

The City Council in and for the citizens of the City of Lake City, Florida, met in Regular Session, on June 3, 2024 beginning at 6:22 PM. Due to the elevator being out of service, this meeting was held at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium located at 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, FL 32055. Members of the public also viewed the meeting on our YouTube Channel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Council Member/Mayor Stephen Witt

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Council Member City Council	Stephen M. Witt Jake Hill, Jr. Chevella Young Ricky Jernigan James Carter
City Attorney City Manager Sergeant-at-Arms City Clerk	Clay Martin Don Rosenthal Assistant Chief Andy Miles Audrey Sikes

Mayor Witt welcomed the new City Manager, Don Rosenthal.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Stew Lilker
- Sylvester Warren
- Glenel Bowden

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to award ITB No. 011-2024 Asphalt Annual Contract to Anderson Columbia, Co., Inc., the lowest bidder
2. Approval to award ITB No. 013-2024 Annual Contract for Oaklawn and Memorial Cemetery Landscape and Maintenance Services to CARC, the lowest bidder, for \$56,700.00.
3. City Council Resolution No. 2024-035 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, extending the time period for a final development plan to be submitted by Trustee of the John B. Hunter Revocable Trust, the applicant, for a

planned residential development of real property within the City; making findings of fact in support of such extension; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Witt requested the applicant's name be added to the title of Item #3.

Mr. Hill inquired as to the cemetery located on Wilson Street. Executive Director of Utilities, Steve Brown reported that while the City has maintained this cemetery in the past, the City does not own it.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to Item #3 to include the name of the applicant and title. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Certified Municipal Clerk Presentation for Deputy City Clerk Michelle Cannon - Florida Association of City Clerks Northeast District Director LeAnne Williams, Deputy City Clerk City of Alachua

The Florida Association of City Clerks Northeast District Director LeAnne Williams provided an overview of the components necessary for attaining the Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. City Clerk Audrey Sikes presented Deputy City Clerk Michelle Cannon with her Certified Municipal Clerk Certification plaque and pin. In attendance for support were, Town Clerk of Micanopy, Patty Polk and City Clerk of Gainesville, Kristin Bryant.

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. 2024-2277. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2277 was read by title. Mayor Witt asked if anyone wanted to be heard regarding City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2277. No one asked to be heard on City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2277, therefore Mayor Witt closed the public hearing.

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2277 - (final reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, amending the text of the City of Lake City Land Development Regulations, as amended, pursuant to an application, LDR 24-03, by the City of Lake City, relation to an amendment to the text of the Land Development Regulations; providing for amending Section 4.2 entitled Supplementary District Regulations by adding Section 4.2.15.16 entitled Offstreet Parking Requirements: for all zoning districts except C-CBD Commercial-Central Business District and Section 4.2.15.17 entitled Variance to above mentioned parking requirements; providing for amending Section 4.4.11 entitled Minimum

Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.5.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.6.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.7.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.8.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.9.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.10.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.11.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.12.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.13.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.15.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.16.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing for amending Section 4.17.11 entitled Minimum Offstreet Parking Requirements; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2277 on final reading. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Open Quasi – Judicial Proceeding

At this time City Attorney Clay Martin read from a prepared script.

Preliminary Matters (Attorney Clay Martin):

The City Attorney shall read the ordinance by title.

- 6. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2283 - (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 24-01, 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 Residential, High Density (less than or equal to 20 dwelling units per acre) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing for an effective date. (Sugarmill Apartments Phase 2)

Disclosure by Council members of ex-parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.

Mr. Martin asked members individually if there had been any ex-parte communication, including site visits.

Ms. Young	No
Mr. Carter	No
Mayor Witt	No
Mr. Hill	No
Mr. Jernigan	No

Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.

Mr. Martin swore in Growth Management Director Dave Young.

Clerk should take custody of exhibits.

A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. (Dave Young)

B. Presentation of application by applicant.

C. Presentation of evidence by city staff. (Dave Young)

D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any.

E. Public comments. (None)

F. Cross examination of parties by party participants.

G. Questions of parties by City Council.

H. Closing comments by parties.

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2283 on final reading. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2282 - (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 the rezoning of ten or less contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 24-01, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Residential, Single Family-2 (RSF-2) to Residential, Multiple Family-2 (RMF-2) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (Sugarmill Apartments Phase 2)

Disclosure by Council members of ex-parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.

Disclosed with companion ordinance above, see Item #6.

Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.

Not applicable as Mr. Young was still sworn in under companion ordinance, see Item #6.

Clerk should take custody of exhibits.

Mr. Young submitted Exhibit 1 via electronic copy (attached to minutes).

- A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff.**
- B. Presentation of application by applicant.**
- C. Presentation of evidence by city staff.**
- D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any.**
- E. Public comments.**
- F. Cross examination of parties by party participants.**
- G. Questions of parties by City Council.**
- H. Closing comments by parties.**

I. Instruction on law by attorney.

J. Discussion and action by City Council.

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2282 on final reading. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2284 - (final reading) An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to petition No. ANX 24-03, relating to voluntary annexation; making findings; annexing certain real property located in Columbia County, Florida, which is reasonably compact, and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida, into the boundaries of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date. (JCP-VYP, LLC)

Disclosure by Council members of ex-parte communications (this includes site visits), if any.

Mr. Martin asked members individually if there had been any ex-parte communication, including site visits.

Ms. Young	No
Mr. Carter	No
Mayor Witt	No
Mr. Hill	No
Mr. Jernigan	No

Swearing in of applicant/appellant, staff and all witnesses collectively by City Attorney.

Mr. Martin swore in Growth Management Director Dave Young.

Clerk should take custody of exhibits.

Mr. Young submitted Exhibit 2 via electronic copy (attached to minutes).

A. Brief introduction of ordinance by city staff. (Dave Young)

B. Presentation of application by applicant.

- C. Presentation of evidence by city staff.**
- D. Presentation of case by third party intervenors, if any.**
- E. Public comments.**
- F. Cross examination of parties by party participants.**
- G. Questions of parties by City Council.**
- H. Closing comments by parties.**
- I. Instruction on law by attorney. (Clay Martin)**
- J. Discussion and action by City Council.**

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2284 on final reading. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Carter	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

Resolutions – None

Other Items – None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances – None

Resolutions – None

Other Items

9. Discussion and Possible Action: City donation to Richardson Community Center for their 2024 Summer S.T.E.M. Camp in the amount of \$35,000.00 (100 campers x \$350 registration fee). (Council Member Chevella Young)

Ms. Young expressed the need for youth summer camps and reported Richardson Community Center was offering a S.T.E.M. Camp, and suggested the City sponsor up to 100 children at \$350.00 each.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Glenel Bowden

Mr. Jernigan spoke in support of expenditures for children.

Mayor Witt inquired if the County had contributed to the camp.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Ferrell

Mr. Hill spoke in support of the sponsorship.

Mr. Carter inquired to which funding source the donation would come from.

Assistant City Manager Dee Johnson reported the donation would come from the Private Aid to Organizations Account.

Ms. Young suggested using funding from the Mariah Fund.

Ms. Young made a motion to sponsor up to 100 children at \$350.00 each for the Summer S.T.E.M. Camp at Richardson Community Center for a cost up to \$35,000.00. The motion identifies the funding source as Public Private Aid. Mr. Jernigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Mr. Carter	Nay
Mayor Witt	Nay

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- 10. Discussion and Possible Action: Consider appointing up to three (3) of the following applicants to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board, the Board of Adjustments, and the Historical Preservation Agency:

Dante Brown
 Brenda Douglass
 Dana Jernigan
 Kendria Jones
 Darian A. Mayo
 Schara Wilson
 John Woolum

Listed below are the three (3) vacant office/seats:

Office/Seat A - Term expiration: 10/31/2026
 Office/Seat D - Term expiration: 10/31/2027
 Office/Seat F - Term expiration: 10/31/2024

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sylvester Warren; Glenel Bowden

Mr. Carter recommended Brenda Douglass for nomination. Mayor Witt concurred.

Mr. Jernigan recommended tabling this topic until the next meeting so the City Manager could review the applications and provide a recommendation.

Mr. Rosenthal reported he had already reviewed the applicants and recommended Brenda Douglass for Seat A, John Woollum for Seat D, and Schara Wilson for Seat F.

Mr. Carter made a motion to appoint Brenda Douglass to Seat A and Schara Wilson to Seat D. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Mr. Carter	Aye
Mr. Hill	Aye
Ms. Young	Aye
Mr. Jernigan	Aye
Mayor Witt	Aye

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Carter reported doing a ride a long with the Lake City Police Department and wished to recognize the staff: Sgt. LaQuinta Plemmons; Officer Hector Jugo; K9 Officer Marcus Hardison; Officer Jaxon Burnsed; Officer Juan Gonzalez; Officer Jay Raulerson; Communications Officer Beverly Ginn; Communications Officer Chris Johnson; Records Coordinator Cicily Johnson; Records Coordinator Grace Phelps; Records Coordinator Liz Gall.

Members welcomed the newly hired City Manager Don Rosenthal.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor/Council Member

Audrey Sikes, City Clerk