

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064 for a regular monthly meeting. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank Davis, Council President Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Councilmember Vanessa Robinson, Councilmember Gladys Owens, Councilmember David Alford, City Clerk John Gill, City Manager Larry Sessions, & City Attorney Todd Kennon.

Council President Campbell called the meeting to order.

Mayor Davis led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Campbell presented the agenda for any additions, deletions, or changes. Council President Campbell asked that item 6-D be deleted and that item 5-A, discussion with possible council action allowing the City Manager authority to investigate and if deemed appropriate to initiate and appraisal report on property adjacent to the Court House. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 6-D and the addition of item 5-A, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell then proceeded to the next agenda item, approval of the July 9th regular monthly city council meeting minutes, and the August 2nd emergency called city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell then opened the floor for public comments to those who wished to speak now or wait until the item is presented on the agenda.

The following individual spoke at this time:

Florence Pinkard spoke regarding the closing of Mill Street.

Patricia Evans (owner) and Galvin Timms (renter) at 215 Meadows Street spoke regarding sewer backup damages.

Joe Carroll spoke regarding the curb of 11th Street and Ohio Ave.

Kieth Broaders spoke regarding the history class he teaches on Monday August 22nd.

Lawson Whatley in regards to Lake Mary.

Anita Williams spoke regarding the flood.

Clyde Fleming spoke regarding water issues.

Timothy Wiggins spoke regarding impact fees.

With no other comments, the floor was closed to public comments.

Council President Campbell turned the floor over to Mayor Davis to discuss matters of the city. Mayor Davis spoke regarding flooding throughout the city as a result of Hurricane Debby.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action allowing the City Manager authority to investigate and if deemed appropriate to initiate and appraisal report on property adjacent to the court house (previously El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant). Council President Campbell stated that there is a desperate need of parking in the downtown Live Oak and that it will also be more marketable for the old post office as well. Mr. Campbell gave the floor over to City Manager Sessions, who stated that he has spoken with Mr. Greg Scott, County Manager and the county is interested in working with us on this project together if the city is to purchase this property. Councilmember Alford made a motion to have the city manager authorize an appraisal for the old El Mezcal restaurant, the motion died due to lack of a second.

Council President Campbell moved on to the post Hurricane Debby report. Mr. Sessions gave a list of all the streets that were worked on and all the help that was provided. Mr. Sessions stated that he spoke with Governor DeSantis about the issues from Hurricane Debby.

Council President Campbell moved on to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2024-23, a resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2024-24, a resolution authorizing the execution of grant agreement D0275 with the Florida Department of Commerce providing for the acceptance of a grant award of up to \$295,000.00 in reimbursable cost associated with the redevelopment of a comprehensive water and sewer master plan. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Ownes made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-24, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved on to discussion with possible council action, final reading of Ordinance 1514, an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code of ordinance for the City of Live Oak. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Billy Golightly spoke regarding the code. Ms. Anita Williams spoke regarding the codes for blighted houses. Dr. Carolyn Bailey spoke regarding furniture being placed on the street when there is a move out. With no other comments, Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the final reading for Ordinance 1514, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, the final reading of Ordinance 1515, an ordinance amending the future land use classification of 1.760 acres on the Future Land Use Plan Map of the city of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to an application, CPA 24-02 by the property owners and/or their authorized representative recommending to the City Council, approval of an amendment to the Future Land Use Plan Map of the city of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan for a change in the land uses classification from residential moderate density and residential medium density to commercial. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comment. With none heard, Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comments. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1515, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell then moved on to discussion with possible council action, final reading of Ordinance 1516, an ordinance amending the zoning district of 10.863 acres of land on the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, pursuant to an application LDR 24-02, by the City Council, providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from Residential Single Family Two Residential Single Family Three and Commercial-General to Office-Institutional. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With none heard, Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the final reading for Ordinance 1516, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, final reading of Ordinance 1517, an ordinance amending Ordinance 817 as amended entitled the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, pursuant to an application LDR 24-03 by the City of Live Oak City Council adding, amending, renaming, reorganizing, renumbering, and/or striking portions of text within article two definitions, Four-

Zoning Regulations and Supplemental District Regulations Sec(S) 4.7. Residential Manufactured Home Park, 4.8 Residential Multiple Family, 4.19.3. Access Control, 4.19.8 exclusion from height limitations, 4.19.10 fences, walls, hedges, 4.19.12 Community Redevelopment Area district development standards and Fourteen-Permitting and Concurrency Management Sec. 14.11 Special Permits for essential services. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With none heard, Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comments. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1517, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Jefferson against.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, final reading of Ordinance 1518, an ordinance relating to public right-of-way, making findings and vacating segment(s) of unimproved platted street right-of-way within the City of Live Oak, Florida as follows: a portion of Mill Street (by plat), 233.80 feet by 40 feet bounded on the South by block 9 of the Dowling Additions to the City of Live Oak, bounded on the East by Waterman Ave, and bounded on the South by lot 1 block 12 of the Dowling Addition to the City of Live Oak, bounded on the East by the abandoned Seaboard Coast Line Railroad right-of-way, and bounded on the West by a line connecting the Southwest corner of lot 4 block 11 of the Dowling Addition to the City of Live Oak and the Northwest corner of lot 1 block 12 of the Dowling Addition to the City of Live Oak. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Jeff Chaillal spoke against closing Park Street. Ms. Anita Williams spoke regarding Mill Street. Mr. Jeff Bradford, developer, spoke regarding building on the property. Mr. Dana Berman, developer, spoke regarding building on the property. Mr. George Curtis, Development Manager spoke explaining the platted area and how it was surveyed. With no other comments, Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Ordinance 1518, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried 3 to 2 with Councilmember Owens and Councilmember Robinson against.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, discontinue Fluoride to City of Live Oak potable water. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Vince Smith spoke in favor of discontinuing fluoride in the city water. Cheryl Pruitt spoke in favor of discontinuing fluoride in the city water. Linda Palmisano spoke in favor of discontinuing fluoride in the city water. Moses Clepper spoke in favor of discontinuing fluoride in the city water. With no other comments, Council President Campbell closed public comments.

Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to discontinue fluoride in the city water, which Councilmember Owens second. After council discussion, Councilmember Jefferson rescinded his motion along with Councilmember Owens rescinding her second. Council decided to workshop this item.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Councilmember Matt Campbell
City Council President

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk