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# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

## CITY OF LAKE CITY

September 03, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Venue: City Hall

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## AGENDA

REVISED

**Revised 8/29/2024: Item #10 added**

This meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055. Members of the public may also view the meeting on our YouTube channel. YouTube channel information is located at the end of this agenda.

**Events Prior to Meeting** - Council Photo Session 5:00 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation** - Mayor Stephen Witt

**Roll Call**

***Ladies and Gentlemen; The Lake City Council has opened its public meeting. Since 1968, the City Code has prohibited any person from making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or becoming boisterous while addressing the City Council. Yelling or making audible comments from the audience constitutes boisterous conduct. Such conduct will not be tolerated. There is only one approved manner of addressing the City Council. That is, to be recognized and then speak from the podium.***

***As a reminder, persons are not to openly carry a handgun or carry a concealed weapon or firearm while the governing body is meeting.***

***Failure to abide by the rules of decorum will result in removal from the meeting.***

**Approval of Agenda**

**Proclamations** - None

**Public Participation** - Persons Wishing to Address Council

*Citizens are encouraged to participate in City of Lake City meetings. The City of Lake City encourages civility in public discourse and requests that speakers direct their comments to the Chair. Those attendees wishing to share a document and or comments in writing for inclusion into the public record must email the item to [submissions@lcfla.com](mailto:submissions@lcfla.com) no later than noon on the day of the meeting. Citizens may also provide input to individual council members via office visits, phone calls, letters and e-mail that will become public record.*

**City Clerk to announce the results from the Primary Election held on August 20, 2024 for the office of City Council District 12**

1. Official Results from Primary Election held on August 20, 2024
2. City Council Resolution No. 2024-094 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, declaring Tammy Harris to have been elected City Councilmember for District Twelve in the August 20, 2024 Municipal Election; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the expiration of said term on the third Monday in November 2028; directing the City Clerk to reflect said election and expiration of term in such records of the City as is necessary and prudent; making certain findings of fact in support of the City Clerk reflecting such election and expiration of term in the records of the City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
3. City Council Resolution No. 2024-095 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, declaring Noah Walker to have been elected to the office of Mayor-Councilmember at-large in the August 20, 2024 Municipal Election; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the expiration of said term on the third Monday in November 2028; directing the City Clerk to reflect said election and expiration of term in such records of the City as is necessary and prudent; making certain findings of fact in support of the City Clerk reflecting such election and expiration of term in the records of the City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
4. City Council Resolution No. 2024-096 - A resolution of the City of the Lake City, Florida, declaring James Carter to have been elected City Councilmember for District Thirteen in the August 20, 2024 Municipal Election; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; recognizing the expiration of said term on the third Monday in November 2028; directing the City Clerk to reflect said election and expiration of term in such records of the City as is necessary and prudent; making certain findings of fact in support of the City Clerk reflecting such election and expiration of term in the records of the City; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
5. City Council Resolution No. 2024-092 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, calling for a Special Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024 in conjunction with the General Election of the State of

Florida; providing for a referendum on the question presented by Ordinance 2024-2288 concerning the salaries of the City Council and the Mayor; providing for the City Clerk to coordinate said Election with the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections; directing the City Clerk to publish notice of the election; repealing all resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

### **Fire Assessment/Budget Hearings**

#### **Open Public Hearing on the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates**

Public Comment on the Proposed Fire Protection Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024

#### **Close Public Hearing**

6. City Council Resolution No. 2024-097 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, constituting the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Fire Assessment Resolution relating to the provision of fire protection services, facilities and programs in the City of Lake City, Florida; providing findings; providing authority; providing definitions and interpretation; providing for reimposition of Fire Protection Assessments against Assessed Property located within the City of Lake City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024; approving final Fire Assessment rates; approving the final Assessment Roll; confirming the 2024 Preliminary Rate Resolution; providing for effect of adoption of Annual Resolution; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date.

#### **Open Tentative Hearing of the FY2024-2025 Budget**

7. City Council Resolution No. 2024-098 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the Millage Rate and Tentative Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; making certain findings of fact in support of the City adopting said Millage Rate and Tentative Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
8. City Council Resolution No. 2024-099 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; making certain findings of fact in support of the City adopting said Tentative Budget; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.

#### **Close Hearing**

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

9. Minutes - August 8, 2024 Special Called Council Meeting

10. City Council Resolution No. 2024-093 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain amendment to the Animal Control and Animal Care Services Agreement for Animal Control and Care Services with the Lake City - Columbia County Humane Society, Inc, a Florida Not for Profit Corporation; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said amendment; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said amendment; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said amendment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
11. City Council Resolution No. 2024-100 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving the write-off of delinquent utility accounts through September 30, 2022 finding the delinquent utility accounts to be uncollectable; directing the City Manager to forward such delinquent accounts to debt collection agencies procured by the City; directing the City Manager to take other actions as are necessary and prudent to collect such debts; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
12. City Council Resolution No. 2024-101 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting the evaluation and tabulation of responses to that certain Invitation to Bid number 016-2024 for purchase and installation of a prefabricated metal building at the Saint Margarets Wastewater Treatment Plant; accepting the bid from Union Lasteel Metal Buildings, Inc., a Florida Corporation, the sole bidder; approving the agreement with said vendor; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; 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.
13. City Council Resolution No. 2024-103 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain Annual Consulting Services Agreement with NJN Consulting Services, Inc., for consulting services related to providing a long term financial overview of the City's financial circumstances; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; 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.
14. City Council Resolution No. 2024-104 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain legal services agreement with Marks Gray for legal services related to proceedings arising from that certain legal action brought by Nicholas J. Albrecht against the City of lake City identified by Columbia County Case Number 24-1216-SC; making certain findings of fact in support thereof; 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.

**Presentations - None**

**Old Business**

Ordinances

**Open Quasi - Judicial Hearing**

15. City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2276 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, pursuant to petition No. ANX 24-01, 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. This voluntary annexation is for Cecilia Davis and the property is located on Hwy 441 North across from the Target Distribution Center.

Passed on first reading 8/19/2024

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

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

**Clerk should take custody of exhibits.**

Note: All exhibits, diagrams, photographs and similar physical evidence referred to during the testimony or which you would like the Council to consider must be marked for identification and kept by the Clerk for 30 days.

- 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.**

**Close Quasi - Judicial Hearing**

Adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2024-2276 on final reading

Resolutions - None

Other Items - None

**New Business**

Ordinances - None

Resolutions - None

Other Items - None

**Departmental Administration - None**

**Comments by Council Members**

Council Member James Carter

Council Member Jake Hill, Jr.

Council Member Ricky Jernigan

Council Member Chevella Young

Mayor Stephen Witt

**Adjournment**

**YouTube Information**

Members of the public may also view the meeting on our YouTube channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofLakeCity>

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**Pursuant to 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the City hereby advises the public if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City with respect to any matter considered at its meetings or hearings, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that,**

*for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.*

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** *Pursuant to 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations to participate in these meetings should contact the **City Manager's Office at (386) 719-5768.***