

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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 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 advised that item 3 on the agenda will be moved to April's Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Owens removed her item 7B until further notice. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletions to the agenda, which Councilmember Owens seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the approval of the February 11th, regular monthly city council meeting minutes and the February 18th council workshop minutes. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the first Public Hearing for the small cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. He then turned the floor over to Mr. Jeffery Winter with Corner Stone Community Partners who gave a presentation for the (CDBG) grant process for housing rehabilitation. Mr. David Fox with Fred Fox Enterprise also gave a presentation for the application process for the neighborhood revitalization grant. At the conclusion of the presentations Council President Campbell opened the floor for public input or comments on eligible projects/activities. With no comments heard, Council President Campbell closed public input.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action, authorizing staff to submit the CDBG application for a neighborhood revitalization project and/or housing rehabilitation project. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to submit both applications for the CDBG Grant for housing rehabilitation and for the neighborhood revitalization which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the Public Comments section of the agenda. The following individual spoke:

Ms. Anita Williams spoke regarding flood damage.

With no other comments, the floor was closed to public comments.

Council President Campbell proceeded to Mayor Davis with matters regarding the city. Mayor Davis informed council about the retirement of Board Member Brantley Helvenston from the Live Oak Housing Authority Board and that the position is now vacant and applications for the vacancy can now be submitted.

Council President Campbell proceeded to his agenda item, discussion with possible council action, downtown parking solutions and thru traffic improvement on US Highway 129 & 90. Council President Campbell suggested purchasing the property at 302 Ohio Ave South in order to resolve the parking issues downtown. Council President Campbell allowed for public comments. Mr. Moses Clepper spoke regarding the parking issues. Ms. Cherly Pruitt spoke regarding the parking issues in downtown Live Oak. Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comments. Council President Campbell suggested that the City Manager get with the County for a possible joint venture. Councilmember Alford made a

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motion to allow City Manager Sessions to speak with the County & FDOT regarding the purchase of the property at 302 Ohio Ave South and the plans for the property, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to Councilmember Jefferson discussion item regarding CRA Director name change. Councilmember Jefferson needed clarification on the title being change without any financial incentive. City Manager Sessions stated that it is a title change only with no financial incentive.

Councilmember Jefferson moved to discussion with possible Council action, Mayor's removal of board member to the Housing Authority. Councilmember Jefferson wanted to get the process on how the mayor appoint and remove members from the board. Councilmember Jefferson called Ms. Anita Williams to speak regarding issues within the Housing Authority Board. City Attorney Kennon explained to the council the procedures and reasonability that the mayor has regarding the Housing Authority Board. Councilmember Jefferson continued with the discussion at which time Councilmember Robinson requested a 5-minute recess.

Council President Campbell called the meeting back into session.

Council President Campbell moved to Council Member Jeffersons next discussion item regarding petitioning the State of Florida regarding the State of Florida Statue regarding the appointment of board members to the Housing Authority. City Attorney Kennon advised Councilmember Jefferson of the statues and the law on changing a state statue.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council, Resolution 2025-07, a resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council, Resolution 2025-08, a resolution authorizing an addendum to the city's gas services agreement with Florida Gas Utility. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Florida Gas Utility information related to Gas Hedging. Council President Campbell turned the floor over to Katy Hall with Florida Gas Utility who then gave a presentation on hedging. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to give the city manager the ability to approve the rolling hedging directive, which Councilmember Alford seconded.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion and possible council action, Resolution 2025-09, a resolution adopting a policy for a volunteer city litter and garbage removal program. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-09, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, first reading of Ordinance 1529, an ordinance amending the future land use classification to 22.81 acres of land on the future land use plan map of the City of Live Oak Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to an application CPA 24-06, by the property owners and/or their authorized representative providing for a change in the assigned future land use classification from residential low density to residential high density, on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak, Florida. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public hearing. With none heard, Council President

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Campbell closed the floor for public hearing. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1529, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Councilmember Robinson against.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion and possible council action, first reading of Ordinance 1530, an ordinance amending the zoning district to 0.588 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, pursuant to an application, LDR 24-09, by the property owners and/or their authorized representative 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. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1530. The motion failed due to lack of a seconded.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion and possible council action, Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty request. Mr. Kennon explained the history of the lien when the land was owned by 21 Holding and the new owners has settled all the violation and is requesting a release of lien. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the Amnesty lien request, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Matt Campbell
City Council President

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk