

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on February 6, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida. Members of the public also viewed the meeting on our YouTube Channel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Mayor Stephen Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member
City Council

Stephen M. Witt
Jake Hill, Jr. – absent
C. Todd Sampson
Chevella Young
Ricky Jernigan
Danielle Adams
Paul Dyal
Chief Gerard Butler
Audrey Sikes

City Attorney
City Manager
Sergeant-at-Arms
City Clerk

MINUTES

- 1. January 17, 2023 Regular Session

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the January 17, 2023 Regular Session minutes as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Prior to Public Participation, Mr. Sampson read from a prepared statement. This is attached as Exhibit A.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Ron Williams II

Members concurred with Mr. Sampson and for staff to get with Ron Williams II to discuss Town Hall meetings to discuss gun violence in the community.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval to negotiate with the top ranked firm RS&H, Inc. for RFQ-004-2023 CEI Inspection/Observation Services for the resurfacing of Patterson Ave.

Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Mayor Witt to present Certificate of Completion from the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials to Council Member Chevella Young

Mayor Witt presented Council Member Chevella Young with a Certificate of Completion from the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials.

4. Suwannee River Water Management District Santa Fe River Flood Risk Review - Chief Professional Engineer, SRWMD, Leroy Marshall

Leroy Marshall gave a presentation relating to Flood Risk Review Meetings.

Public Comment – Joshua Gardner

OLD BUSINESS

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. 2023-2238. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2238 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2238. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2238, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2238 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 22-08, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from residential, low density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing for an effective date. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2238, on final reading, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Lake City Comprehensive Plan, as amended; relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, CPA 22-08, by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures**

established in Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and providing for changing the Future Land Use Classification from residential, low density (less than or equal to 2 dwelling units per acre) to commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Sampson Aye
Mr. Jernigan Aye
Ms. Young 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. 2023-2241. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2241 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2241. No one asked to speak on City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2241, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

- 6. City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2241 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 22-08, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from County Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to City Commercial, Intensive (CI) 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. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2023-2241, on final reading, amending the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended; relating to rezoning of less than ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 22-08, by the property owner of said acreage, and providing for rezoning from County Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to City Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, Florida. Ms. Young seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan Aye
Ms. Young Aye
Mr. Sampson Aye
Mayor Witt Aye

Other Items – None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

7. City Council Resolution No. 2023-006 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida authorizing and adopting a Mobile Device Policy; and providing an effective date. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-006, authorizing a Mobile Device Policy. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Resolution No. 2023-007 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, ratifying the voice vote of the City Council and authorizing the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with HAECO, leading property located at the Lake City Gateway Airport and authorizing execution of the lease. **Ms. Young made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-007, ratifying the voice vote of the City Council and authorizing the City to enter into a Lease Agreement with HAECO, leading property located at the Lake City Gateway Airport and authorizing execution of the lease. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion.**

Mr. Sampson reported he met with the Florida Gateway College President regarding an Aviation Academy, and requested this topic on the next agenda.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

9. City Council Resolution No. 2023-009 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for the award of up to \$34,380.00, from the Department of Transportation, for the second phase of the obstacle removal of trees/vegetation at the Lake City Gateway Airport. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-009, authorizing the City to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for the award of up to \$34,380.00, from the Department of Transportation, for the second phase of the obstacle removal of trees/vegetation at the Lake City Gateway Airport. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

10. City Council Resolution No. 2023-010 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. **Mr. Jernigan made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-010, declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus to its needs and sold at public noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Section 2-183 of the City Code, and authorizing the City to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the City. Mr. Sampson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Sampson	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

11. City Council Resolution No. 2023-011 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing the City, by and through its Police Department, to renew its Interagency Agreement with the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office to continue with the use of Criminal Justice Information for vendor personnel and security screening services. **Mr. Sampson made a motion to approve City Council Resolution No. 2023-011, authorizing the City, by and through its Police Department, to renew its Interagency Agreement with the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office to continue with the use of Criminal Justice Information for vendor personnel and security screening services. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

Mr. Sampson	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Other Items – None

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION – None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Jernigan complimented the Lake City Police Department in trying to control the ongoing gun violence.

Mr. Sampson reported the merge with the County dispatch would be beneficial to the City's efforts, and volunteered to attend the meetings as a representative of the City.

Ms. Young reported concerns are being expressed to her from the community, and stated everyone should work together in a professional manner.

Mr. Sampson reported the application deadline for the Summer Youth Program was April 6, 2023.

Mayor Witt stated the next City Council Meeting would be Tuesday, February 21, 2023 due to the City being closed for President's Day. He reminded members of the Council Photo Session prior to the meeting.

Ms. Young asked Chief Butler to provide an update on the security cameras being installed around the City Parks.

Chief Butler reported Phase I has been completed and is operational. He stated Information Technology Director Matt Benedetti is currently working with Motorola in starting Phase II, which will complete all other parks, including Annie Mattox and Sally Mae Jerry.

Chief Butler informed members he hoped to have a plan by the next Council meeting for the Gun Shot Detection System.

ADJOURNMENT

All matters having been handled, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM on a motion made and duly seconded.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk

Exhibit A

Council member
Todd Sampson prepared
Statement 2-6-2023
prior to Public Participation

Mr. Mayor,

As you are aware there were two more shootings in Lake City on Friday. We need to open our eyes and admit that we have an epidemic of gun violence. There is not a single cure, however, there is much opportunity for improvement.

A group of pastors have been working together, discussing, and exchanging ideas with the Police Chief and his staff. I'm aware that these conversations are ongoing and am hopeful they will bear fruit.

I know that the more involvement we can get from the community the more successful we can be in addressing the issue at hand. We need programs for community violence prevention, and we need the community to give voice to help develop the strategies that will give us the best opportunity for success.

This is not just a police operation but a responsibility for us all. We need meaningful discussion followed by action to make an impact. I would like to see this council schedule workshops so we can discuss directly with the community the ideas they have and what help they most need to bring an end to this violence. My recommendation would be to engage with this group of pastors and get scheduling put together that will maximize involvement. I think we should be open to scheduling these workshops any day of the week and any time of the day to give engagement opportunities to everyone who would like to participate.

I would like to ask this council to direct the administration to begin this process and engage with these pastors to set up meeting dates.

Time is precious and we are in urgent need.

"It always seems impossible until it is done." - Nelson Mandela