



# **AGENDA**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 11th, 2023**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – JUDICIAL CENTER**  
**202 KELLEY STREET**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**I Pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others, and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of my City of Lake City, South Carolina.**

### **I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **II. POLLING OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.



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### **V. PRESENTATIONS**

- Recognizing Just McNair for Lake City Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year, Pee Dee Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year, and State of South Carolina Traditional Youth of the Year
- Recognizing 3 Young Ladies for participating in Palmetto Girls State
- Recognizing 10 Young Ladies for participation in STEM at NASA Space Center
- Recognizing Tyler Green - 7th grade student at J. Paul Truluck Creative Arts & Science Magnet School who wrote his first book.



**X. ACTION AS NEEDED WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XI. LEGISLATIVE**

**COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT**



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**MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT**

Mayor Yamekia Robinson  
Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary  
Councilmember William Askins  
Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott  
Councilmember DeWonica Cooper  
Councilmember Jason Brown

**STAFF:**

Mr. William A. Hall  
Mrs. Marshann Terwilliger  
Jonathan Laster

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

I pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints and finding solutions for the betterment of my city of Lake City, South Carolina. I would like to ask any males in the house if you're not an active-duty military or veteran, please remove your hat. Thank you. In a place of the invocation tonight, I would like everyone to stand, and we're going to do a moment of silence and remember Rashad Graham. Tomorrow is Rashad Graham Day I think you could have a moment of silence. Thank you. Please continue to stand the Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Councilmember Cooper.

**Councilmember DeWonica Cooper**

Pledge was said by all.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Let me go back and ask everyone in the room to please silence their phones as the meeting is in session. Thank you. Madam Clerk, can you please poll the city council members?

**Marshann Terwilliger**

Mayor Yamekia Robinson - Present, Mayor Pro Tem Singletary - Present, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott - Present, Councilmember William Askins - Present - Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby - Present, Councilmember DeWonica Cooper - Present and Councilmember Jason Brown - Present. Mayor Robinson, I find there to be a quorum.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Thank you. I need a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Motion to approve,

**Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Second,

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

The motion has been approved and seconded. Any questions? If not all in favor? Show of hands. (All hands shown). I need a motion to approve the minutes approval of the May 9th, 2023. Mayor and council meeting minutes for budget and regular meeting.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Motion to approve.

**Councilmember Askins**

Second.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It has been properly moved and seconded. Any questions? If none all in favor, show of hands. (All showed hands).

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Okay, we have several presentations tonight. First presentation is a proclamation to be read by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary on a National League of Cities this month is small cities.

**Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Good evening, everyone. National League of Cities small cities month June 2023. Whereas small cities and towns under 50,000 population are the home to millions of Americans and constitute the vast majority of municipalities across the United States. And whereas smaller cities and towns strive to strengthen their communities through the provision of services and programs to improve the quality of life for all citizens. And whereas the federal government is an essential partner in success of small cities and towns and must be encouraged to continue to support programs and legislation that strengthen small communities. And whereas state governments are partners in the success of small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to continue to support key programs, and lists and legislation that strengthen communities and whereas organizations businesses and citizens are

partners in the success of small cities and towns, and must be encouraged to continue to grow their efforts to make small communities a viable choice for people to live in. And whereas, during these challenging economic times, the need for renew inter-governmental partnership to support and central public services is more important than ever to ensure the safety and growth of small town America. And whereas the National League of Cities president and the small cities Council of the National League of Cities have declared June 2023 as small cities. Now therefore, the mayor Council of the City of Lake City does hereby proclaim June 2023 as small cities month and encourages President Biden Congress, state governments, organizations, businesses, and all citizens to recognize this event and to work together this month and throughout the year to invest in small cities and towns to better the lives of our citizens. Thank you. Thank you.

## **Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Next, we have a presentation by Latta Councilmember Marcus McGirt. Save our youth movement.

## **Councilmember Marcus McGirt**

Good evening. Good evening. It says five minutes I won't be before you know that the Baptist preacher say. Oh, so it brings me great joy to be able to bring my program save our youth movement to the city of Lake City this year, July 8 at 6:30pm at the Bean market. We established our nonprofit in 2016 to cover the Pee Dee areas to mentor and community service. To date. We have graduated 26 young males of which two have gone into the military 18 have transitioned to a college or university and six have entered the workforce working for Harbor Freight Tools, Honda, and Rich foods in Florence. Last year we held our Gala at Francis Marion University, and we were able to raise \$18,500. And that night we were able to give back \$15,500 in scholarships and awards to deserving seniors across the Pee Dee areas of South Carolina. The reason for me being here tonight, first and foremost, I want to thank Mayor and town administrator for allowing me to come to Lake City this year and to partner with you all, for this great event. I want it to come and try to do something out of the norm, I kind of pray and make sure that my vision is align with God. So, this, this is where we did see a Lake City and after this, I wanted a partnership to continue by starting mentoring projects here in the area for young males and Middle School in high school. I'm not here, I don't, I'm not asking for any money, I'm just asking for support, however you can support, if there's time, is that if that's coming out to talk to a kid that's coming out, point me in the right direction, or where I need to go, I'm not solely looking for money out most of the stuff I do out of pocket, or I do to donations, I don't want to say I don't profit anything off of it. But I do want to acknowledge the fact that I am looking at Lake City to because I've been talking to some community members, and they feel that Lake City is often forgotten about when it comes to the troubled teens at risk. So, my goal is to have youth in the area from at go from at risk to that promise because they all deserve a second chance in life. The second reason I wanted to get him to come back, we'll be here in Lake City is largely because of your great venue to be market and the thriving area of Lake City, or what you guys are doing in the community and what you guys are doing for your citizens. So once again I thank you. And I hope that I have your support. Not only just this year, but the years also to come for Lake City. Thank you. Thank you.

## **Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Thank you, Councilman. Next presentation we have is Cameron Packett and Jonathan McKnight from United Way of ports services to the community. Oh, they just walk in.

## **Cameron Packett**

Well, good evening, everyone. I'm Cameron Packett, President, the United Way of Florence County, Mr. Jonathan McKnight. He's our new Resource Development Director. And understanding that we have a limited amount of time. Five minutes, yeah, I'm gonna let him get straight to it. Thank you for having us. Thank you.

## **Mr. Jonathan McKnight**

Hello, everybody. So United Way of Florence County, we want to make sure everybody understands we are the United Way of Florence County, not just Florence or a part of the county. So, we've been very, very graciously accepted by Mayor Robinson. And thank you for allowing us to come here. We want you to know, about 211, which is a federally recognized number, you can call you can go to SC 211 dot org, or you can text help to 211211 that was originally created out of a framework from the United Way of Greater Atlanta, so successful, it was nationalized. 95% of the country, and 100% of South Carolina, is covered. If you run across somebody who needs assistance with anything from rent to utility assistance, to educational services to food, you don't have to maintain your own list, we have it for you, please go to 211 SC 211 dot org OR text HELP to 211211 It'll ask you for your zip code. That'll localize the resources for you and get you to the right place and tell you what you need. SC 211 dot org, or any of the other services that we're talking about, are a vital way to get the help needed to the community where those needs will actually make a big difference. We also want to make sure everybody is aware. Because when we talk about root causes, if a common call for EMS for firefighters is someone who's fallen, and they can't, you know, get back up off the floor themselves. We want them to think, hey, what if we put a ramp here? What if we put a handrail here? And if the person says I can't afford that, well, let's get you in touch with an agency that does that. So, we've learned a lot about our community. This is one of the primary ways we learn about the needs of our community and especially needs that don't have services or don't have adequate services to the needs of the community. If these things aren't addressed over time. They become so large and become overwhelming. And all of a sudden you have to throw money or people in a vast majority at the at the problem rather than something that we could have done years in advance. So, we have done that. And we've collected that data. And we've learned about the biggest needs of our communities. And Lake City was a part of that you were part of that process, we had a collective impact meeting right here in this community, led by a local individual who brought in citizens from here to help us. So, we've just announced that today, and it'll be on all of our social media, please follow us. And we'll let you know what those areas are. But 211 was a piece of that. And I hope all of you, if you come into some contact with somebody who needs help, please point them there. Because we want to make sure the people in our community who need help the most can get it and can get it efficiently can know what they need to bring and know what they need to have with them. All of the services there are free or sliding scale, there is no for profit entities on there whatsoever. So thank you all very much. God bless you. Thank you. Thank you.

## **Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

The next presentation we have in the last presentation, today is Mr. Daniel Blathers and Mr. Terrence Whittfield excuse me, Mr. Green. Mr. Green is here tonight with Mr. Blathers. And they are from Man to Man and fatherhood initiative.

**Mr. Green**

Thank you, thank you all so much for having us. We wanted to come today and really talk about our program, which is a nonprofit fatherhood program called man to man fatherhood. Our program actually covers about six counties with the Pee Dee area. Inside of the brochures and the folders that you have, it kind of shows the actual Coverage Program coverage that we have. Our program is geared to assist fathers and even though it says man to man fatherhood, it also to help mothers as well. Individuals that may have barriers in their lives to keep them from being the best parent that they could. Things like employment barriers, like not being able to see the children barriers, like not understanding the process of visitation, or even for the fact of just actual parenting, personal development as it is. Our program has been in existence now for 23 years as going. So picture that a nonprofit, lasting 23 years. So kind of doing something right about it. But all of what we're going to mention to you tonight, and all of what you read into our literature, our program is absolutely free to any of the participants that are referred to us that come to us as far as volunteers and so forth. Our aim is to try to help that individual mother or father to become the best parent that they can for themselves. And we feel that if we strengthen them, they will go back and be able to strengthen their families. Okay, I'm going to switch back and let Mr. Bratheres talk.

**Mr. Daniel Blathers**

Well, good evening, thank you again, for having us. Sometimes when we think fatherhood, and we don't think we'll love it, you know, our society puts a negative stigma on fathers and their role in society and us as men, where do we fit in? Well, we're fit to be leaders. And a lot of us have lost our ways. Throughout the years society, struggles with employment, things of that nature, and the family unit is just not together. Well, that is the purpose of man to man to bring that family unit back together by strengthening the father so you can strengthen this family, whether or not so dad is in the house or out of the house, we want to make sure that a father can be the best father he can be. Within the pamphlet that we gave you, it gave you a black flyer that states some of our areas of focus, which is parenting and co-parenting, got the relationships, job readiness and Employment, Economic Mobility, child support and visitation and personal development. Throughout the, throughout the years, we've helped a lot of fathers with that and just to go over our impact report, which is on the left side of your folder. Total participant survey and this was our 2020 numbers pre COVID But the numbers are still somewhat aligned. Now as today, total participants are 482. Children positively impacted 769 child support paid by participants \$90,899 But just participated in a parent child activity 97 Save incarceration costs through jobs, not jail \$776,160 unemployed who gained jobs 136 and things of that nature and so on and so on. We're not here just to say that we're just giving out information, we're here to make a difference. And we believe in giving fathers a second chance, we believe in giving mothers a second chance. But we want to make sure that we form a partnership with the Lake City, and its citizens to make sure that Man to man is here to provide a valuable resource and connecting everyone with resources to make our fathers stronger. We were able to connect them with other agencies that if we can't provide the service, such as Voc Rehab, that they need to go back to school and get a GED, we pay for it through adult ed. And we also have a program called Reality check which we go into the high schools and work with our youth, which is a great program we teach the success sequence the importance of getting your education, first job marriage, then have kids but if that doesn't happen in that order, what is it like to pursue your education while taking care of a child, whether the child support laws and rules our society and encouraging them to be able to navigate through that. So, we will go into the high schools, we



provide the service free for them. We also provide a free job assessment for our parents and the students also, where they can learn what career that they may be able to choose based on their interest and things that they know, a lot of times with parents will we know when it's expensive to send our kids to college. And when kids have a chance to know what they want to do and what fits them, they are less likely to change their major and increase the cost of even being there for 50 or more so than four years. But um, I just want to provide you all with that information. That's only a brief synopsis of what we do. But we are a full-service program. As again, Anthony stated we serve counties throughout the PD region, Marion, Darlington Chesterfield, Marlborough, Darlington, and Florence County. So, we are here. If you need us at any time, feel free to call email. If you have any questions. I'll be glad to take any at this time.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Yes, is there an age that you are targeting?

**Mr. Daniel Blathers**

Well, the majority of fathers are 18 and over with a child that's 18 and under, but we do serve with our reality check program to 16 to 24.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

And so, you are partnering with the high school. So, you come to come to high school here and we can Okay, because I noticed you in Florence and Bennettsville

**Mr. Daniel Blathers**

Those are our office locations. We have well we've actually been here before but it's still working at the at the library. So, we can set up something where it would be something like a satellite campus.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Sure, how do you recruit?

**Mr. Daniel Blathers**

We go out, we pass out brochures, we pass out flyers we do internet. We partner with different agencies and things of that nature also.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Will you explain the criteria but can you kind of reiterate the criteria?

**Mr. Daniel Blathers**

A father that is 18 an over with a child is 18 and under

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

A father that is 18 and over with the child is 18 and under. 18-year-old father with an 18 year old child

**Mr. Daniel Blathers**

No 18-year-old father with a child under the age of 18.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Under age 18 Okay. Okay. Okay.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

I think everyone, all the presentations we have and just to quickly say if you can tell all presentations that we had today, they all intertwine with each other, all the way from the proclamation all the way down to man to man, they are out there. The resources are out there to strengthen each and every person in our community celebrating us as a small city reaching out to our youth reaching out to our family as United Way of doing stuff and man to man reaching out to those fathers and those young men. So, we will have more presentations like this because we want to be able to strengthen our community. Next, we'll be going into our public comment period. Note comment period Comments are limited to two minutes per person, and no personal or verbal attacks will be entertained. The council is interested in hearing your customers, but speakers do not expect Council action or deliberation on subject matters brought up during the public comment period. Top topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the city administration and may be scheduled for a future agenda. Please make sure to sign in and leave your name and address for the record with the city clerk to council. Just make your name not your address.

**Ms. Maddie Thomas**

Good evening, everyone. Two things. I want to touch on. First thing is I visited the park first time; it's been a while. There's so much goose excrement on the sidewalk. It's like, what a landmine going through that. And I noticed yesterday. I think it was on ABC News. They had something like that, too, with how they got rid of it. But eww, now we don't want that. That's not a good look. It's a nice place. Because I navigated it nice, cool place to sit, but look what you're looking at, you know, one of your workers that they said nothing he can do, you know, I don't believe in that. And we can do we got to do something. Because that needs to be removed. It's just not a good look, you know, and I think would not be a healthy thing. Part two is umm you said new administration. I like to be a part of the budget. Okay, in the past, and you don't have to do it like this. We've always had public participation and not no, two minutes. Because it takes me two minutes to get up and say, Well, I got to say right here this bad enough. But at a budget meeting, allow me to minutes on all these different things. No, no, no, we got to revisit that. We taxpayers. We are taxpayers The reason all of this taxpayer dollars. Okay, now, I'm gonna live with those two minutes. So, when it comes to that budget, I have written budgets, I read budgets, I know what it takes to go into a budget, do not limit me to two minutes. And we need to be in a setting where we can discuss it. I don't want to argue I just want to know where we're going with the budget. Okay. But, um, and we use promise that I thought, and then I look at the minutes because I wasn't there because of other obligations. But it said two minutes. No, we can't do two minutes not for the budget. Please reconsider that. Thank you. And let's have more time because you only give us one session.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Thank you.

**Mrs. Paula Morris**

Good evening, mayor, and city council person. I'm sorry, did I miss the calendar date to where we could do a presentation again tonight, about the vape business here in Lake City. But myself, I'm Paula Morris, along with some ministers in this community, parents, we still going to keep coming before you we don't know whether you will discuss it. We talked to you at the last meeting about closing the vape stores here in this area. We gave you certain reasons. Pastor Hooker gave certain reason why it should be. And so that's the only reason I'm here tonight because we only have two minutes is that for you all to please take in consideration, we got to be here every month. Next month, we will have to proceed to another presentation on Vape can't it's not good for the health of our young people. I'm glad to hear that we have people here that care about our young people. And they want to help build them, strengthen them academically and other kinds of ways. But we have things like Vape that's in here, that here illegally, that we have here were underage, underage students are participating in this and I am talking to the mayor and city council to city administration, whoever else to achieve. I wish you will take this in consideration because I am concerned about our youth here and youth and children in this area as well as everybody else. And I see on the website where we're doing a lot of activities for our youth. And that's great. And we can't do it. We can't do it because illegal, but I promise you if we could do a search you'd be surprised of the young people that are vaping and it's not healthy for them and it's addictive. Thank you.

**Mr. Tim McFadden**

Okay, good afternoon, Lake City. Last time I've been here show congratulation to Lake City secretary. Today I would like to congratulate Ms. Sondra Crosby-Fleming, Ms. Cooper, and Mr. Brown. They showed exemplary performance in the neighborhood by getting up participating and talking to people. Finding out what's the problem. I also would like to give the Mayor thanks for listening Lake City, nobody's going to save us. Okay, we only way we're going to save ourselves. Okay, there's no cavalry coming to help us. So, we're going to have to start hiring local spending local ordering and receiving locally. That's all I got to say. Oh yeah, one more thing. We need to tighten up our AOA. Okay. ADA I am sorry. American Disability Act. Lately we haven't been doing that. Thank you.

**Crystal**

Good Afternoon, Davis Crystal Hemingway I kind of have a problems. I've been pulled over by the police but 10 times from running the red light when pulled me over one night almost held me at gunpoint. He thought it was a drunk driver going home. I don't understand what the problem is. I'm trying to figure out what the problem is. I'm a disabled person I do not do anything to nobody. I volunteer my time to help people help the city. So, I'm trying to figure out what the problem is. They say they get unanimous calls from people I'm trying to figure out who the unanimous person is.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Thank you. Any other comments, public comments? Thank you. Next, we are going into legislative. Mr. Hall.

**Mr. William Hall**

Good evening, mayor, and council for your consideration. We have ordinance number 2023.009. second and final reading, reading an ordinance authorizing and directing the city of Lake City to enter to

an inter-governmental agreement related to the south Carolina local revenue services to participate in one or more local revenue service programs to execute and deliver one or more participant programs supplement and other matters related there too.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

I need a motion to approve what it is 2023.009 for second and final reading.

**Councilmember Askins**

Motion to approve.

**Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Second.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It has been properly moved and seconded. Any questions?

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Yes. I would like to know can you define who the revenue service programs are?

**Mr. William Hall**

The Municipal Association. They do our collection for the write-offs for the water sewer department and also for the judicial department. They also collect insurance of cell phones and brokerage taxes on our behalf.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

You said to execute and deliver one or more participant programs supplements could you explain that?

**Mr. William Hall**

That means everyone that I just mentioned, are the individual programs that they would oversee. They do it for the entire state of South Carolina.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Any other questions? All in favor show of hands. (All showed hands).

**Mr. William Hall**

Mayor and Council for your consideration second and final reading Ordinance of the City of Lake City, South Carolina to levy taxes and establish a municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30 2024. And all matters related there to.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

I need a motion to approve Ordinance 2023.010 for second and final reading.

**Councilmember Askins**

Motion to approve.

**Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott**

Second.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It has been properly moved and seconded. Any questions?

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Yes, I have making the statement. I'm hereby rescinding my vote on the so called first reading. Because I cannot understand why you will levy taxes and lower taxes and impose them on low-income, low-income citizens. The sewer and water rates have increased. I'm not in agreement with that, I think is unfair. And in good conscience. I just cannot agree to that. And umm well when you present it the budget is that the millage decreased. Okay, so why did the millage decrease?

**Mr. William Hall**

We actually paid off some debt.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

So, if that's the case, then that debt was paid off. Where there monies is already budgeted for that.

**Mr. William Hall**

I'm not following the question.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

You paid off some debt so that debt is passed on to the inner-city people.

**Mr. William Hall**

The debt was pre-arranged 10 years ago when we went into a debt agreement. So, we were allowed to levy to pay for that particular debt for 10 years. Now that the debt is paid, the 10 years has passed, we have dropped it off of our books, and it's no longer a taxable item to the community.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Okay, well, can you be very specific about which taxes are levied?

**Mr. William Hall**

Taxes are levied.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Which taxes are levied? Can you be very specific about those taxes?

**Mr. William Hall**

On personal property and automobiles.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Other questions? No other questions? All in favor show of hands. CM Askins Yes - CM Scott Yes - Mayor Pro Tem Yes - Mayor Robinson Yes (CM Crosby No, CM Cooper No, CM Brown No. (4 Yes - 3 No).

**Mr. William Hall**

Mayor and Council for your consideration Resolution number 2023.023. Final reading a Resolution of the City of Lake City resending from the Grievance Committee. Miss LaPortia Brown at her request.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

A motion to approve Resolution 2023.03. Final reading.

**Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Moved to approve resolution 20 23.023 for final reading.

**Councilmember Askins**

Second.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It has been properly moved and seconded. Any questions?

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

You made the statement that she requested to come off the Grievance Committee.

**Mr. William Hall**

Yes, she did. We have a letter requesting that in the file.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Okay. Do you have that letter available?

**Mr. William Hall**

Yes. On you're on your screen?

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Ummm Oh yeah. It says Mr. Singletary. His term expires in accordance with the employee handbook and other matters related there to.

**Mr. William Hall**

That will be on number 2023.024. This is just saying that we're going to replace LaPorchia Brown with Mr. Singletary.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

It says Mr. Singletary will replace Ms. Brown's. Mr. Singletary term expires in accordance with employee handbook and other matters related here to.

**Mr. William Hall**

That does state that on the document, but that was given an example that we're going to replace her with Michael Singletary.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Okay, what's the date of the last handbook? Employee Handbook?

**Mr. William Hall**

I think it was dated 2017. If I'm not mistaken, I would have to go back and pull that document and that ordinance that we had passed. But if I'm not mistaken, I think it's 2017.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

You know, this way this is written to me is ambiguous. I don't understand why the employee handbook in final reading of the Resolution 2023.023. I think we need to look at revising that employee handbook. And also looking at getting citizens from the community. Because if there is a grievance filed, if an employee files a grievance, they appears on the judges. And oftentimes when the peer is the judge that peer can be retaliated on and it's not fought and it's not fair for that peer to be retaliated on. So, there's a lot of bias in this to me. And so, I request that we immediately begin to look at revising the employee handbook. Let me know nothing personal against Mr. Singletary. I don't know him. I'm not sure who he is. But we need to revisit that handbook and update it. And I have no if the verbiage India now would be applicable. I'm a little it's confusing to me. So, I'm just not satisfied with the language in here.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Any other questions or concerns on this resolution? Okay, all in favor show of hands. (CM Askins Yes, CM Scott Yes, Mayor Por Tem Yes, Mayor Robinson, Yes CM Cooper Yes, CM Brown Yes) (CM Crosby No) (6 Yes 1 No)

**Mr. William Hall**

Thank you, Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council for your consideration Resolution number 2023.024 for final reading and resolution for the city of Lake City, South Carolina, seeking to appoint Mr. Michael Singletary from the backup member to member of the Grievance Committee with the term expiring on 13th of June 2026. And all matters related there to

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

I need a motion to approve Resolution 2023.024 for final reading.

**Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Move to approve Resolution 2023.024 final reader.

**Councilmember Askins**

Second.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It has been properly moved and seconded. Any questions?

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Okay, you are pointing him at from backup member to member of the Grievance Committee. Can you explain that, please?

**Mr. William Hall**

He was a backup an alternate in case there was not enough during the time that the committee needed to meet. We're moving him as an alternate into a permanent member.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Okay. When did he become a backup?

**Mr. William Hall**

In 2016? If I'm not mistaken? No, I'm sorry. 2020.

**Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott**

Councilmember Crosby please take a look at the Grievance Committee....

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

I am addressing questions to him. Thank you.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

She's trying to she's trying to...

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

She's just the clerk to council and mayor I'm addressing the question as to Administrator.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

We don't have an answer at this moment.

**Mr. William Hall**

I think it was 2020 but I'd have to go pull his file and make sure of that. I'll be more than happy to share that with you.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Okay, can you get it to me? I guess as soon as possible, maybe by tomorrow morning. Via email or text. Thank you.



**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It will be sent to all as required. Any other questions or concerns about this resolution? If not all in favor show of hands. All opposed (CM Askins Yes, CM Scott Yes, Mayor Por Tem Yes, Mayor Robinson, Yes CM Cooper Yes, CM Brown Yes) (CM Crosby No) (6 Yes 1 No)

**Mr. William Hall**

Mayor and Council for your consideration Resolution number 2023.025 final reading a Resolution for the City of Lake City South Carolina for approval to accept the bid of \$871,229 from sport and fire and emergency apparatus Incorporated. The city of Lake City is also seeking approval of \$207,229 funds from the fiscal year 2025 2026 budget and all matters related there to.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

I need a motion to approve resolution 2023.025 for final reading.

**Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott**

Motion to approve Resolution 2023.025 on reading.

**Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Second.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It has been properly moved and seconded. Any questions? No questions. Okay. If no questions all in favor show of hands. (CM Askins Yes, CM Scott Yes, Mayor Por Tem Yes, Mayor Robinson, Yes CM Cooper Yes, CM Brown Yes) (CM Crosby No) (6 Yes 1 No)

**Mr. William Hall**

Mayor Council for your consideration Resolution number 2023.026 final reading it Resolution for the City of Lake City South Carolina seeking to request approval to use funds in the amount of \$52,052 for the cleaning out of the aeration basin located at the wastewater treatment plant and a \$50,000 for landfill costs to receive saying and other matters related there to.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

I need a motion to approve Resolution 2023.026 final reading.

**Councilmember Askins**

Motion to approve.

**Councilmember Askins**

Second.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It has been properly moved and seconded. Any questions?

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Did we get any other bids?

**Mr. William Hall**

We have three bids there they were included within your packets.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Oh, I didn't see them. And who is the umm highest bidder? Is the highest bidder or just?

**Mr. William Hall**

Ricky do you want to speak on that please?

**Mr. Ricky Simms**

Thompson Turner.

**Mr. William Hall**

Thompson Turner.

**Mr. Ricky Simms**

They are familiar with the area that we're working.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Umm okay.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Any other questions or concerns on his resolution? If not all in favor show of hands. (All showed hands).

**Mr. William Hall**

Mayor and Council, You have before you the Financial Report for the month ending May 31 2023. The general fund we are at year to date \$10,644,167 that's 117% of the budget. We have expenditures of \$10,361,098 that's 114% of the budget we have excess of \$283,069 in the water fund. We have a revenue of \$1,725,370 for so the budget, we have expenses of \$4,314,7542 expenses of \$1,510,587 85% of the budget, we have a surplus of \$214,783. And the sewer fund, we have revenues of \$4,314,752 140% of the budget. We have expenses of \$3,243,189, that's 105% of the budget. We have excess of \$1,071,563. In the stormwater. We have revenues of \$165,266. Expenses of \$58,190 surplus of \$107,076 and that is the financial statement for May 2023. Mayor and council for your consideration I have before you bits, I'm sorry, bills, one through eight, for your consideration and approval.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

I need a motion to approve bills, one - items 1-8 for June 13 2023.

**Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott**

Move to approve bills 1 through 8.

**Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Second.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

It has been properly moved and seconded. Any questions?

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Let me ask this question. How many different accounts do we have for the City of Lake City?

**William Hall**

I'm not following...

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Surely many different bank accounts like CDs or whatever banks or CDs we have?

**Mr. William Hall**

Well, we have probably have nine or 10 right off the top of my head.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Okay. It's nine. I'd like to get a copy of all the bank statements. Let's go back for the past....since you came on board, on the monthly bank statements from each account.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Do we have any questions about the bills items 1-8? Items 1-8...

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

I'd like to leave this as a part of that. Just a part of that.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

No, ma'am. We can talk about that later. We need to go with the bills I don't want to pay tonight.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

But it's not included, all the accounts are supposed to be on there.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Any other questions or concerns about bills items 1-8. If none All in favor show of hands. All opposed?  
(CM Askins Yes, CM Scott Yes, Mayor Por Tem Yes, Mayor Robinson, Yes CM Cooper Yes, CM Brown Yes) (CM Crosby No) (6 Yes 1 No)

**Mr. William Hall**

Mayor and Council, thank you so much. That's all I have for you this evening.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

We do not have any items in Executive Session. So, the next part, we will have our council member reports and comments and mayor's report. We will start with Councilman Brown. Councilmember Cooper sorry.

**Councilmember Cooper**

Good afternoon, everybody. I would like to commend Cooper on the arrest that has taken place in the city. Thank you for that. Of course, we don't like to see our people. But that's why we have those guys here with the nonprofit organizations. You know, we don't want to see anyone, especially these adolescent ages, getting in trouble and messing their whole lives. We don't want that at all. So again, we commend you. And of course, like you said, you know, everybody wants stuff to happen right then and there. But it's take this was progress, and progress made it happen. So, kudos to you as a voice for our community. And it says I am the Councilwoman for District Four, I would like to speak on behalf of some council members, excuse me some constituents in my community. And they're actually located in the veterans quarters. That's the name of their neighborhood. Of course, they came to me with their concerns and I just want anybody to know if you live in District Four if you live anywhere in Lake City, so any of these six districts and if you have any questions or concerns, if I can help you I'm going to help you because that's what I'm here for. So, the constituents over individuals quarters, their main concerns are the abandoned homes, the mechanics, working on cars, the 18 wheelers and trailer park down the street, the open ditches and large which are large enough for kids to drown in so of course that's a safety hazard. So, of course, like I said, I was here, and I was asked to, to address their concerns. And like I said, I will address anyone's concerns. If you let me know. That's what I'm here for. I have however, I do speak with Greg, who is the code enforcement officer. As far as and I do know this as far as these trucks and stuff like that being in the neighborhoods, there's no city ordinance, saying that they can't be. There's a state ordinance that I think I've heard that he told me that you cannot park you cannot block a driveway, anything, you have to be like a certain amount of feet from an intersection and of course, from a stop sign. So that's what I know right now so far. And again, I just asked that these particular concerns be addressed in a timely manner, please, so that you either to me, so that I can relay it back to them so that they know that I am working in their favor, and try to get anything, any and everything done. That I can. The next thing is I would like to let you guys know that I do have a 101-year-old female that just had a birthday. Her name is Miss Mabel . And so, she's in my community. I just want you guys to know that that she just had a birthday. And then if you see Miss Mabel, just tell her happy belated birthday. I think her birthday was just past weekend. And I just asked that you guys come out to the Juneteenth events that are going on this week in Lake City from the fifth, fifth to the eighth to the 18th. Yeah, so just make sure you come out and support your community. And again, as I always say, Stay vigilant, stay safe. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

I share echo a lot of councilmembers Cooper's come from a Cooper's sentiments, in addition to I think it was about it's been over a year now. The retention pond over by a CVS of Ron McNair Boulevard and

the retention pond by Family Dollar. I remember William said that said that he was about to go into litigation, what's the status of that now because his

**Mr. William Hall**

Code enforcement office was also sent letters they have been fined. They have not complied with any of the court orders. All we can do us keep sending those summons to their corporate office. We at some point can go in and clean it ourselves and send the bill or fix the bill to their taxes. But the judge has judicated that case and they have been charged.

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

So, if they've been charged on why, I wonder why there not acting, they must know must not have been a heavy fine.

**Mr. William Hall**

I would have to check I was not involved,

**Council Member Sondra-Fleming Crosby**

Okay, well, can you check into that please and let me know and also, we have several abandoned homes and blighted homes and streets and sidewalks on the west side of town. These streets and sidewalks have not been repaved since, I guess in the past 45 years when they were first done, and we're paying taxes, but it's as if the monies are going to where people want them to go themselves. And as a taxpayer and a citizen, I wish we could beef up our actions and our attitude towards stuff going on. On the other side of the tracks on the west side of town. There's mostly it's you know, the west side of town is 52 in the tracks. Thank you all for coming. And if you have concerns, let me know, let your council person know. And we will get them addressed and we will do the best we can to try to get them addressed and satisfy you. Because after all, you're paying your taxes if you don't pay your taxes, what happens? When and where's the money going? That's what you all need to be working on. Collectively. Thank you.

**Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Thank you all for coming out. Also, to the presenters. Thank you all continue to come and voice your concerns. Councilmember Cooper's said a lot. So, I'm not going to echo anything only one thing from her. Just don't forget about the Juneteenth events that starts on Thursday and Saturday, Sunday. So just make sure you guys come out and support. Thank you all.

**Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott**

Thank you. Thank you like to echo what they say about doing their support and you know what the media will allow what it stands for all of this happy that started on the house. There's so many houses that need to be abandoned and destroyed and one of Beauregard Street in my area was taken down last week on one 52 I saw that went now there's so many but yet is still the effort that we begin. And I looked on Carver Street so the house is coming up so slowly, but you know my mom told me Rome wasn't built in one day, it took time. And I think or the presenter tonight I'm concerned about the meal the men's, you know is taking pride in our city to make a better man. We got a bunch of boys if one of your boys, but we need to men to lead these children, so many young people out in the street. So,

thank you and thank everyone for coming tonight. It's good to know that the city, the citizens are concerned about wellbeing of the city see the progress. Now heard about the school doing some work on a new field. So, people think it's the city where it's the school, if it will help the city. So, let's engage and be happy. We're going to celebrate it doesn't matter who do it. And know we all collaborate to work together to beautify this community.

**Councilmember Askins**

Nothing to report.

**Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Thank you, council members, for your reports tonight. This one is it everybody thank you for coming out love to see the room. So, feel almost every chair field in here that means your concern. As always there's issues and there's ideas and new solutions. We all brought it all everything, all of that to the table tonight. I do want to recognize our city staff and department heads who are here tonight to ask me if you just please stand I want to ask you to say a word. But just please stand so we can see from our city staff and departments. William, Ms. Marsha (applauding) the officer who's standing by the door. Just have no idea how much it takes, and how much work it puts in, we have to put in a day to make sure that the city is moving forward. So, I applaud them. And I also applaud you all because it takes everyone we stated before small cities month is June, to celebrate us the city and Lake City for small cities month, I would just like to share with you the statement that came from Jay Paul class of 2023. So, the auditorium Miss Ashley Yarber. She stated in her speech, Lake City may be a small city, but we have big dreams. So let that sit with you. Because that's who we are. So, let's continue to celebrate each other with every small step that we make. The blighted homes on this along with the council members, and the citizens because I had a resident assistant to come to me today at the post office. And she said I just want to thank you and everybody that took part and to making sure that the houses are being torn down the blighted houses, she's now able to look out her door and not see a blight house, in her yard or next door. She's able to see across the street and just see not see all the mess that was there before. So, it took a long process. But we're making it and we have more homes to come down. So I think everybody that took part into that. Just want to say that we had to put out a Community Update. Just recently the police department and the administration we put our heads together because we were getting some concerns and complaints about juveniles that will come around. I would like to kind of just clear up a little bit, a little bit on this. We put the update out so we can make sure that not only the community is safe, but the safety for the juveniles as well. As you can tell, we did not pinpoint who they were, the age race or any of that. But we put it out to make our community aware. And we also made sure that they were asking about doing different services, such as washing cars, cutting the grass is basically what a young person should do to make money, especially in the summer. But they went beyond that. And we needed to make sure that our community is safe, and that they are safe too, because who knows, something bad can happen to them when they enter the wrong house. So that's the reason why we did. So, I know we got a lot of negative about that. But we just wanted to make that clear. The reason why we were doing that, and we have a lot of things in our community, in our city, for our young people, and we're going to continue to make for bringing a lot of things with the collaboration of the community, different organizations, and schools. We have things such as the old school games around the city, and we have flyers over here. We have fliers posted in administration, we have flyers sent to the schools, so that the students can get up and give them to the

parents. We have flyers on our Facebook page, we always put them out. We have old school games around the city, we have the Boys and Girls Club, we have special needs and Olympics coming up. We have summer kids history and Kennedy Park in Matthews Road, not just things that come up that you have to bring your kids to, or they come to, but we go out into communities as well. We have the free camp for kids. So, these different things that we have for the children, and that we actually they are actually in process and progress. All we need the parents to do is bring them. We need parent involvement as well. So, we have things out there for the kids. We just need the kids. But we need you to bring them to just elaborate also a lot of good things that our kids are doing. Just to state we have a Mr. Justin McNair who is the Youth of the Year for Lake City boys and girls club. He is in Atlanta, Georgia right now. We also have a few girls from Lake City in Houston, Texas right now. Visiting NASA, along with Dr. Ronnie McNair wife and his family. We also have five young ladies and how many girls state including South Carolina yesterday were asked, well, I was one of the speakers on the panel. So, our young people are doing great things, we just got to keep supporting them. We see I'm pointing myself first, we just got to keep lifting up lifting them. They look at us first. So, we got to be careful how we present ourselves, because they're looking at us. And that's the only way they know how to do things. Like everybody else stated, we have Juneteenth coming up, want to make sure that we come out and celebrate freedom, and the different activities that the staff has put together for the week. Nothing, that's all I have for today. Just thank you again, for coming out. My doors always open. And my number is posted. You can come by; we can talk whatever needs you need. And I want to also thank all the presentations that were given out today, like we say, we're going to have more and more of these presentations. Because we care about the community. We want to make sure that you have your hands on these resources that are out there. We're transparent, this can be really helpful and can be. So as long as we continue to work together. Lake City will be the great city that it is. Thank you. And I get a motion to adjourn.

## **Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

So, moved.

## **Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

And one more thing that I would like to add, we stated briefing about the new athletic facility. A great investment. No, let's clear up now. No, the city of Lake City is not giving \$11.3 million to this facility, plain English but I can say I Mayor Robinson do support it. And I will give my time and my money to it if I had to, because this is much needed, but just to clear up the City of Lake City, we're doing all the things that we need to grant for the streets for the sidewalks for all we hear all of that we're putting in grants, those things take time. We hear all the concerns when this new facility athletic facility is being done by the Florence school district three staff and board who approved it and the community, we all going to be putting into this because believe me I guarantee you you're going to be sitting in but thank you just want to make that clarity. I think we got a motion can I get a second.

## **Mayor Pro Tem Singletary**

Second.

## **Mayor Yamekia Robinson**

Thank you.

MEETING ADJOUREND AT 7:00 PM

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Yamekia Robinson, Mayor  
City of Lake City

(SEAL)

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Marshann Terwilliger, City Clerk  
To Mayor and Council



**Lake City, South Carolina**

**Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Report**

*Period Ending June 30, 2023*

The following is a summary of the City's **operating** financial results for the major funds as of June 29, 2023. Fiscal year activity has been included as of June 29, 2023.

**GENERAL FUND**

Category	Current Budget	YTD Actual	% Budget to Actual	Prior Yr Actual
Revenue	9,042,516	11,154,483	123.36%	8,403,830
Use of Fund Balance	-	-		-
Expenditures*	9,042,516	12,019,297	132.92%	8,359,267
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	-	(864,814)		44,563

**WATER FUND**

Category	Current Budget	YTD Actual	% Budget to Actual	Prior Yr Actual
Revenue	1,773,294	1,751,906	98.79%	1,744,304
Use of Fund Balance	-	-		-
Expenses	1,773,294	1,618,305	91.26%	1,566,698
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses		133,601		177,606

**SEWER FUND**

Category	Current Budget	YTD Actual	% Budget to Actual	Prior Yr Actual
Revenue	3,074,011	2,915,264	94.84%	3,124,340
Use of Fund Balance	-	-		-
Expenses**	3,074,011	3,507,077	114.09%	3,174,861
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	-	(591,813)		(50,521)

**STORMWATER**

Category	Current Budget	YTD Actual	% Budget to Actual	Prior Yr Actual
Revenue		165,245		
Use of Fund Balance	-	-		-
Expenditures*		58,190		
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	-	107,055		

<b>BILLS TO BE APPROVED June 13th, 2023</b>			
1. Tencarva Machinery Company Lift Station Repairs		\$7,713.04	\$7,713.04 21-485-0104
2. Tencarva Machinery Company Lift Station Repairs		\$7,786.16	\$7,786.16 21-485-0104
3. Fuelman			\$10,760.68
Solid Waste	Billing Periods	\$2,321.79	10-432-0018
Administration	4/3/2023-4/16/2023	\$0.00	10-410-0018
Tree City Program		\$0.00	10-490-0124
Police	Volume/Discount Rebate added for this invoice of	\$4,371.27	10-430-0018
Mayor/Council	\$146.29	\$92.73	10-455-0018
Fire	Credit amount was split between each department	\$471.68	10-445-0018
Code Enforcement		\$29.58	10-450-0018
Public Works	Statement #: NP64214025	\$1,478.66	10-455-0018
Recreation		\$277.37	10-470-0018
Senior Center		\$0.00	10-475-0018
Water Adm		\$83.63	20-410-0018
Sewer Adm		\$131.53	21-410-0018
WaterLMR		\$500.41	20-480-0018
Sewer LMR		\$756.70	21-480-0018
W/W		\$245.33	21-485-0018
I&I		\$0.00	21-495-0018
4. Fuelman			\$12,755.00
Solid Waste	Billing Periods	\$2,617.94	10-432-0018
Administration	4/17/2023-4/30/2023	\$9.38	10-410-0018
Tree City Program		\$0.00	10-490-0124
Police	Volume/Discount Rebate added for this invoice of	\$5,057.10	10-430-0018
Mayor/Council	\$136.61	\$83.09	10-455-0018
Fire	Credit amount was split between each department	\$694.47	10-445-0018
Code Enforcement		\$87.85	10-450-0018
Public Works	Statement#: NP64323980	\$1,592.91	10-455-0018
Recreation		\$347.96	10-470-0018
Senior Center		\$0.00	10-475-0018
Water Adm		\$123.40	20-410-0018
SewerAdm		\$190.48	21-410-0018
Water LMR		\$656.35	20-480-0018
SewerLMR		\$989.89	21-480-0018
W/W		\$304.78	21-485-0018
I&I		\$0.00	21-495-0018
5. Lee County Landfill Sludge Disposal	Services from 4/3/2023-4/15/2023	\$4,644.85	\$4,644.85 21-485-0103
6. Lee County Landfill Sludge Disposal	Services from 4/18/2023-4/30/2023	\$5,307.05	\$5,307.05 21-485-0103
7. WM Corporate Services, Inc Waste Management Commercial	Residential	\$12,121.09	\$12,121.09 10-432-0019