

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Workshop, on September 5, 2017 beginning at 5:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

## PRESENT:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER  
Mayor Witt called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL  
Attendance is indicated above.
3. COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF BLANCHE HOTEL REDEVELOPEMNT PROJECT
  - A. Jerome Leszkiewicz, 787 SE Evergreen Dr. Lake City, spoke in favor of the project to preserve downtown Lake City.
  - B. Janet Creel, 540 W. Duval St. Lake City, addressed the council with concerns about the Blanche.
  - C. Harold Perry, 184 NW Bascom Norris Dr. Lake City, spoke against the Blanche Hotel, and also provided handouts.
  - D. Barbara Lemley, 393 NW Fairway Dr. Lake City, FL, opposes using tax dollars to redevelop the Blanche.
  - E. Linard Johnson, 174 NW Towerview Gln., Lake City, discussed the cost beyond the idea of the project.
  - F. Sandra J. Sieg-Smith, 1824 SW Paloma Ct Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
  - G. Bruce Alexander, 4161 NW Telfair Gln. Lake City, addressed that he was in favor of the funds being spent on stormwater opposed to the Blanche Hotel.

- H. Charles Keith, 638 NW Clubview Cir. Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
  - I. Tina Bryan, 3644 SE Country Club Rd. Lake City, did not officially speak but was opposed to the Blanche project.
  - J. Gopal Surti, 225 NE Semester Pl. Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project and the fire assessment.
  - K. George M. Hayes, 103 SW Aloe Ct. Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
  - L. Tom Eagle asked for an economic study to be done.
  - M. Sylvester Warren III, 832 NE Richardson Ter. Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
  - N. Brenda Matthews, 384 SW Dexter Cir. Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project and addressed the fire assessment.
  - O. Edith Gaddis, 264 NE Voss Rd. Lake City, addressed the council about water and gas lines, speed bumps, and asked about sidewalks.
4. All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

  
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Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

  
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Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk