, Jr. Eugene Jefferson Melinda Moses - absent George Ward
City Attorney Assistant City Manager Sergeant-at-Arms City Clerk	Frederick Koberlein, Jr. Grayson Cason Chief Argatha Gilmore Audrey Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Ward made a motion to move agenda item 10A1 and 10B1 (Ordinance No. 2017-2090) to 5A1 and 5B1 and then to renumber remaining agenda items and to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 2017-2090 (first reading) if adopted, relates to the rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land from Residential Single Family-2 (RSF2) to Residential Office (RO) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City. This property is located at 600 Sycamore Terrace (behind the Lifestyle Enrichment Center on Baya) and Sorensen & Smith, LLC, is the Petitioner.

B. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 2017-2090 (first reading)
Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-2090 on first reading, rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres

of land from Residential Single Family-2 (RSF2) to Residential Office (RO) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City. This property is located at 600 Sycamore Terrace (behind the Lifestyle Enrichment Center on Baya. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

6. BUDGET HEARINGS

At this time Mayor Witt opened a public hearing to accept input from all interested parties relative to the discussion, consideration, and tentative approval of the City's 2017-2018 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 asked for all speakers to identify themselves by name and address. Mayor Witt stated the Finance Director would provide a summary of the budget process and addressed those items essential to compliance with the State of Florida Truth In Millage (TRIM) requirements.

Finance Director Donna Duncan reported the City Council proposes a final millage rate of 4.9000 mills and a final capital and operating budget of \$57,874,477 for fiscal year 2017-2018. She stated Council action tonight constitutes the "final" budget hearing as required by State TRIM criteria and was announced to the General Public by public TRIM notices mailed by the Columbia County Property Appraiser on September 14, 2017. Ms. Duncan reported during this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed:

- The Council will discuss the 2017-2018 millage and operating budget and allow citizen input as appropriate.
- The Council will direct announcement of the tentative millage rate proposed for adoption and of any increase, decrease, or no change.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Millage Resolution No. 2017-077.
- The Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2017-077 on final reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2017-078
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. 2017-078 on final reading.

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

- Stew Lilker addressed the need to no longer fund the Olustee Festival.

Mayor Witt asked if there were any comments of Council. Hearing none the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

Finance Director Donna Duncan 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 2017-2018 operating budget. The current year proposed operating millage rate is a 2.68% increase from the 4.7719 rolled-back millage rate as defined by Florida Statutes and represents no change from the previous year's millage rate of 4.9000 mills.

- A. City Council Resolution No. 2017-077, if adopted, will adopt a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City of Lake City for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and provide an effective date. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-077, adopting a millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for the City of Lake City for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and provide an effective date. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

- B. City Council Resolution No. 2017-078, if adopted, will adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and provide an effective date. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-078, adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and providing an effective date. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

At this time Mayor Witt closed the Final Hearing of the FY 2017 Budget.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permit application from VFW Post 2206 to hold the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. All supporting documents including certificate of insurance have been provided.

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of item A identified above. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

8. PRESENTATIONS

None

9. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

A. Sandra Smith, 350 SW St. Johns St. Lake City, FL, addressed an emergency shelter issue from most recent storm.

B. Gopal Surti spoke on the budget and the fire assessment.

C. Ron Williams II, 993 Lake Jeffery Rd Lake City, FL, addressed Mayor Witt of support for the issues the Mayor was currently experiencing. He also addressed concerns of stormwater issues he was experiencing at his church and the complaint filed by Mr. Allen Gibbs and the Suwannee River Water Management River District response.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None

11. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

None

12. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Witt reminded everyone for the upcoming recognition on September 24th for Mr. James Montgomery at the fairgrounds at 3pm.

Ms. Sikes introduced new Records Coordinator, Nikki Starling, with the City Clerk's Office to the Council.

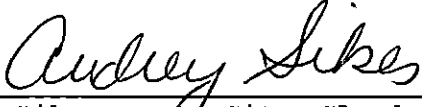
Mr. Hill addressed concerns with drag racing in his district and lack of police presence.

13. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk