

The Live Oak City Council met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, located at 101 SE White Avenue, 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 David Alford, Mayor Frank Davis, City Clerk John Gill, City Manager Larry Sessions, and City Attorney Todd Kennon. **Absent:** Councilmember Gladys Owens.

Council President Campbell called the meeting to order.

Mayor Davis led the invocation, 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. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to approval of the December 9, 2025, regular City Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Robinson 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 for those who wished to speak at that time or wait until their agenda item was presented:

- Mr. Bo Hancock spoke regarding audio sound issues during the meeting.
- Mr. Ken Weaver spoke in favor of renewing the City Manager's contract.
- Ms. Cheryl Pruitt spoke in favor of renewing the City Manager's contract.
- Captain Jason Roundtree introduced the new Executive Director of Vivid Visions, Ms. Sara Cordero.
- Ms. Virginia Smith spoke regarding City Council.
- Mr. Don Wainwright spoke in favor of renewing the City Manager's contract.
- Mr. Milton Smith spoke in favor of renewing the City Manager's contract.

With no further comments, the floor was closed until agenda items were presented.

Council President Campbell then turned the floor over to Mayor Davis, who made a recommendation to Council for appointments to the Suwannee County Historical Commission. The following individuals were recommended for appointment: Jeffery Boatwright, John Summerfield, Eric Musgrove, and Pat Hines. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the recommendation, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis reminded Council of the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and parade. He also noted that the City of Live Oak will host the Suwannee River League of Cities quarterly meeting in April. Mayor Davis informed Council of a workshop regarding the City Council Code of Ethics, possibly to be held at the end of February prior to the CRA meeting. The mayor also

noted increased traffic and the poor condition of Pinewood Way and requested Council consider funding a repaving project in the upcoming budget.

Council President Campbell moved to Councilmember Robinson's item, discussion regarding Flock cameras, and opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Addison Snyder spoke against having Flock cameras. Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comment. Councilmember Robinson asked how the cameras were approved and installed without Council input or a vote. Captain Roundtree explained the pros and cons of the Flock cameras. Chief Keith Davis explained that the Flock cameras were included in the budget approved by City Council.

Council President Campbell moved to City Manager Larry Sessions' items for discussion with possible Council action, beginning with bid award RFP 04-2025 for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant administration. Mr. Sessions recommended Council accept the bid from Thomas Howell Ferguson in the amount of \$120,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Grant administration. Councilmember Alford made a motion to accept the bid, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-01 was presented for discussion with possible Council action. Resolution 2026-01 is a resolution accepting a bid from Thomas Howell Ferguson related to grant administration services, providing for the award and execution of a contract for a price not to exceed \$120,000. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded with bid award RFP 16-2025 and recommended Council accept a bid from North Florida Professional Services in the amount of \$75,000 regarding the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. Councilmember Alford made a motion to accept the bid, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-02 was presented for discussion with possible Council action. Resolution 2026-02 is a resolution accepting a bid from North Florida Professional Services related to grant administration services, providing for the award and execution of a contract for a price not to exceed \$75,000. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded with discussion and possible Council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1553, an ordinance creating a new Section 26-135 titled "Pedestrians Prohibited in Traffic Separators" within Chapter 26 of the City Code of Ordinances, creating a civil citation penalty. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record and explained the language of the ordinance. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1553, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible Council action regarding the recommendation for appointment of a Finance Director for the City of Live Oak and opened the

floor for public comment. Ms. Anita Williams spoke regarding the City's Finance Department. Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comment. Mr. Sessions recommended the appointment of Tammie Girard based on her credentials and training received from the previous Finance Director. Mr. Sessions explained that the position was advertised and several interviews were conducted; however, there were no other candidates with the credentials he could recommend. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to table the item until Ms. Girard's credentials could be reviewed by Council, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion failed due to Councilmember Alford and Council President Campbell voting against it. Due to a tie vote, the motion failed, and the item remained tabled.

Council President Campbell proceeded with discussion and possible Council action regarding renewal of the City Manager's contract and opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Alicia Redish spoke in favor of renewing the City Manager's contract. Mr. Wayne Hannuka spoke in favor of renewing the City Manager's contract. With no further comments, Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comment.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion not to renew the City Manager's contract, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. During discussion, Councilmember Jefferson stated that an evaluation should be conducted prior to making a decision on contract renewal. Councilmember Robinson presented an evaluation form from the International City/County Management Association to be used in addition to the current Managerial Employee Evaluation form. After further discussion, Councilmember Robinson rescinded her motion, and Councilmember Jefferson rescinded the second. Councilmember Robinson then made a motion to use both evaluation forms, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion failed due to a tie vote, with Councilmember Alford and Council President Campbell voting against it. Councilmember Alford made a motion to use the current evaluation form only, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Council President
Matt Campbell

Attest:
John W. Gill
City Clerk