



Adjourned - 6:49 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing to hear input from the citizens in reference to the municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Councilmember Richard Cook; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena W. Scott, Councilmember Richard Cook, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr).



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – JUDICIAL CENTER**  
**202 KELLEY STREET**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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**MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT**

Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr  
Councilmember Yamekia Robinson  
Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby  
Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary  
Councilmember Wilhelmena W. Scott  
Councilmember Richard Cook

**STAFF**

William Hall  
Rick Sims  
Police Chief Joseph Cooper  
Charlie Ipock (City’s attorney)  
Teresa Benjamin  
Glenn Bodenheimer  
Fire Chief Randy Driggers  
LaToya Miller  
Cynthia Mallette (arrived at 7:24 p.m.)

**OTHERS**

Press – None  
Margaret Robinson  
TY Christian TV (Thomas Williams)  
Roosevelt Bryant  
Emma Cooper

The City Council Regular City Council Meeting agenda acknowledge was publicized on the City’s Facebook and website. The ad for the First Reading for the fiscal year budget was published in the Morning News on May 21, 2021. The agenda was emailed on Friday, June 3, 2021, to members of the media and posted on the bulletin board at the Lake City Municipal Complex, as well on the city’s Facebook page and official website.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Anderson Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Anderson explained the protocol for the meeting with social-distancing measures encouraged.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby.

**POLLING OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS – A QUORUM WAS PRESENT**

City Clerk Teresa K. Benjamin polled City Councilmembers and found there to be a quorum present.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - APPROVED AS AMENDED**

A motion to approve the Tuesday, June 8, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting agenda: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Seconded: Councilmember Richard Cook; A motion to amend the Tuesday, June 8, 2021 Regular City Council agenda to include the addition of Ordinance 2021.562 in section X. Legislative for the purchase of a new front-end loader commercial truck: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Seconded: Councilmember Richard Cook; Discussion: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby posed the question of how much would this new front-end loader cost? Mayor Anderson Jr responded that this information would be discussed during the Executive Session; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

A motion to approve the minutes for Tuesday, May 11, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Notes on Comment Period:** Comments are limited to two minutes per person and no personal or verbal attacks will be entertained – There was no Public Input.

**LEGISLATIVE****ORDINANCES****Ordinance 2021.559 – Second and Final Reading**

An Ordinance for the City of Lake City, South Carolina to approve levying taxes and establish a municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022; and other matters related thereto - Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2021.559 of the City of Lake City, South Carolina to approve levying taxes and establish a municipal budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Discussion: Councilmember Robinson asked if the City of Lake City would be receiving some funds from the American Rescue Funds due to the COVID-19 Pandemic? Interim City Administrator Hall responded that the state of South Carolina has received some funding

and will distribute according to the size of the municipality; and since we are in the smaller range percentile because of population (below 50,000), it will be a while before we see anything. We may receive some funding, but it will probably be a very little and we have no idea when or if that will happen. Mayor Anderson Jr stated that more information will be provided to everyone during the annual Municipal Association of South Carolina Conference scheduled to take place in July 2021. The County is different than the city and we do not receive anything from the County as far as receiving funding from the CARES Act. Councilmember Robinson asked when we could possibly see this information? Interim Administrator Hall replied that in the best-case scenario, the State could release funds by the end of July; but they could ask for an extension. This would delay the process for at least 30 – 60 days; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

#### Ordinance 2021.560 – First Reading

An Ordinance for the City of Lake City, South Carolina to approve providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$4,940,000) Waterworks and Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Lake City, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$4,940,000) Waterworks and Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bond Anticipation Note of the City of Lake City in connection with said bond, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of such bond anticipation note shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters related thereto - Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2020.560 of the City of Lake City, South Carolina to approve providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$4,940,000) Waterworks and Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Lake City, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$4,940,000) Waterworks and Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bond Anticipation Note of the City of Lake City in connection with said bond, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of such bond anticipation note shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters related thereto. These funds are basically in conjunction with the upgrades or construction efforts for the Wastewater Treatment Plant: Councilmember Richard Cook; Seconded: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra

Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**Ordinance 2021.561 – First Reading**

An Ordinance for the City of Lake City, South Carolina to approve repealing and replacing Flood Damage Mitigation and Stormwater Management Utility for the purpose of implementing the City of Lake City Stormwater Management Program to include but not limiting to: Designing, Constructing, Funding, Maintaining Stormwater Management, Sediment Control, Flood Control Programs, Projects, and Facilities; and providing for the Administration and enforcement; and other matters related thereto – Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2021.561 of the City of Lake City, South Carolina to approve repealing and replacing Flood Damage Mitigation and Stormwater Management Utility for the purpose of implementing the City of Lake City Stormwater Management Program to include but not limiting to: Designing, Constructing, Funding, Maintaining Stormwater Management, Sediment Control, Flood Control Programs, Projects, and Facilities; and providing for the Administration and enforcement; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary: Councilmember Cook if the Interim Administrator Hall could shed some light as to what this ordinance is pertaining to; Interim Administrator Hall began by reminding Mayor and Council of an previous ordinance that was presented to them but was tabled. That ordinance was suggesting implementing a stormwater fee; so, when stormwater issues arise, the funding would be in place to act. This would help address or alleviate the flooding issues we have experienced in the past; by putting this in place, we can continue to apply for grants and other financial-opportunities as a result of stormwater issues. Councilmember Scott asked the question in reference to levying taxes, and to this, the Interim Administrator Hall gave an illustration by using the City of Florence. The City of Florence has implanted a stormwater fee and those funds are to be used to address flooding and the prevention of stormwater issues. Mayor Anderson Jr talked about the meeting that they had with local representatives discussing Dansing and Roger Streets; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 2021.387 – Final Approval**

A Resolution for the City of Lake City South Carolina for the approval to accept, approve, and authorize the execution of that certain easement agreement between the City of Lake City and

the Medical University Hospital Authority; and other matters related thereto - Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Resolution 2021.387 City of Lake City, South Carolina for the approval to accept, approve, and authorize the execution of that certain easement agreement between the City of Lake City and the Medical University Hospital Authority: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Councilmember Richard Cook; Discussion: Interim Administrator Hall explained that this side road will give us access to the water tower that is being constructed for the new hospital; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

### **CITY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR WILLIAM HALL: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YR 2021 PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2021.** The following is a summary of the City's financial results for the major operating funds as of May 31, 2021. Fiscal year activity has been included as of June 3, 2021.

#### **GENERAL FUND:**

**REVENUE** - Budgeted: \$6,728,750; YTD Actual Collected = \$5,750,588, representing 85% of the current budget compared to the prior year actual collected = \$5,607,081. The Use of Fund Balance = \$470,741.

**EXPENSES** – Budgeted: \$7,199,491; YTD Actual Collected = \$6,696,073, representing 93% of the budget compared to the prior year actual = \$5,667,630.

**REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES:** YTD = (\$975,485); PRIOR YR ACTUAL = \$(60,549).

#### **WATER FUND:**

**REVENUE** – Budgeted: \$1,549,573; YTD Actual Collected: \$1,356,193 representing 88% of the budget compared to the prior year actual: \$1,417,777.

**EXPENSES** – Budgeted: \$1,549,573; YTD Actual Collected: \$1,163,633 representing 75% of the budget compared to the prior year actual: \$1,102,597.

**REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES:** YTD = \$192,560; PRIOR YR ACTUAL = \$315,180.

**SEWER FUND:**

**REVENUE** – Budgeted: \$2,758,350; YTD Actual Collected: \$2,746,429 representing 99.5% of the budget compared to the prior year = \$2,622,012.

**EXPENSES** – Budgeted: \$2,758,350; YTD Actual Collected: \$2,378,622 compared to the prior year actual = \$2,064,357 representing 86%.

**REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES** – Budgeted: \$0; YTD Actual Collected: \$367,807 compared to the prior year actual = \$557,655.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 (page 171)** – Approved Items 1 - 4 as presented.

A motion to approve the June 2021 Bill List items 1 – 4: Councilmember Richard Cook; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Discussion: Councilmember Robinson posed the question pertaining to item #3 for Republic. She noticed an \$11,000 decrease from the previous month. Interim Administrator Hall explained that this was the company that comes to remove our sludge on a monthly basis. The cost fluctuates depending on the number of pulls that are made during the month. It is best that we keep this amount down; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – LAKE CITY POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH COOPER**

Lake City Police Chief Joseph Cooper provided Mayor and Council with updated information as the COVID-19 numbers in Florence County. Chief Cooper also read the number of responses the Police Department information for police and fire departments.

- 83 traffic offenses; 28 arrests (shoplifts – 19); 34 drugs; 11 disorderly conducts; 2 open containers; and 57 incident reports filed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ENTERED AT 7:28 P.M**

A motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)(3) to discuss the possible purchase of property from Fuel 24 located at Tax Map# 80007-02-057 and the property located at the Checkered Board Well, the corner of Kelley and North Acline Street; and other matter related thereto: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).



**ACTION AS NEEDED WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – EXITED AT 8:35 P.M.**

A motion to exit Executive Session pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)(3) to discuss the possible purchase of property from Fuel 24 located at Tax Map# 80007-02-057 and the property located at the Checkered Board Well, the corner of Kelley and North Acline Street; and other matter related thereto: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Second: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**LEGISLATIVE****ORDINANCE****Ordinance 2021.562 - First Reading**

An Ordinance for the City of Lake City, South Carolina for the approval of authorizing the execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement in an amount not exceeding \$280,000 (Two Hundred, Eighty Thousand Dollars) relating to the purchase of equipment for use by the City of Lake City's Sanitation Department and payment of related costs for the City of Lake City, South Carolina, authorizing the execution of other necessary documents and papers; and other matter related thereto – Approved as Presented.

A motion to approve authorizing the execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement in an amount not exceeding \$280,000 (Two Hundred, Eighty Thousand Dollars) relating to the purchase of equipment for use by the City of Lake City's Sanitation Department and payment of related costs for the City of Lake City, South Carolina, authorizing the execution of other necessary documents and papers; and other matter related thereto: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**RESOLUTION****Resolution 2021.388**

A Resolution of the City of Lake City, South Carolina, approving the appointments to Various City Boards, Commissions and Committees; and other matters related thereto – Approved as Presented.

A motion to approve authorizing the appointments to Various City Boards, Commissions and Committees; and other matter related thereto: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott;

Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

### CITY COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

Councilmember Richard Cook – he thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilmember Yamekia Robinson - she thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and gave a list of events that would be taking place this month:

- June 10 – Lake City High School Graduation Parade
- June 11 – Lake City High School Graduation Ceremony was held at the Lake City High School Stadium
- June 14 – She participated in a panel discussion for American Legion Palmetto Girl State.
- June 19 – The King in You ( a program sponsored by Pastor Paula Morris) from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- June 24 – The Dramatic Coffee Beans presents a Summer Kick-Off Talent Show.
- She congratulated all the Lake City High School 2021 graduates. She asked for more support from City’s officials during these times. Especially the Lake City Recreation Department events, there are only a handful who attends these events, but it would be a good thing to see more participation from our local representatives.
- She asked everyone to give a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Ra’Shaud Graham. Everyone stood and was silence for one minute in recognition of this young man, as June 8, 2019; he was recognized. The committee was a little reluctant to do any face-to-face interaction especially during and after COVID-19.
- She asked if the meeting agenda could be prepared and given to them at least six to seven days before the Council meeting. Currently, they have been receiving the meeting agenda packets the Friday before the meeting. In her opinion, this does not allow them enough time to review the materials.

Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby – she thanked everyone for coming out and recognized some of the upcoming graduates:

- Tonya Huell’s (Utility Billing Department) sons, Javian and Jadrien Huell – graduated Jun 11, 2021; both twins graduated with honors.
- LaToya Miller’s (Administrative Assistant) daughter little Miss Khi-Reeya Miller – graduated from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Main Street Elementary.
- Teresa K. Benjamin’s (City Clerk/Risk Coordinator/HR Specialist) daughter Kayla J. Benjamin will be graduating from USC Aiken in December 2021 with a nursing degree.
- She congratulated all the 2021 graduates.

- She hopes to see everyone next month.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary - she thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and she congratulations all the 2021 graduates.

Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott - she recognized all the students and congratulated those on their upcoming graduations. Continue to keep them in prayer.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – he thanked everyone for coming out and voicing their concerns.

- A special recognition went to the little 7-year-old girl, Miss Bowyn Floyd for sponsoring a Community Cleanup on Saturday, June 12, 2021. It was good seeing the enthusiasm she had for helping make the City of Lake City beautiful and clean.
- Interim Administrator Hall announced the free Games and Movie Night on Friday, June 18, 2021, that began at 6 p.m. Special thank you to Mr. Roosevelt Bryant for his assistance in coordinating this event. Vendors will be there with free food and drinks. It promises to be a good night of family games and fun.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Having heard all matters presented and having no citizens input, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).



Lovith Anderson Jr  
Mayor

Attest:



Teresa K. Benjamin  
City Clerk