

City of Live Oak  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2024

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, September 10, 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: Council President Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Councilmember Vanessa Robinson, Councilmember Gladys Owens, Councilmember David Alford, Mayor Frank Davis, 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 move to the first agenda item, the approval of the agenda with any additions, deletions or changes. Council President Campbell stated that item 7G, the reappointment of seat# 5 to the Planning and Zoning Board would be removed from the agenda. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of agenda item 7G, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell then opened the Tentative Budget Hearing.

The first item for discussion with possible council action is the first reading of Ordinance 1522, an ordinance adopting the City of Live Oak milage rate (9.2623) for the levy of Ad Valorem taxes for FY 2024-25. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With no comments heard, the floor for public comments was closed. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1522, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell move to the next agenda item, discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1523, an Ordinance adopting the City of Live Oak operating budget for FY 2024-25. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With no comments heard, the floor for public comments was closed. Councilmember Jefferson questioned the process for distributing the budget and made his concerns known. With no other discussion, Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1523, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Jefferson against.

At this time the tentative budget hearing is closed with the final hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the approval of the August 12<sup>th</sup> budget workshop meeting minutes, August 13<sup>th</sup> regular monthly city council meeting minutes, and the August 26<sup>th</sup> budget workshop meeting minutes. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion was 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 individuals spoke at this time:

Tracy Henderson spoke regarding River Oak College fun run

Jeff Chaillou spoke regarding Park St.

Virginia Smith spoke regarding Fluoride

Jeff Bradford spoke regarding the project at Railroad St.

Moses Clepper spoke regarding public comments & Fluoride.

Cheryl Pruitt spoke regarding Fluoride

Council President Campbell closed public comments.

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Council President Campbell proceeded to Mayor Frank Davis with matters of the city. Mayor Davis presented for council action Resolution 2024-27, a resolution re-appointing of Brantl Helvenston to serve on the Live Oak Housing Authority Board, for a 4-year term which expires September 30, 2028. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-27, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis read the Proclamation from Governor Ron DeSantis recognizing September 11<sup>th</sup> as Patriot Day and honoring the lives lost. Mayor Davis also announced the ceremony being held at the Live Oak Fire Station at 8:30 am on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Campbell moved on to Councilmember Robinson agenda item. discussion with possible council action, comprehensive city-wide flood prevention implementation plan.

The floor was then opened to those who requested to speak on this agenda item.

Mr. Robert Flinn spoke regarding the flooding of his business.

Mr. Moses Clepper spoke regarding the city flooding.

Councilmember Robinson and Public Director Jerald Lee discussed preventions in case of another flood and what the plans are when there is another storm where flooding is possible. Councilmember Robinson suggested a flood prevention board that would be able to focus on plans, infrastructures, wells, pumps, and cost. City Manager Session spoke with different engineering companies along with the Governor to get funding in order to fix the flooding problem. Council all agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss ideas for flood prevention, and a flood prevention board. Council also decided to have a workshop regarding fluoride.

Mr. Vince Smith approached the board giving comments about fluoride.

Mrs. Linda Williams spoke regarding the meeting on fluoride.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action Resolution 2024-26, a resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the city to be either surplus to it needs and sold at a publicly noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair and appropriately discarded, providing for the authorization to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the city. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action Resolution 2024-28, a resolution authorizing the execution of amendment no. 3 to agreement no. WG051 between Florida Department of Environment Protection and Suwannee River Water Management District associated with the Live Oak Septic to Sewer and Reuse Project. City Attorney Kennon read title into the record. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-28, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2024-29, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property located in Suwannee County, Florida for a price of \$4,000.00 plus all reasonable closing cost to be determined at closing. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-29, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1519, an ordinance amending the zoning district to 0.812 acres of land on the Official Zoning Atlas of the city of Live Oak Land Development Regulation, pursuant to an application LDR24-04, by the property owner and/or their authorized representative, providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from Residential Single Family/ Manufactured Home to Residential-Office on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments.

With no comments heard, Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comments. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1519, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1520, an ordinance amending the Future Land Use Classification to 0.434 acres on the Future Land Use Map of the city of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to an application CPA24-03, by property owners and/or their authorized representative under the amendment procedures established in sections 163.3161 through 163.3215, providing for a change in the land use classification from Residential Moderate Density to Residential Medium Density, on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With no comments heard, Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Ordinance 1520, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1521, an ordinance amending the zoning district to 0.434 acres of land on the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulation, pursuant to an application LDR24-05, by the property owner and/or their authorized representative, providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from Residential Single Family to Residential-Office on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With no comments heard, Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comments. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve Ordinance 1521, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Matt Campbell  
City Council President

Attest:  
Mr. John Gill  
City Clerk