

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on September 5, 2017 beginning at 6:20 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Mayor Stephen Witt

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. FIRE ASSESSMENT/BUDGET HEARINGS

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purposes of hearing comments on the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016. City Council Resolution No. 2017-079 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Resolution No. 2017-079. The following individuals addressed City Council regarding City Council Resolution No. 2017-079:

- a. Cindi Brennan addressed Council on a 42% increase to the fire assessment.
- b. Pablo Barrientos, 490 NW Ridgewood Avenue, Lake City, FL spoke in opposition of the fire assessment.

- c. Shawn Raggins, 1361 SW Indian Glen, Lake City, FL spoke in opposition to an increase in the fire assessment.
- d. Barbara Lemley spoke in opposition to an increase in the fire assessment.
- e. Gopal Surti spoke in opposition to an increase in the fire assessment.
- f. Tom Eagle spoke in opposition to an increase in the fire assessment.

With no other individuals wishing to be heard regarding City Council Resolution 2017-079, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

A. City Council Resolution No. 2017-079, if adopted, relates to the provision of Fire Protection Services, Facilities and Programs in the City; reimposing Fire Protection Assessments with updated assessment rates against assessed property located within the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017; approving the Rates of Assessment; approving the Final Assessment Roll; confirming and supplementing the Preliminary Rate Resolution; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-079, relating to the provision of Fire Protection Services, Facilities and Programs in the City; reimposing Fire Protection Assessments with updated assessment rates against assessed property located within the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017; approving the Rates of Assessment; approving the Final Assessment Roll; confirming and supplementing the Preliminary Rate Resolution; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed.

Mr. Ward	Aye
Ms. Moses	Nay
Mr. Jefferson	Nay
Mr. Hill	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

Ms. Moses made a motion to reconsider City Council Resolution No. 2017-079, relating to the provision of Fire Protection Services, Facilities and Programs in the City; reimposing Fire Protection Assessments with updated assessment rates against assessed property located within the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017; approving the Rates of Assessment; approving the Final Assessment Roll; confirming and supplementing the Preliminary Rate Resolution; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Mr. Jefferson

seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Nay
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-079, relating to the provision of Fire Protection Services, Facilities and Programs in the City; reimposing Fire Protection Assessments with updated assessment rates against assessed property located within the City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2017; approving the Rates of Assessment; approving the Final Assessment Roll; confirming and supplementing the Preliminary Rate Resolution; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

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 "tentative" 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 August 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 first reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2017-078
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. 2017-078 on first reading.

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

- Barbara Lemley, 393 NW Fairway Dr. Lake City, FL, inquired about the gym membership.
- Sandra Buckamp, 238 NW Burke Ave., Lake City, FL asked for the budget totals due to being unable to hear the summary that was read by the Finance Director.

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 proposed millage rate to be adopted, the rolled-back millage rate, and any change the proposed 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 tentative 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.

- B. 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. Ms. Moses 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.

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

- C. 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. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
None

7. PRESENTATIONS
None

8. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
A. Lucious George, 395 NE Fronie St., Lake City, FL addressed damage to the northwest section of Lake City and also his concerns with the upcoming storm.

9. OLD BUSINESS
None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2017-080, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Lake City, Florida and Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC, and Blanche Master Tenant, LLC, and Blanche Financial Corporation, Inc., and Integrity Development Partners, LLC, relating to the redevelopment of the property located in Block 14 of the Central Division of the City (The "Blanche Property"), and authorizes the City to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with Blanche Hotel Redevelopment LLC, and Blanche Master Tenant, LLC for a portion of the Blanche property. Mr. Ward made a motion

to table City Council Resolution No. 2017-080, authorizing the City to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Lake City, Florida and Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC, and Blanche Master Tenant, LLC, and Blanche Financial Corporation, Inc., and Integrity Development Partners, LLC, relating to the redevelopment of the property located in Block 14 of the Central Division of the City (The "Blanche Property"), and authorizes the City to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with Blanche Hotel Redevelopment LLC, and Blanche Master Tenant, LLC for a portion of the Blanche property. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mr. Ward	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

2. City Council Resolution No. 2017-072, if adopted, will appoint Vivian Douberly to serve as a Member on the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustments. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-072, appointing Vivian Douberly to serve as a Member on the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2017-073, if adopted, will appoint James Swisher, Jr. to serve as a Member on the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-073, appointing James Swisher, Jr. to serve as a Member on the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2017-074, if adopted, will confirm the selection of Alfred Torrains made by a majority of the Resident Members and Elected Member Trustees of the

Board of Trustees of the Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund to serve as the Fifth Member on the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 175.061, Florida Statutes. Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-074, confirming the selection of Alfred Torrans made by a majority of the Resident Members and Elected Member Trustees of the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Firefighters Pension Trust Fund to serve as the Fifth Member on the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 175.061, Florida Statutes. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

5. City Council Resolution No. 2017-075, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into Task Assignment Number Two to the basic contract with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., for professional consulting services related to providing biosolids permitting services at the Branford Road Biosolids Site; and to pay a not-to-exceed amount of \$14,750.00. Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-075, authorizing the City to enter into Task Assignment Number Two to the basic contract with Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., for professional consulting services related to providing biosolids permitting services at the Branford Road Biosolids Site; and to pay a not-to-exceed amount of \$14,750.00. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

6. City Council Resolution No. 2017-076, if adopted, will authorize the City to enter into Amendment Number Two to Task Assignment Number Five to the basic contract between the City and Mott MacDonald Florida, LLC for professional engineering services associated with a 3.0 MGD expansion to the Kicklighter Water Reclamation Facility for a fee not to exceed \$28,832.00. Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-076, authorizing the City to enter into Amendment Number Two to Task Assignment

Number Five to the basic contract between the City and Mott MacDonald Florida, LLC for professional engineering services associated with a 3.0 MGD expansion to the Kicklighter Water Reclamation Facility for a fee not to exceed \$28,832.00. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

11. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

None

12. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Hill thanked all those came out regarding the Blanche project and he stated he did not support this project.

13. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member



Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk