

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on July 20, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member Eugene Jefferson

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
Vice Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Eugene Jefferson
Chris Greene
Jake Hill, Jr.-tardy
Melinda Moses
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Joseph Helfenberger
Chief Argatha Gilmore
Katy McCrary

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

None

6. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1. Glenel Bowden, addressed Council about providing the public with a written statement from Council encouraging citizens to wear masks and social distance.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES:

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2158. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2158 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard

regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2158. No one asked to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2158 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

1. Ordinance No. 2020-2158 (final reading), if adopted, will authorize the submission of amendments to the City Charter to the electorate as proposed by the Charter Review Board; amending Section 105 of the City Charter to prohibit discriminatory practices and actions to be consistent with State and Federal Laws; amending Section 305 of the City Charter to provide that the Courts of Law shall be the Judge of the Elections; amending Section 306 of the City Charter to provide for revisions to the appointment and employment of the City Clerk and establish duties and responsibilities of the Charter Officer Position; amending Section 404 of the City Charter to provide for the removal of references to only four protected classes of groups protected from discriminatory practices and actions of the City Manager and adding Section 105(c) to the City Charter; amending Section 505 of the City Charter to provide for the replacement of the term "Absentee" with "Vote-By-Mail" to agree with the Florida Election Code; amending Section 512 of the City Charter to provide for the canvassing of returns of an election by either the City Council or the Columbia County Canvassing Board; amending Section 513 of the City Charter to provide for the removal of references to a City Auditor; amending Section 603 of the City Charter to provide for revisions to the qualifications, powers, duties and term of the City Attorney as a Charter Officer; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2158, on final reading, authorizing the submission of amendments to the City Charter to the electorate as proposed by the Charter Review Board; amending Section 105 of the City Charter to prohibit discriminatory practices and actions to be consistent with State and Federal Laws; amending Section 305 of the City Charter to provide that the Courts of Law shall be the Judge of the Elections; amending Section 306 of the City Charter to provide for revisions to the appointment and employment of the City Clerk and establish duties and responsibilities of the Charter Officer Position; amending Section 404 of the City Charter to provide for the removal of references to only four protected classes of groups protected from discriminatory practices and actions of the City Manager and adding Section 105(c) to the City Charter; amending Section 505 of the City Charter to provide for the replacement of the term "Absentee" with "Vote-By-Mail" to agree with the Florida Election Code; amending Section 512 of the City Charter to provide for the canvassing of returns of an election by either the City Council or the Columbia County Canvassing Board; amending Section 513 of the City Charter to provide for the removal of references to a City Auditor and amending Section 603 of the City Charter to provide for revisions to the qualifications, powers, duties and term of the City Attorney as a Charter Officer. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2159. City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2159 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2159. No one asked to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2020-2159 therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

1. Ordinance No. 2020-2159 (final reading), if adopted, to provide that water and sewer impact fees be waived and suspended for a period of six (6) months as an inducement for economic development; requiring any applicant seeking to take advantage of the development incentive to apply for and acquire a building permit and commence construction of the development prior to the expiration of the Development Period; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2159, on final reading, providing that water and sewer impact fees be waived and suspended for a period of six (6) months as an inducement for economic development and requiring any applicant seeking to take advantage of the development incentive to apply for and acquire a building permit and commence construction of the development prior to the expiration of the Development Period. 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. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 2020-2160 (first reading), if adopted, will amend the land use classification from County Residential Low Density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to City Residential Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. This property is owned by Ralph Peter Mazzocchi and is located at 1175 NW Lake Jeffery Road. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2160, on first reading, amending the land use classification from County Residential Low Density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to City Residential Medium Density (less than or equal to 8 dwelling units per acre) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. This property is owned by Ralph Peter Mazzocchi and is located at 1175 NW Lake Jeffery Road. 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. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

2. Ordinance No. 2020-2161 (first reading), if adopted, relates to the rezoning of ten or more contiguous acres of land from County Residential, Single-Family-2 (RSF-2) to City Residential, Single Family-1 (RSF-1) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. This property is owned by Ralph Peter Mazzocchi and is located at 1175 NW Lake Jeffery Road. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2161, on first reading, relating to the rezoning of ten or more contiguous acres of land from County Residential, Single-Family-2 (RSF-2) to City Residential, Single Family-1 (RSF-1) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. This property is owned by Ralph Peter Mazzocchi and is located at 1175 NW Lake Jeffery Road. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

B. RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Council Resolution No. 2020-053, if adopted, will authorize the execution of Task Assignment Ten with Passero Associates, LLC, for professional services related to the Airport Master Plan, Airport Layout Plan, and Disadvantaged Enterprise Business Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$331,833.00. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-053, authorizing the execution of Task Assignment Ten with Passero Associates, LLC, for professional services related to the Airport Master Plan, Airport Layout Plan, and Disadvantaged Enterprise Business Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$331,833.00. 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. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

2. City Council Resolution No. 2020-062, if adopted, will accept the Bid (ITB-018-2020) from JT Ruby Contracting, Inc., for the purchase and installation of a commercial grade irrigation system at Wilson Park and authorizes the City to execute an Agreement with the contractor. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-062, accepting the Bid (ITB-018-2020) from JT Ruby Contracting, Inc., for the purchase and installation of a commercial grade**

irrigation system at Wilson Park and authorizes the City to execute an Agreement with the contractor. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2020-063, if adopted, will accept the Bid (ITB-019-2020) from TAW Lake City Service Center, Inc., for the purchase and installation of two (2) Variable Frequency Drives and one (1) Soft Start Drive at the St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility and authorizes the City to execute an Agreement with the contractor. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-063, accepting the Bid (ITB-019-2020) from TAW Lake City Service Center, Inc., for the purchase and installation of two (2) Variable Frequency Drives and one (1) Soft Start Drive at the St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility and authorizes the City to execute an Agreement with the contractor. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

4. City Council Resolution No. 2020-064, if adopted, will ratify the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-064, ratifying the Mayor's extension of the State of Emergency arising from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. 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. Greene	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

5. City Council Resolution No. 2020-065, if adopted, will approve an Addendum to the Agreement with Mario Coppock relating to post-employment benefits, to include a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,867.04. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-065, approving an Addendum to the Agreement with Mario Coppock relating to post-employment benefits, to include a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,867.04. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

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

10. DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Helfenberger reported the August meetings would be held virtually.

Mr. Helfenberger is in the process of researching the ownership of Olustee Park. He received an estimate of \$145,956.00 to move the monument and \$129,000.00 for a new monument. Mr. Helfenberger is seeking a final legal opinion prior to the August Council Workshop on the subject.

Mr. Helfenberger encouraged Council Members to send letters to the Lake Shore Hospital Authority if they would like to see the continuance of services Lake Shore Hospital currently provides in Lake City as Shands is leaving their current service contract with the Lake Shore Hospital Authority.

Members concurred to send letters to the Lake Shore Hospital Authority Board.

12. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Moses would like a letter drafted and sent out encouraging citizens to wear a mask.

13. ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Katy McCrary, Deputy City Clerk