
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

CITY OF LAKE CITY

July 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Venue: City Hall

AGENDA

REVISED

Revised 7/20/2026: Added Item #3 to the Consent Agenda

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 - 5:00 PM Council Workshop - Panhandling and Homeless Concerns

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - Council Member Ricky Jernigan

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.

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

Approval of Agenda

Proclamations/Awards/Recognitions - None

Presentations

1. City of Lake City Annual Audit for the Year Ended September 20, 2025 - James Moore & Co.: Brendan McKittrick, CPA; Spencer Machuga, CPA

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 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.

Approval of Consent Agenda

2. City Council Resolution No. 2026-082 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, authorizing Task Assignment Number Seven (7) pursuant to the continuing contract with Passero Associates, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, to provide professional engineering services to replace existing roof systems on hangars 1 and 2 at the Lake City Gateway Airport; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said task assignment; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said task assignment; directing the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said task assignment; authorizing the City Manager with the consent of the City Attorney to make minor changes to the scope of work of the task assignment provided such changes do not increase the quoted price in the task assignment; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date.
3. Authorize participation in PFAS PWS Phase II Action Fund for claims against 3M and DuPont. PFAS, also known as "forever chemicals" were in the U.S. until the early 2000's. These chemicals were used in and around the City of Lake City in the vicinity of Lake City Gateway Airport. The City's testing shows the presence of these chemicals in the City to be within levels meeting established tolerances considered to be of no imminent danger to public health by state and federal environmental standards. Even so, the City may have claims against two of the largest producers of PFAS chemicals - 3M and Dupont.

Old Business

Ordinances

Open Public Hearing

4. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2380 (final reading) - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article VII, City of Lake City Code of Ordinances to expand the Community Redevelopment Board of Commissioners from five members to seven

members; providing definitions; establishing eligibility criteria for said members; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing an effective date.

Passed on first reading 7/7/2026

Close Public Hearing

Adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2380 on final reading

Open Public Hearing

5. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2381 (final reading)- An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 295, City of Lake City Code of Ordinances to provide additional detail to the legal descriptions defining the area of the City of Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency; making findings of fact in support thereof; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.

Passed on first reading 7/7/2026

Close Public Hearing

Adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2381 on final reading

Resolutions - None

Other Items - None

New Business

Ordinances

6. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2378 (first 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 26-07S, by Elizabeth Steely, 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 County - Commercial to City - Commercial of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; making findings of fact in support of thereof; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (This property is located on Turner Road north of Highway 90)

Adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2378 on first reading

Quasi-Judicial Hearings

Open Quasi-Judicial HearingFirst Reading

7. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2379 (first 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 less than ten acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 26-05S, by Elizabeth Steely, the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from County - Commercial, Intensive (CI) to City - Commercial, Intensive (CI) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Lake City, Florida; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. (This property is located on Turner Road north of Highway 90)

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.**

Adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2379 on first reading

8. City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2382 (first reading) - An ordinance of the City of Lake City, Florida, relating to the criminal background screening of certain public service providers, municipal employees, vendors, contractors, contractor employees, and appointees, including volunteers; amending Chapter 70, Article I, Section 70-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake City, Florida, providing for criminal background screening of such individuals; making findings of fact in support thereof; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing an effective date.

Adopt City Council Ordinance No. 2026-2382 on first reading

Resolutions

9. City Council Resolution No. 2026-079 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, adopting an update to the Lake City Community Redevelopment Plan; providing for severability; repealing all previous resolutions in conflict; providing an effective date.

Note: This item was tabled at the July 7, 2026 meeting

10. City Council Resolution No. 2026-083 - A resolution of the City of Lake City, Florida, approving that certain agreement between the City and Playcore Wisconsin, Inc., a Wisconsin Corporation, doing business as Gametime for the replacement of playground equipment at Kiwanis Park; making certain findings of fact in support of the City approving said agreement; recognizing the authority of the Mayor to execute and bind the City to said agreement; authorizing 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.

Other Items

11. Discussion and Possible Action - Designation of Florida League of Cities Voting Delegate (Mayor Noah Walker)

The Florida League of Cities Annual Conference will be held in Hollywood, Florida, from August 13, 2026, through August 15, 2026. It is important for each municipality to designate one official as "voting delegate" to participate in voting at the Annual Business Meeting which will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

12. Discussion and Possible Action - Concerning long term extension of public bench program. Options include: 1) Directing staff to finalize negotiations of a long term contract with the vendor to continue the program and placing resolution adopting the contract on a future agenda; 2) directing staff to send notice to the current vendor terminating the current contract; 3) other possible

options including continuing the program and reducing the number/location of benches, etc. (City Attorney Clay Martin)

13. Discussion and Possible Action - Approval to move forward with a dog park on parcel 00-00-12300-00, adjacent to the City of Lake City Information Technology Department, located on NW Desoto Street between NW Stadium Terrace and NW Hilton Avenue. (Council Member Tammy Harris)

Departmental Administration

14. Discussion and Possible Action - Staff recommendation to approve proposed FY26/27 "Tentative Millage Rate" to the Columbia County Tax Appraiser for Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice advertisement to property owners for the City's Tentative Budget Hearing (City Manager Don Rosenthal and Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore)
15. Discussion and Possible Action - Staff recommendation to approve the TRIM Schedule for FY26/27 (City Manager Don Rosenthal and Finance Director Angie Taylor Moore)

Comments by:

City Manager Don Rosenthal

City Attorney Clay Martin

City Clerk Audrey Sikes

Comments by Council Members

Council Member Chevella Young

Council Member Ricky Jernigan

Council Member James Carter

Council Member Tammy Harris

Mayor Noah Walker

Adjournment

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

Council Budget Workshops Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00 PM, Wednesday August 5th at 6:00 PM, Thursday August 6th at 5:00 PM

YouTube Information

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

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.***