City of Live Oak City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025

The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064. The following officials were present: Pro-Tem Tommie Jefferson, Councilmember Vanessa Robinson, Councilmember David Alford, and Deputy City Clerk April Marshall. Absent: Council President Matt Campbell, Councilmember Gladys Owens, City Clerk John Gill, Mayor Frank Davis, and City Attorney Todd Kennon.

Council Pro-Tem Jefferson called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Robinson led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council Pro-Tem Jefferson proceeded with discussion regarding Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application for Housing Rehabilitation. Mr. Jeff Winter with Cornerstone explained the process to have the application submitted. Mr. Winter also explained liens and contacts for the residents that are approved, also time frames once the applications are submitted. Mr. Winters stated there is a cap waiver if the funding goes over the \$700,000 limit. County Commissioner Maurice Perkins spoke regarding building homes associated with the CDBG and explained how beneficial the grant is for the City of Live Oak. Mr. Spencer Niabors with Intouch Consulting Group further explained resident placement, and building material.

Council Pro-Tem Jefferson opened the floor for public comment.

Lynda Williams spoke regarding the application process.

Alisha Reddish spoke regarding the disclaimer of the application.

Arthur Robinson spoke regarding the approval process for a resident.

Moses Clepper spoke regarding the grant allowance.

Council Pro-Tem Jefferson closed the floor for public comment.

Mr. David Fox with Fred Fox Enterprises spoke regarding administering the infrastructure grant, along with the upside to receiving this grant and what the City of Live Oak should expect. Kellan Leslie with Mittauer & Associates presented an Infrastructure Grant and explained how it will be beneficial to the city related to the water system.

Council decided to have a public hearing at the next City Council Meeting March 11, 2025. Mr. Fox advised that 2 public hearings are required, and the public hearing can include both CDBG housing projects & infrastructure projects. City Manager Sessions stated that due to the cycle closing May 3, 2025 a Special Called Meeting will need to be scheduled in order to make the final decision.

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

Councilmember Matt Campbell City Council President

Attest: Mr. John Gill City Clerk