

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Special Session, on November 16, 2020 beginning at 5:30 P.M., via Communications Media Technology.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION-Mayor Stephen M. Witt

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, Jr.
City Manager	Joseph Helfenberger
Sergeant-at-Arms	Chief Argatha Gilmore
City Clerk	Audrey Sikes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Stew Lilker addressed Council regarding the Charter Amendment language relating to the City Attorney.

TOPICS

1. City Clerk to announce the returns of the election for the office of City Council Member District 13, proposed Charter Amendment Number One, proposed Charter Amendment Number Two, proposed Charter Amendment Number Three, Proposed Charter Amendment Number Four, proposed Charter Amendment Number Five, proposed Charter Amendment Number Six, proposed Charter Amendment Number Seven and proposed Charter Amendment Number Eight.

Mayor Witt asked Ms. Sikes to announce the returns of the election for the office of City Council Member District 13, proposed Charter Amendment Number One, proposed Charter Amendment Number Two, proposed Charter Amendment Number Three, Proposed Charter Amendment Number Four, proposed Charter Amendment Number Five, proposed Charter Amendment Number Six, proposed Charter Amendment Number Seven and proposed Charter Amendment Number Eight.. Ms. Sikes reported the results of this election as submitted by the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections Office, as follows:

City Council District 13

James Crenshaw	603	Representing (48.51%)
C. Todd Sampson	640	Representing (51.49%)

City Charter Amendment One relating to Section 105 – Rights of Officers and Employees

Yes	3,460	Representing (80.37%)
No	845	Representing (19.63%)

City Charter Amendment Two relating to Section 305 – Judge of Qualifications

Yes	3,412	Representing (79.42%)
No	884	Representing (20.58%)

City Charter Amendment Three relating to Section 306 – Duties of the City Clerk

Yes	3,514	Representing (82.43%)
No	749	Representing (17.57%)

City Charter Amendment Four relating to Section 404 – Powers & Duties of the City Manager

Yes	3,396	Representing (80.11%)
No	843	Representing (19.89%)

City Charter Amendment Five relating to Section 505 – Absentee Voting

Yes	3,070	Representing (71.76%)
No	1,208	Representing (28.24%)

City Charter Amendment Six relating to Section 512 – Canvass of Return

Yes	2,548	Representing (60.68%)
No	1,651	Representing (39.32%)

City Charter Amendment Seven relating to Section 513 – Oath of Office

Yes	3,116	Representing (73.42%)
No	1,128	Representing (26.58%)

City Charter Amendment Eight relating to Section 603 – City Attorney

Yes	3,305	Representing (77.60%)
No	954	Representing (22.40%)

Mr. Greene made a motion to accept the returns as submitted by the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections. 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

2. City Council Resolution No. 2020-132 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida declaring Christopher Todd Sampson to have been elected City Council member for

District Thirteen in the November 3, 2020, runoff election. **Mr. Jefferson made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-132, declaring Christopher Todd Sampson to have been elected City Council member for District Thirteen in the November 3, 2020, runoff election. 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

3. City Council Resolution No. 2020-133 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, confirming the results of the Canvassing Board relating to the Referendum Election on proposed Amendments to Sections 105(c), 305, 306, 404(b), 505, 512, 513, and 603 of the City Charter; confirming the adoption of the eight Amendments to the City Charter; directing the City Attorney to amend the City Charter to incorporate the amendments; and directing the City Clerk to file a copy of the amended and restated Charter with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida as required by state law. **Mr. Greene made a motion to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2020-133, confirming the results of the Canvassing Board relating to the Referendum Election on proposed Amendments to Sections 105(c), 305, 306, 404(b), 505, 512, 513, and 603 of the City Charter; confirming the adoption of the eight Amendments to the City Charter; directing the City Attorney to amend the City Charter to incorporate the amendments; and directing the City Clerk to file a copy of the amended and restated Charter with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida as required by state law. 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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. on a motion made and duly seconded.

Audrey Sikes, MMC City Clerk