



AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 9th, 2023
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – JUDICIAL CENTER
202 KELLEY STREET
5:45 PM

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LAKE CITY BUDGET

I. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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NATION & WORLD



CHARLIE NEIBERBALL, ASSOCIATED PRESS

TECH ISSUE BRIEFLY GROUNDS SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHTS

Southwest Airlines passengers check in for their flight Tuesday at the Des Moines International Airport in Iowa. Southwest Airlines planes were briefly grounded nationwide Tuesday due to what the airline called an intermittent technology issue, leading to more than 1,800 delayed flights just four months after the carrier suffered a much bigger meltdown over the Christmas travel rush. The hold on departures was lifted by late morning, according to Southwest and the Federal Aviation Administration, but not before traffic at airports from Denver to New York City backed up. On the positive side, Southwest had only about a dozen flights canceled — in line with other major airlines, according to tracker FlightAware.

US reporter remains detained

Putin, Zelenskyy visit respective troops as war nears 14th month

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Russian judge ruled Tuesday that American journalist Evan Gershkovich must remain behind bars on espionage charges in a case that is part of a crackdown on the Kremlin information dissent and press freedom since invading Ukraine.

Appearing in public for the first time in weeks, the 31-year-old Wall Street Journal reporter stood in a defendant's glass cage in Moscow City Court, wearing blue jeans and a navy blueingham checked shirt. He paced

at times with his arms folded, talking with his lawyers through an opening and occasionally smiling as he acknowledged the other journalists crammed into the courtroom for photos before the hearing was closed because Russian authorities declared the case secret.

Russia's Federal Security Service arrested Gershkovich in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg on March 29. He could face up to 20 years in prison.

The judge ruled Gershkovich must remain in jail until at least May 29. The journalist's lawyers said they petitioned for house arrest or for his release on bail of 50 million rubles — about \$610,000 in U.S. currency — but were rejected.

The lawyers said they plan to appeal the ruling, which the Journal and its publisher, Dow Jones, called "disappointing."

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin visited command posts of his forces fighting in Ukraine for the second time in two months, officials said Tuesday, while Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made his latest trip to positions near the front line. The visits — on different days and in different provinces — sought to stiffen the resolve of soldiers as the war approaches its 14th month.

Germany's official federal government website on Tuesday listed a Patriot surface-to-air guided missile system among military items delivered to Ukraine.

DIGEST

Fox, Dominion reach settlement

WILMINGTON, Del. — The judge overseeing Dominion Voting Systems' defamation lawsuit against Fox announced Tuesday that the parties "have resolved their case" and dismissed the jury just as the trial was to begin.

The announcement averts a prolonged trial in a case that exposed how the top-rated network misled viewers by spreading false claims about the 2020 presidential election.

The sudden announcement came after jurors had been seated and attorneys were preparing to make opening statements for a trial that had been expected to last six weeks. Terms were not disclosed for the proposed settlement, which still needs approval from the judge overseeing the case.

Denver-based Dominion aimed to hold Fox accountable for airing false allegations of election fraud.

Regulators approve another COVID shot

WASHINGTON — U.S. regulators on Tuesday cleared another booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for older Americans and people with weak immune systems.

The Food and Drug Administration also took steps to make coronavirus vaccinations simpler for everyone, saying that anyone getting a Pfizer or Moderna dose will get the newest formula, not the original shots.

The FDA said those 65 or older can opt to roll up their sleeves again for another booster as long as it's been at least four months since their first dose of the so-called bivalent vaccine that targets omicron strains.

And most people who are immunocompromised also can choose that extra spring booster at least two months after their first, with additional doses in the future at the discretion of their physician, the agency said.

BRIEFLY

DIANNE FEINSTEIN: Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday that Republicans won't allow Democrats to temporarily replace California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, 80, on the Senate Judiciary Committee, arguing that they only want a stand-in to push through the most partisan judges. Feinstein is recovering from shingles.

LEAKED DOCUMENTS: The Air Force is investigating how a lone airman could access and distribute possibly hundreds of highly classified documents, and in the meantime has taken away the intelligence mission from the unit where the leaks took place, Air Force leaders said Tuesday.

TEACHER KILLING: Two Iowa teenagers admitted helping ambush and kill their high school Spanish teacher, who was beaten to death in a park with a baseball bat. Both pleaded guilty Tuesday to first-degree murder. Prosecutors said Willard Miller and Jeremy Goodale carried out the 2021 attack on Nohema Graber because of a bad grade she had given Miller.

SUDAN: Heavy fighting was still underway in Sudan on Tuesday hours after an internationally brokered truce was supposed to have come into effect, as forces loyal to dueling generals battled for key locations in the capital and accused each other of violating the cease-fire.

RUSSIA-CHINA: Chinese Defense Minister Gen. Li Shangfu vowed Tuesday to take military cooperation with Moscow to a new level, a statement that reflects increasingly close Russia-China ties. Li held talks with his Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu.

GYM ATTACK: At least four people were severely injured in an attack at a gym in the western German city of Duisburg, police said Tuesday evening. "According to current information, one person has injured other people with an object" at a gym, Duisburg police tweeted. — Associated Press

2nd BTS member joins S. Korean army

HYUNG-JINHEM Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — J-Hope, a member of K-pop sensation BTS, entered a South Korean boot camp Tuesday to start his 18-month compulsory military service, becoming the group's second member to join the country's army.

There was heated public debate in 2022 over whether to offer special exemptions of mandatory military service for BTS members, until the group's management agency announced in October that all seven members would fulfill their duties.

In December, Jin, 30 and the oldest member of BTS, became the band's first member to enter the army after revoking his request to delay his conscription.

South Korean TV footage Tuesday afternoon showed what they called a

black minivan likely carrying J-Hope moving into the boot camp in Wŏnju, about 55 miles east of Seoul. Hybe Corp., the parent company of BTS' management agency Big Hit Music, later confirmed the 29-year-old singer entered the camp.

Dozens of fans showed up near the base after arriving via rented buses wrapped with large photos of J-Hope and words hoping for his safe service. Authorities mobilized soldiers and police officers to maintain order, and there were no immediate reports of safety-related accidents. Big Hit Music pleaded with fans, who call themselves the "Army," not to come to the site due to safety concerns.

"I love you, Army. I'll see you again," J-Hope, whose real name is Jung Ho-seok, said Monday in a message posted on the online fan

platform Weverse, with photos of himself with a military buzz cut.

Five other younger BTS members — RM, Suga, Jin, V and Jungkook — are to join the South Korean military one by one in the coming years. That means the world's biggest boy band is expected to reconvene as a group again a few years later.

In South Korea, all able-bodied men are required by law to perform 18- to 21 months of military service under a conscription system meant to deter aggression from rival North Korea.

The law gives special exemptions to athletes, classical and traditional musicians, and ballet and other dancers if they have obtained top prizes in certain competitions and are assessed to have enhanced national prestige. K-pop stars and other entertainers aren't subject to such privileges.

That caused an intense domestic debate over whether it was time to amend the law to expand exemptions to entertainers such as BTS members. Jin, who turned 30 in December, faced an impending conscription because the law disallows most South Korean men from further delaying their service after they turn 30.

Lawmakers bickered over the issue at the National Assembly, while a series of public surveys showed sharply split opinions over possible service exemptions for BTS members. Defense Minister Lee Jong-Sup said

at the time it would be "desirable" for BTS members to implement their duties to promote fairness in the country's military service. Exemptions or dodging of

military duties are a highly sensitive issue in South Korea, because the draft forces the young men to suspend their studies or professional careers.

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MEETING
The Florence County Council will hold its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2023, at 9:00 A.M., Florence County Complex Council Chambers, Room 213, 180 North City Street, Florence, SC.

The Council meeting may be viewed via live stream at www.florencecountysc.gov.

The agenda for the meeting can be reviewed on the County website at www.florencecountysc.gov.

Florence County accommodates individuals needing assistance to participate in programs, services or activities sponsored by the County in compliance with ADA Section 504.

April 19, 2023 Hope M. Jones
Clerk to Council

Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the City of Lake City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the municipal budget for the fiscal year 2023/2024

Date: May 09, 2023
Time: 5:45 PM
Location: Lake City Municipal Complex Courtroom
202 Kelley Street
Lake City, SC 29560

| General Fund Budget | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Revenues | 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Revenue | Percentage Change in Revenues | 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Millage |
| \$9,042,516 | \$10,160,623 | 12.36% | 295.80 |
| 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Expenditures | 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Expenditures | Percentage Change in Expenditures | |
| \$9,042,516 | \$10,160,623 | 12.36% | |
| Utility Fund Budget | | | |
| Water Budget | | | |
| 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Revenues | 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Revenues | Percentage Change | |
| \$1,773,294 | \$2,235,000 | 26.04% | |
| 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Expenditures | 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Expenditures | Percentage Change | |
| \$1,773,294 | \$2,235,000 | 26.04% | |
| Sewer Budget | | | |
| 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Revenues | 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Revenues | Percentage Change | |
| \$3,049,007 | \$3,074,011 | 27.61% | |
| 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Expenditures | 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Expenditures | Percentage Change | |
| \$3,049,007 | \$3,890,745 | 27.61% | |

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***Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the public is encouraged to wear face masks and social-distancing measures have been put in place, seating is limited. Reminder: before the meeting begins, we ask that you silence your cell phones.**

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 April 11th, 2023, Mayor and Council Meeting

V. PRESENTATIONS

- Paula Morris and Mary Spates – Presentation on Vaping/Medical Information (5 minutes)

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VII. LEGISLATIVE

A. ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 2023.005 - Second/Final Reading**

An Ordinance known as 60 Acres on West Cole Road, Lake City, SC Tax Map No. 00169-31-287 currently zones R-3 and requesting to be re-zoned to OIA (Office-Institutional- Apartments) all other matters related thereof.

2. **Ordinance 2023.006 - Second/Final Reading**

The owner of Florence County TMS No. 00196-31-139 current owned by Nelson Willoughby, 701 US 52 Highway, Lake City, SC currently zoned R-1 and requesting to be re-zoned to OIA (Office-Institutional- Apartments) all other matters related thereof.

3. **Ordinance 2023.009 - First Reading**

Authorizing And Directing The Lake City Of The City Of Lake City To Enter Into An Intergovernmental Agreement Relating To South Carolina Local Revenue Services; To Participate In One Or More Local Revenue Service Programs; To Execute And Deliver One Or More Participant Program Supplements; And Other Matters Relating thereof.

Ordinance is required by the City of Lake City every year

4. **Ordinance 2023.010 – First Reading**

An 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 other matters related thereof.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2023.020 Final Reading**

The City of Lake City is seeking approval to accept the resignation of Ms. Teresa Pressley from the Planning Commission and all other matters thereof.

2. **Resolution 2023.021 Final Reading**

A Resolution for the City of Lake City, South Carolina for approval to \$8,402,750 from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SCIIP) and all other matters thereof.

3. Resolution 2023.022

A Resolution for the City of Lake City, South Carolina seeking approval to appoint Mrs. Jane Player to the Planning Commission Board for the remaining term of Ms. Teresa Pressley. The term will expire on 02-01-2026 and all other matters thereto.

VIII. CITY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monthly Financial Report – City Administrator William Hall

2. Approval of Monthly Bills – City Administrator William Hall

1. May 2023 Bill List

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE THIS MEETING - Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) for the discussion of a personnel employment, compensation or appointments and the receipt of legal advice relating to pending, threatened, or potential claims and matters covered by the attorney-client privilege as well as the settlement of legal claims and other matters related thereto.

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

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XI. LEGISLATIVE

COUNCILMEMBER’S REPORTS/COMMENTS

MAYOR’S REPORT

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