



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – JUDICIAL CENTER  
202 KELLEY STREET  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT**

Mayor Lovith Anderson, Jr.	Councilmember Richard Cook
Mayor Pro Tem Billy Brown, Jr	Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby
Councilmember Wilhelmena W. Scott	Councilmember Peggy Sebnick
Councilmember Nicole Singletary	

**STAFF**

Lenessa Hawkins	Tonya Huell	Fire Chief Randy Driggers
Cynthia Mallette	Police Chief Kipp Coker	John Kelly Amy Pringle
Teresa K. Benjamin	Ricky Sims	

**OTHERS**

Press – Shamira McCray		
Rev. Terry L. McKnight	Mattie Thomas	Sharon Moore Askins
Gwindell Washington	Margaret Jones	Paula Morris
Michelle Daniels	Theresa Burgess	Bertha Scott
Tatum Bostick	Gloria Tisdale	Yamekia Robinson
Margaret Graham	Edward Graham	Frank Epps

The City Council Meeting agenda was emailed on Friday, January 5, 2018 to members of the media and posted on the bulletin board at the Lake City Municipal Complex.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lovith Anderson, Jr. called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Billy Brown Jr gave the Invocation. Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

City Clerk Teresa K. Benjamin polled the Council and found a quorum present.

**MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Mayor Lovith Anderson requested a motion to adopt the Agenda as published.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Richard Cook to adopt the agenda as published. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING. – APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

A Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the Tuesday, January 9, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting as presented; Mayor Pro Tem Billy Brown Jr; Seconded: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Sharon Moore Askins (resides at 178 South Acline Street) - she came to address Mayor and Council and stated that she never really paid any attention to the Pope's New Year's message in the past, but this past year, his message caught her attention. She stated that Pope Francis in his New Year's Eve message stated he called on the silent majority to continue being artisans of the common good by doing the right things for the right reasons. She asked if Mayor and Council would consider further engaging the citizens to be artisan of and for the common good. She asked them to implement a two-way communication system, in addition to the Public Comment segment of the Regular City Council meeting. She asked that the Councilmembers email addresses be posted online, posting the agenda online at least a day before the meeting and placing copies of the meeting agendas at the public library; so the citizens could have access to it. She asked to provide any documents associated with the Regular City Council Meetings online where people can have access them as well. She requested that a new zoning map be posted online and enlarge the map so the citizens can read it. She asked Mayor Anderson Jr about the questions that she gave to him on January 3, 2018 and the ones she gave him after the last City Council Meeting. She stated that he did respond to her email, but she is asking about a timeline in receiving the answers to those questions. He explained that due to the office closings because of the holidays and weather conditions, he did not get a chance to respond to them yet; but he will respond to her questions. She forwarded a copy of those questions to the Councilmembers she had email addresses.

Darlene Garrett (resides at 429 Camila Lane) - she came to address Mayor and Council in reference to the recent improvements and accomplishments that were made at the Housing Authority. She wanted to address Councilmember Richard Cook comments from the previous Regular City Council Meeting that was held in November 2017. She stated that yes there have been some difficulties and they do not always agree, but that is expected with any Board, Commission or Committee. She came to assure Mayor and Council that the difficulties they may have had, have no precedent on any of their decisions. The Administration, the residents and the Housing Authority Board have been working together to ensure that there is safe and affordable housing available to all the residents. She has served on this Board for over 20 years and have not witness any improvements (in the service areas which includes Lake City, Olanta and Johnsonville) made to the property like the ones that have been made under the new Housing Authority Director Mark Fountain in 2017. The children are now playing on the playgrounds and basketball courts, as well as the seniors are planting flowers and enjoy sitting out on the benches in the gazebos. She encouraged Mayor and Council to come to their monthly meetings which are held the first Tuesdays of every month. She asked Mayor and Council to come out and see the changes that have taken place. She stated that the Lake City Police Department provided some statistical information from 2017 that said, there are 761 residents living in multifamily housing units and from this number there was 143 cases. There have been 52 arrests and citations issues this past year out of this number. There were only 11 residents who was arrested and the remaining 41 non-residents cases derived from issues from people who did not reside in any of the Housing Authority units. They have installed cameras and the Lake City Police Department provide surveillance for this area. She thanked Mayor Anderson Jr and Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott for attending some of their meetings. This is just the beginning; more improvements will be made in the coming year.

Margaret Jones (resides at 713 Ron McNair Boulevard) – she came to address Mayor and Council agreeing with the previous speaker about the Housing Authority Board. She stated that she has ridden out to the Housing Authority area and was impressed with the recent improvements and changes. She stated that they have done a wonderful job and it was beautiful. She encouraged everyone to visit the properties and attend their meetings.

Mattie Thomas (resides at 610 Davis Street) – she thanked Mayor for attending the City-wide Meeting that was held at Wesley Chapel Church on Monday, January 8, 2018, and she extended an invitation to the other Councilmembers as well. She requested Mayor and Councilmembers email addresses, so she can personally invite them or address issues. She addressed something with Chief Coker about the

Neighborhood Crime Watch Meetings, are they still being held; if so she would like to receive information as to when they are held. She everyone a Happy New Year 2018. As we move forward together. She requested all the Councilmembers contact information.

Gloria Tisdale (resides at 331 Floyd Avenue) she came to address Mayor and Council as the chairperson for the Dr. Ron McNair Committee. She invited Mayor and Council to their Annual Candlelight Vigil event that was held on January 28, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Ron McNair Memorial. She gave a shout out to Mrs. Cynthia Mallette and thanked Mayor and Council for their attendance at this event.

Reverend Edward Graham – he came to address Mayor and Council about the growing trash problem on Lincoln Avenue. He and his children have walked this area picking up trash and talking to the people in this area. There are two churches in this area (Amazing Grace Non-Denominational and Saint Marks Holiness). The citizens need to know how to dispose of the mattresses and other trash items, because this is making this area unattractive. Who is responsible for picking up this trash?

## **LEGISLATIVE**

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance 2017.459 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance of the City of Lake City, S.C. amending the Code of Ordinances to include zoning, building regulations, downtown development and program administration-related issues, to develop a series of strategic recommendations; and other matters related thereto – Tabled Until the Next Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

A Motion to Table this item until the next Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Councilmember Richard Cook; Motion Carried to Table this item until the Next Regular City Council Meeting: Unanimously.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

### **FORMAL REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL**

#### **Report 1~2018**

Approval of Edmunds and Associates to provide a Financial Revenue Collection and Personnel ERP System for the City – Tabled for Further Review.

A Motion to Table Report 1~2018 for Further Review: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Councilmember Nicole Singletary; Motion to Table for Further Review; Carried: Unanimously.

### **Report 2~2018**

Approval of Bid for Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Hood System for Blanding Street Park Concession Stand – Approved to be Awarded to FRS Florence in the amount of \$11,968.00 (Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred, Sixty-Eight Dollars).

A Motion to Approve the Bid for Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Hood System for Blanding Street Park to be Awarded to FRS Florence in the amount of \$11,968.00 (Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred, Sixty-Eight Dollars): Councilmember Richard Cook; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Billy Brown Jr.; Motion to Approve the Bid for Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Hood System for Blanding Street Park Concession Stand; Carried: Unanimously.

## **INFORMAL REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL**

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

January 2018 Bill List items 1 thru 12 – Approved

A Motion to Approve the January 2018 Bill List Items 1 thru 12; Mayor Pro Tem Billy Brown Jr; Seconded: Councilmember Richard Cook; Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

**Councilmember Peggy Sebnick** – she stated here we are starting a new year. Her goal and prayer is that we go into the New Year 2018 with a positive attitude. We need everyone's cooperation because we have a lot of wonderful things to get accomplished together. As always, it's good to see everyone here with a full house.

**Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott** – she stated it was good to see everyone in the New Year 2018. The new vision and ideas for the new year. She apologized to Mattie Thomas for missing the Community Wide meeting, as she had other obligations at that time. She stated that she attended the last Housing Authority Meeting and she was hoping that they would have provided a short film to show all the improvements and changes that have been made so far. She's lived here a long time and she is aware of the improvements and changes that have been made at the Housing Authority properties. She stated it's good to have someone there who is not afraid to roll their sleeves and hard work to bring about these improvements. There was a building in

Kingstree, South Carolina that there was building in this area that was estimated repairs was in the thousands; but the community came together and got it done for a cheaper cost. She stated that it does not matter what Board, Commission or Committee you serve on; there will be some strife and criticism. She puts her trust in God. She looks forward to working another year with everyone.

**Mayor Pro Tem Billy Brown Jr.** – he thanked everyone for coming out and stated that in reference to serving on a Board, you have to agree to disagree. We have to move forward and get things done. That’s what we are here for, to keep moving forward. He is excited about the New Year 2018 and look forward to seeing everyone next month.

**Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby** – she wished everyone a Happy New Year 2018 and stated that everyone looked beautiful sitting out there in the audience. She strongly encouraged everyone to come to every Council Meeting to ask questions, to voice your concerns because you have a right to know and get your concerns on record. She stated that everyone should come with a positive attitude and an open mind so we can get things done; do not want until there is a controversial situation going on. She stated come because you want a better community and to get a better understanding of what is going on here in Lake City. She stated that they are only as strong as the citizens allow them to be and they need your support.

**Councilmember Nicole Singletary** – she thanked everyone for coming out and hoped everyone had blessed and safe holidays. She addresses the Housing Authority changes/improvements, she is going to get there and ride around to see all them. She addressed Mattie Thomas, she is going to try and make the next meeting.

**Councilmember Richard Cook** – he thanked everyone for coming out and it is going to another busy year. There is a lot to be done and nothing slows down, if we do not move we will get run over. There is a lot to be done for the good of Lake City.

**Mayor’s Report** – He appreciated everyone for coming out and he wished those he has not seen a Happy New Year 2018. He stated the following:

He wished Councilmember Peggy Sebnick happy birthday.

He recognized Mattie Thomas for a job well done in organizing the Community Wide Meetings and really needed the interaction. We’re all in the same vehicle, trying to move in the same direction.

He thanked the Housing Authority Administration and Board for all their efforts, it is really showing.

He thanked Ricky Sims and Public Work for all they do to keep the City operating especially during the storms, the Fire and Police Departments, as well as the Parks and Recreation Department. The City employees who keep manning their stations and performing to make the City operate smoothly.

The Dr. Martin L. King March was held on Monday, January 15, 2018, Colonel Addison Burgess was the speaker at this event. The march began at 9:30 a.m.; everyone lined up at the Shrimper.

He recognized Gloria Tisdale, Chairperson for the Dr. Ron McNair Committee. The Annual Dr. Ron McNair Candlelight Vigil took place on January 28, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the memorial. He asked her to touch bases with Cynthia Mallette to make sure everything will be in place for this service. He will make sure the lights and flags are in place.

He thanked all of Lake City.

Wedgefield Mobile Home Park – he encouraged them to keep pushing; that tough times makes tough people.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No Executive Session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilmember Richard Cook and seconded by Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby. With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Lovith Anderson Jr.  
Mayor