

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on September 9, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M., via Communications Media Technology.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen M. Witt

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member	Stephen M. Witt
Vice Mayor/Council Member	Melinda Moses
City Council	Chris Greene
	Jake Hill, Jr.
	Eugene Jefferson
City Attorney	Frederick Koberlein, Sr.
City Manager	Joseph Helfenberger
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey Sikes

2. PROCLAMATIONS

None

3. MINUTES

- A. Regular Session-June 1, 2020
- B. Regular Session-June 15, 2020
- C. Regular Session-July 6, 2020

Ms. Moses made a motion to approve the June 1, 2020, June 15, 2020, and July 6, 2020 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Greene made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Fair Housing Workshop and First Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

1. Ms. Melissa Fox, Grants Compliance Manager, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. gave a PowerPoint Presentation to Council for the Fair Housing Workshop.

Upon completion of the presentation, Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing to receive comments on the Fair Housing Workshop. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to speak regarding the Fair Housing Workshop. No one asked to be heard, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

2. Ms. Melissa Fox, Grants Compliance Manager, Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. gave a PowerPoint Presentation to Council for the 2019 CDBG Grant Application.

Upon completion of the presentation, Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to speak regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). No one asked to be heard, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

Mr. Greene made a motion to proceed with Wilson Park Phase II. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

6. FIRE ASSESSMENT/BUDGET HEARINGS

At this time Mayor Witt closed the regular session and opened a public hearing on the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020. No one asked to be heard regarding the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

- A. City Council Resolution No. 2020-080, if adopted, constitutes the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Fire Assessment Resolution, relating to the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; reimposing fire protection assessments against assessed property located within the City of Lake City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020; approving the rates of assessment; approving the final assessment roll; confirming and supplementing the 2020 Preliminary Rate Resolution; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **Ms. Moses made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-080, constituting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Fire Assessment Resolution, relating to the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; reimposing fire protection assessments against assessed property located within the City of Lake**

City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020; approving the rates of assessment; approving the final assessment roll; confirming and supplementing the 2020 Preliminary Rate Resolution. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Greene	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
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 2020-2021 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. 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 tentative millage rate of 4.9000 mills and a tentative capital and operating budget of \$60,021,932 for fiscal year 2020-2021. 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, 2020. Ms. Duncan reported during this hearing, the following agenda will be addressed:

- The Council will discuss the 2020-2021 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. 2020-081.
- The Council will adopt Millage Resolution No. 2020-081 on first reading.
- The City Attorney will read, by title, Budget Resolution No. 2020-082.
- The Council will adopt Budget Resolution No. 2020-082 on first reading.

Mayor Witt declared the "Tentative Budget Hearing" open for discussion for public input followed by discussion by the City Council. No one from the public asked to be heard.

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 millage rate to be adopted, the rolled-back millage rate, and any change the tentative 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 2020-2021 operating budget. The current year proposed operating millage rate is a 0.88% increase from the 4.8571 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. 2020-081, if adopted, will adopt a millage rate for the levy of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and provide an effective date. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-081, adopting a millage rate for the levy of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Ms. Moses seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Mr. Greene	Aye
Ms. Moses	Aye
Mr. Jefferson	Absent – CMT dropped
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

At this time due to the public not being able to hear the meeting Mr. Hill made a motion to reschedule this meeting and redo all action that has taken place during this meeting. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk

***All action taken at this meeting will be redone at the next meeting**