

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024

The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, October 8, 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, and Attorney Scott Walker substituting for 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 proceeded to the first agenda item, approval of the agenda with any additions, deletions or changes. Council President Campbell stated that an emergency Resolution 2024-34 will be added as item 6A to the agenda. Also, there would be a change to item 6B, he advised that there will be no council discussion or action taken by council, this is just a presentation by the Integrity Group to provide recovery management services. Councilmember Jefferson requested to delete his items; 5B and 5C. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, changes and deletions, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the approval of the September 10th regular monthly city council meeting minutes, the September 18th city council workshop meeting minutes, and the September 24th special called council meeting minutes. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Alford 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:

Cheryl Pruitt spoke regarding matters of the city.

Hazel Holland spoke regarding a code violation for a downed tree.

Ken Weaver spoke giving appreciation to city employees.

Bill O'Briant spoke regarding debris from the storm.

Council President Campbell closed public comments.

Council President Campbell proceeded to Mayor Frank Davis with matters of the city. Mayor Davis spoke giving appreciation to all those involved with the cleanup and support with the recent storms.

Council President Campbell moved on with his agenda item, discussion with possible council action, temporarily suspending and amending city ordinances following the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Council President Campbell suggested, by suspending the ordinance it will allow people who has lost their home to live on their property in a camper until repair or rebuild. Development Manager George Curtis spoke and gave a brief background on the ordinance regarding people living in campers on their property with damaged homes from the storms. Mr. Curtis advised council that he has a solution for this type of situation and council would not need to take any action concerning this agenda item.

Council President Campbell moved to Councilmember Robinson recommendation to call a city council workshop to discuss newly enacted laws by the State of Florida, that are effective October 1st. Councilmember Robinson wanted to have it on the record that a workshop should be scheduled sometime in the month of November.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2024-34, a resolution declaring a local state of emergency for the City of Live Oak pursuant to section 25.38(2) Florida statues due to the threat of potential tropical storm Milton providing for waiver of procedures and formalities, delegating authority, and providing and effective date. City Clerk Gill read the title into the record. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-34, which Councilmember Robinson second. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Session proceeded with discussion on storm debris. Mr. Session stated that the pickup of storm debris is now being handled by the State of Florida. The city will continue with its regularly scheduled garbage pickup. Mr. Session also gave an update on what preparation has been made for Hurricane Milton.

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Council President Campbell proceeded to the presentation by the Integrity Group to provide recovery management services to the city. Mr. Bob Stinebaugh provided an overview of the firm and also provided documents showing their success rate of helping clients with FEMA and other partnering groups. The documents also include the proposals for the City of Live Oak.

Council President Campbell proceeded with discussion with possible council action on the recommendation from the Audit Selection Committee on selection of an auditing firm and to authorize the City Attorney to draft a resolution. Mr. Session read the three bids that were received. The lowest bid was Purvis and Gray in the amount of \$57,500. The Audit Committee unanimously recommended Purvis Gray. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the lowest bid with Purvis Gray in amount of \$57,500, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Session proceeded to discussion with possible council action on the recommendation to award bid for ITB 03-2024 Potable Water Line Improvements. Mr. Sessions and staff recommend Worth Construction to be awarded the contract. Public Works Director Jerald Lee approached council and explained in detail the proposed project. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve ITB 03-2024 to Worth Construction, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved on to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2024-33, a resolution accepting a bid from Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$68,467 related to the maintenance of various water towers located within the City of Live Oak. City Clerk Gill read the title into the record. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-33, which Councilmember Owens second. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1519, an ordinance of the City of Live Oak, Florida 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 LDR 24-04, by the property owners and/or their authorized designated representatives 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, Florida. Mr. Gill read the title into the record. Mr. Scott Walker, acting City Attorney swore in all that will testify to the final readings of Ordinance 1519. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments.

The following spoke:

Mr. Jeff Bradford spoke regarding the property.

Mr. Darrel Bridges spoke regarding the property.

Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comments.

Attorney Walker advised that a roll call be taken to make sure no councilmember had any ex parte conversations or to disclose any personal interest in the ordinance, which each councilmember responded, no. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1519, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1520, an ordinance of the City of Live Oak, Florida amending the Future Land Use Classification to 0.434 acres on the Future Land Use Plan Map of the city of Live Oak Comprehensives Plan, pursuant to an application CPA24-03 by the property owners and/or their authorized representative under the amendment procedures established in section 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, Florida. A roll call was taken to make sure no councilmember has any interest in the ordinance, which each councilmember responded, no. Mr. Gill read the title into record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With none heard, public comments were closed. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1520, which Councilmember Jefferson second. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1521, an ordinance of the City of Live Oak, Florida amending the zoning district to 0.434 acres of land on the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, pursuant to an application LDR 24-05, by the property owners and/or their authorized representatives 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, Florida. A roll call was taken to make sure no councilmember has any interest in the ordinance, which each councilmember responded, no. Mr. Gill read the title into the

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record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With none heard, public comments were closed. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1521, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action to discontinue the use of Fluoride in the city's potable water supply.

Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments for individuals who wanted to speak regarding this agenda item:

Carol Fontana spoke to the discontinuing of fluoride in the city's water.
Steve Fontana spoke to the discontinuing of fluoride in the city's water.
Kevin Philpot spoke to the discontinuing of fluoride in the city's water.
Terri Monroe spoke to the discontinuing of fluoride in the city's water.
Linda Palmisano spoke to the discontinuing of fluoride in the city's water.
Moses Clepper spoke to the discontinuing of fluoride in the city's water.
John Palmisano spoke to the discontinuing of fluoride in the city's water.
Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comments.

Councilmember Owens made a motion to discontinue fluoride in the city's water supply, which Councilmember Alford seconded. Following discussion a vote was taken. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Robinson against.

Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to continue fluoride for a 6-month period or until the supply runs out, which councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion failed 3 to 2 with Councilmembers Alford, Ownes, and Council President Campbell against.

Councilmember Alford made a motion to discontinue fluoride in the city's water supply immediately, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried 3 to 2 with Councilmember Robinson and Councilmember Jefferson against.

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

Councilmember Matt Campbell
City Council President

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk