

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on May 9, 2018, 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 - Mayor Stephen M. Witt

1. ROLL CALL

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| Mayor/Council Member | Stephen M. Witt |
| Vice Mayor/Council Member | Jake Hill, Jr. |
| City Council | Eugene Jefferson |
| | Melinda Moses |
| | George Ward |
| City Attorney | Fred Koberlein, Jr. |
| Interim City Manager | Grayson Cason |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Chief Gerald Butler |
| City Clerk | Audrey Sikes |

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Manager Search-Finalize short list of applicants

Mayor Witt stated the purpose of the meeting today is for the council to determine how many applicants to short list for interview purposes and when to conduct the interviews.

Ms. Greene referenced the summary of compiled information that was provided to the members on the thirteen (13) candidates from the initial short list. She reported nine (9) candidates remain in the pool of applicants. Ms. Greene recommended for council consideration, selecting the top five (5) ranked applicants with an alternate to move forward with the interview process.

Mayor Witt, Ms. Moses and Mr. Ward concurred with this interview concept. Mr. Hill stated he would like to include Nick Harwell instead of Mr. Helfenberger in his top five for the interview process. Mayor Witt suggested interviewing the top five ranked applicants and adding Mr. Harwell as the sixth candidate. Mr. Jefferson concurred with that recommendation. Mr. Ward discussed

.the importance of fairness to the applicant ratings and how those ratings were applied for interview purposes.

Mr. Ward made a motion to interview the top five (5) ranked candidates (Joseph Helfenberger, Danielle Judd, Glenn Irby, Charles Hammond and David Kraus). The motion provides authorization to incorporate Vince Akhimie as an alternate should one of the top five candidate be eliminated. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Mayor Witt reminded members to provide 3-5 questions to Ms. Greene by Friday, May 18th, 2018.

Ms. Greene will provide to the members questions from the previous City Manager hiring process and the questions provided by the ICMA Senior Advisor. She will also forward any additional information the City receives on candidates being interviewed.

Ms. Greene will coordinate times for the interviews. The target date is Wednesday, June 6th, 2018 starting at 9AM.

Mr. Hill asked if Chief Gilmore still lived in the City. Mr. Cason responded that yes she did.

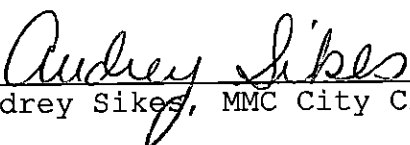
Mr. Stew Lilker inquired about criteria for interviews. Mayor Witt stated the criteria had not been set yet.

5. NEW BUSINESS
None

6. DEPARTMENTAL ADMISNTRATION
None

7. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
None

8. ADJOURNMENT
All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M. on a motion made and duly seconded.


Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk


Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member