

City of Live Oak
City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank Davis, Council President David Burch, Councilmember Lynda Brown-Owens, Councilmember Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Councilmember Tesie Allen, City Clerk John Gill, and City Attorney Todd Kennon. City Manager Larry Sessions was not present.

Council President Burch called the meeting to order.

Council President Burch opened the floor to public comment regarding the discussion on residential and commercial development in and around Live Oak and its impact on the city.

Mr. Tim Williams spoke in favor of having the property annexed into the city.

Mr. Wayne Hannaka spoke regarding all the questions being answered before the property is annexed in the city.

Mr. Moses Clepper spoke against having the property annexed into the city.

Mr. Dennis Music in favor of the annexation.

Mrs. Melissa Mapp Franciso spoke against the annexation.

Mrs. Cherly Pruitt spoke against having the property annexed into the city.

With no other speakers, Council President Burch closed public comments.

Council President Burch turned the floor over to Mayor Frank Davis, who then ask Mr. Jammie Driggers with the FDOT to approach the council and respond to submitted question and to address the concerns regarding traffic.

Mr. Driggers stated that considering he has not seen an site plan his response would be based on speculations, assumptions, or experiences in other locations that are similar.

Mr. Driggers explained the process once the developer starts the project, he also explained the timeline when FDOT would get involved with the project.

The developer Mr. Neil Boucher explained that he would be paying for this development and the City of Live Oak would not be coming out of pocket for this project but ultimately would be receiving money to improve the city.

Suwannee County Administrator Greg Scott spoke in favor of the annexation into the city and advised once a plan is in place he would be able to assist where he is needed.

Suwannee County Commissioner Travis Land stated that if the annexation passes then he would like to see the Commissioners and the School Board included in any meetings with FDOT.

Malcom Hines with Suwannee County school district spoke regarding the impact on schools and traffic if the property is annexed into the city.

Mayor Davis added that he would like to speak with Suwannee Water Management regarding drainage and other concerns on flooding in the area where the property is being annexed.

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

Councilmember David Burch
City Council President

Attest: Mr. John Gill
City Clerk