

City of Live Oak
City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024

The Live Oak City Council met Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064 for a council workshop. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank Davis, Council President Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Councilmember Vanessa Robinson, Councilmember David Alford, Councilmember Gladys Owens, Deputy City Clerk April Marshall and City Manager Larry Sessions. Absent: City Clerk John Gill and City Attorney Todd Kenon

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 started with the discussion regarding flood mitigation, and at this time turned the floor over to City Manager Larry Sessions. Mr. Sessions gave a presentation explaining the rate of water to be drained due to a Hurricane or a flood. Mr. Session also explained the plan in order to have less flooding in the City of Live Oak. Mr. Session stated that funding and the legislature will be the main source for this project to happen.

Mr. Session also stated that he spoke to different engineers about the infrastructure for this project. Mr. Lane Lucas with Eutaw Engineering approached the council and gave facts to support Mr. Session plan for the water drainage. He also stated that there needs to be a pumping system and it would be very expensive. Mr. Lucas explained with the different funding that were available to them they have replaced drainage wells. Mr. Session stated this project would be close to \$20 Million.

Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. The following individuals spoke:

Robert Flynn spoke regarding the flooding in Live Oak.

Katherine Allen spoke regarding the flood in Live Oak.

Council President closed public comments on flood mitigation.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion regarding fluoride and opened the floor for public comments.

The following individuals spoke:

Cheryl Pruitt spoke against having fluoride in the city water.

Moses Clepper spoke against having fluoride in the city water.

Carol Fontana spoke against having fluoride in the city water.

Melody Eslmen spoke in favor of keeping fluoride in the city water.

John Palmasono spoke against having fluoride in the city water.

Dr. Johnny Jones spoke in favor of keeping fluoride in the city water.

Linda Palmasono spoke against having fluoride in the city water.

Kerry Waldron spoke in favor of keeping fluoride in the city water.

Vince Smith spoke against having fluoride in the city water.

With no other comments heard, Council President Campbell closed public comments.

Council President Campbell asked for any further comments or discussion regarding fluoride.

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

Councilmember Matt Campbell
City Council President

Attest:

Mr. John Gill
City Clerk