

City of Live Oak
Special Called City Council Meeting
April 6, 2020

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The Live Oak City Council met Monday, April 6, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank Davis, Councilmember Robintina Reed, Councilmember David Burch, Council President Mark Stewart, Councilmember Don Allen, City Clerk John Gill, and Attorney Fred Koberlein Jr (Via Phone) Absent was: City Manager Ron Williams, Councilmember Bennie Thomas.

Council President Stewart called the meeting to order.

Council President Stewart proceeded with asking Kerry Waldron, Suwannee County Health Department Administrator, to come forward and give a presentation concerning the COVID-19 outbreak in Suwannee County. Mr. Waldron started out with updating the Council on the number of active cases of COVID-19 in Suwannee County and continued with updates thru out the state of Florida.

Council President Stewart proceeded to the first item on the agenda, concerning moving the polling location of District 2 to 302 Pine Ave. SW for the May 5, 2020 City Election. Glenda Williams, Supervisor of Election came forward and asked the Council for direction on how they would like her office to go forward with keeping the residents safe from COVID-19 and still holding the election. Ms. Williams suggested relocation the polling location to her office located on 302 Pine Ave. SW and using safety precautions for the voters and the poll workers, she would also have someone at the original poll location with a sign informing the voters that the location has been moved to 302 Pine Ave. SW.

Council President Stewart asked Mr. Jimmy Cherry, a candidate for District 2 to come forward and give his input on relocating the polling location. Mr. Cherry said that he believes it will put a damper on the election due to that District already has a poor turn out and that would just hinder the public from showing up to vote. Councilmember Stewart then asked Ms. Linda Brown Owens, a candidate for District 2 to come forward and speak on relocating the location, Ms. Owens said that she believes it would hurt the Election due to the turn out is already very poorly attended. and they have been campaigning on the polls located on Walker Ave.

Ms. Williams came forward and addressed the questions and concerns from the Council and from the candidates, Ms. Williams also suggested that her and her employees could close their office and work the polls located on Walker Ave. for the May 5th Election. After discussion with the candidates and Supervisor of Election Councilmember Allen moved to continue with District 2 Election at the current location, which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Williams also asked the council for guidance concerning early voting, after discussion on the matter of early voting Councilmember Allen moved to continue with early voting, at which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Stewart then proceeded to the next item on the agenda, discussion regarding Resolution No. 2020-07, A Resolution of the City Council, establishing minimum requirements for Rules and Procedures for meetings conducted through communications media technology.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR
MEETINGS CONDUCTED THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY.

Councilmember Burch moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-07, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Mark Stewart
City Council President

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk