

City of Live Oak  
Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2024

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064 for a Special Called City Council Meeting. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank Davis, Councilmember Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Council President David Burch, Councilmember Lynda Brown-Owens, Councilmember Tesie Allen, City Attorney Todd Kennon, City Clerk John Gill. Absent: City Manager Larry Sessions.

Council President Burch called the meeting to order.

Mayor Frank Davis led the Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action, first reading of Ordinance 1507. An ordinance voluntarily annexing certain real property into the city limits and redefining the boundary lines of the municipality to include said property (subject property is 139.85 acres bounded on the north side by current city limits, east side by US Highway 129 South side by Bass Rd. and West side by 121<sup>st</sup> Rd. This is a clarification vote to resolve any confusion from the February 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting. City Clerk John Gill read the title into the record. Development Manager George Curtis spoke on behalf of staff recommending approval of Ordinance 1507. Mr. Marin Puryear with Saunders Ralston Dantzler Real Estate gave a presentation clarifying the intent of the developer for the proposed property. Engineer Lance Jones spoke regarding flooding and possible traffic numbers should the development move forward on this property. Suwannee County property appraiser Ricky Gamble spoke and explained the impact this annexation on taxes. Council President Burch then opened the floor to public comments.

The following people spoke:

Jeff Brandford spoke regarding annexing the property into the city.  
Suzanne Bass the owner of the property spoke stating it would be a good to annex the property into the city.  
Elizabeth Bass spoke to have the property annexed into the city.  
Adam Collins spoke against having the property annexed into the city.  
Malcolm Hines spoke regarding the impact on the school district with annexing the property into the limit.  
Melissa Mapp Francisco spoke against having the property annexed into the city.  
Moses Clepper spoke against having the property annexed into the city.

Development Manager George Curtis explained the many steps required to develop the property once annexed into the city limits.

Council President Burch closed public comments.

Council President Burch requested council action. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1507, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried 3 to 2 with Councilmember Owens and Councilmember Campbell voting against.

Council President Burch moved to discussion with possible council action to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign a partial building permit fee waiver, Local Government Contribution form in conjunction with a Florida Housing Finance Corporation developer application to the State for affordable housing funding to support cities and counties impacted by Hurricane Idalia. Mr. Curtis spoke and explained the procedures and steps on this item. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve authorizing the City Manager to sign the form, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember David Burch  
City Council President

Attest:  
Mr. John Gill  
City Clerk