

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on November 13, 2017 beginning at 6:30 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/Councilman
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
Melinda Moses
George Ward
Fred Koberlein, Jr.
Wendell Johnson
Chief Gerald Butler
Michele Greene

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

3. PERSON WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- A. George M. Hayes, 103 SW Aloe Court, Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
- B. Ricky Jernigan, 1723 SW Leslie Glen, Lake City, asked the Council to make the right decision in regards to the Blanche project.
- C. Matthew Erkinger, 509 SW Savannah Circle, Lake City, as a volunteer for many years in the City's Planning and Zoning Board, he had listed the pros and cons of the project. He provided a historical background of his business experience in the downtown area. He discussed his concerns with a vote for the Blanche project.
- D. Sandra Buckcamp spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
- E. Barbara Lemley, 393 NW Fairway Drive, Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.

- F. Charles Keith, 638 NW Clubview Circle, Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project and that he felt Mr. Ward should have recused himself.
- G. Cordez King, 194 NE Derby Terrace, Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
- H. Sylvester Warren III, 832 NE Richardson Terrace, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project. Mr. Warren stated Mr. Hill was the only councilmember trying to do the right thing.
- I. Gloria Spivey, 158 SW Knox Street, Lake City spoke in favor of the Blanche project. She thanked Council for their efforts.
- J. Surti Gopal spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
- K. Jacquelyn Graham, 738 NE Colorado Terrace, Lake City, spoke in opposition of the Blanche project.
- L. Paul Twing, 162 NW Live Oak Place, Lake City, spoke in favor of the Blanche project.
- M. Sandra Smith, 350 SW Saint Johns, Lake City, commented on that the vote for the Blanche should have been by a referendum vote. She stated that the new plan appears to be more diverse and inclusive. She did have concerns about the financial side of the project.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS


1. City Council Resolution No. 2017-080, will authorize the City to enter into a Development Agreement relating to the redevelopment of the property located in Block 14 of the central division of the City, A/K/A "The Blanche" with Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC, and IDP Blanche Manager, LLC and Blanche Financial Corporation, Inc., and authorized the City to enter into a Rent Advance and Refund Agreement with Blanche Master Tenant, LLC, and Blanche Manager, LLC and Integrity Development Partners, LLC. Ms. Moses commented on the Blanche project has been discussed as part of the downtown master plan. With this workshops were held for comments. She felt this project was needed to make downtown. Mr. Ward commented about the concern of the risk involved with the project and stated that IDP had the greatest risk and he would support the project. Mr. Hill commented that the Blanche project was not the way to revive the downtown. Mayor Witt commented that he had received very little calls against the project. Mr. Jefferson commented that he felt he had talked with a majority of District 10 and would vote the will of his district.

Mr. Ward made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2017-080, authorizing the City to enter into a Development Agreement relating to the redevelopment of the property located in Block 14 of the central division of the City, A/K/A "The Blanche" with Blanche Hotel Redevelopment, LLC, and IDP Blanche Manager, LLC and Blanche Financial Corporation, Inc., and authorized the City to enter into a Rent Advance and Refund Agreement with Blanche Master Tenant, LLC, and Blanche Manager, LLC and Integrity Development Partners, LLC. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

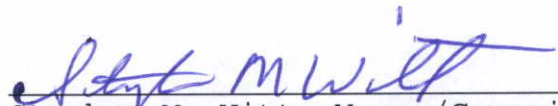
Mr. Ward	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Nay
Mr. Hill	Nay
Mayor Witt	Aye

5. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL
None

6. ADJOURNMENT
All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.



Michele Greene, Acting City Clerk



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member