

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Workshop, on November 2, 2020 beginning at 5:00 P.M., at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, located at 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, FL 32055. The meeting was also held via Communications Media Technology.

PRESENT:

Mayor/Councilman
City Council

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

Stephen M. Witt
Chris Greene
Jake Hill, Jr.
Eugene Jefferson
Melinda Moses (CMT)
Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
Joseph Helfenberger
Argatha Gilmore
Audrey E. Sikes

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. At 5:06 p.m. Ms. Moses stated she could not hear the audio and the meeting was stopped. At 5:15 p.m. the meeting reconvened with Ms. Moses present.

ROLL CALL

Attendance is indicated above.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

1. Lien Amnesty PowerPoint

Mr. Helfenberger gave a PowerPoint presentation on Lien Amnesty. He recommended trying the program for one year and then readdress.

Mr. Greene inquired as to what happens if multiple people own a property and all do not agree on an application for amnesty.

Mr. Koberlein stated the applicant can be any person who has substantial interest in the property.

Mr. Helfenberger will follow-up with an ordinance and bring back to Council for consideration.

Mr. Greene said it is a good program and encouraged persons to apply.

Ms. Moses asked the City to send a letter to all persons that could benefit from the program.

2. Council Rules

Mr. Helfenberger discussed past practice and went over his summation memo.

Mr. Jefferson stated he supports a 3-minute limit for public comments.

Members concurred each of them have the ability to start an ordinance or resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sylvester Warren addressed Council opposing a 3-minute time limit for public comments. He spoke in favor of Christmas lights for the North side of downtown, and supports a revolving fund for housing.

Mr. Helfenberger stated he could have a plan to deal with this at the next meeting.

Mr. Hill stated he is trying to get things done in his district.

Vanessa George addressed Council opposing a 3-minute time limit for public comment, and inquired about the Lien Amnesty application process.

Glenn Bowden addressed Council opposing a 3-minute limit for public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk