

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, April 08, 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. Councilmember Jefferson requested to remove agenda item 7B (neighborhood safety signs). Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of item 7B, which Councilmember Alford seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the approval of the March 11th, regular monthly city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the special recognition of the City of Live Oak Police Officers, Law Enforcement Agencies and local citizens involved in the elimination of a threat to the community posed by a suspect accused of killing two persons in Gadsden County .

Council President Campbell opened the 2nd Public Hearing for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application and turned the floor over to Mr. Jeff Winter with Cornerstone, LLC. The floor was then opened for public comment. The following individuals spoke regarding the (CDBG) application submission:

Mrs. Lynda Williams spoke in favor of the CDBG application.
Ms. Anitra Williams spoke regarding the CDBG for homes.

Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comment.
Mr. Winter explained the process for both the application and the requirements for the CDBG application submission.

Council President Campbell then closed the hearing.

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

Mr. Jeff Bradford spoke regarding item: Ordinance 1530
Ms. Anita Williams spoke regarding item: Ordinance 1530, Ordinance 1531, Resolution 2025-05
Mr. Yoandy spoke regarding item: Ordinance 1530
Ms. Caroll Castleberry spoke regarding item: Resolution 2025-05

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

Council President Campbell then turned the floor over to Mayor Davis with matters regarding the city. Mayor Davis gave a report regarding First Baptist Church having a joint service with Westwood Baptist Church at the football stadium followed by working alongside Lift Up Live Oak for the Chamber of Commerce clean up Live Oak project.

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Mayor Davis proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-012, a resolution appointing a commissioner to serve on the Live Oak Housing Authority Board to complete the remaining term of Seat #1, which term expires September 30, 2028. Mayor Davis presented Mr. Kenny Beasley for consideration to complete the remaining term of Seat #1, which term expires September 30, 2028. City Attorney Kennon read the title into record. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-012, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to Councilmember Jefferson agenda item, discussion with possible council action, authorizing staff to work on a beautification project for Eastside Cemetery in conjunction with the CRA project for the City's Main Cemetery. Councilmember Jefferson ask that with the help from the CRA board along with staff to have a visual plan of how both cemeteries would be renovated. City Manager Larry Session agreed to get with both boards and staff to come up with a visual model.

Council President Campbell proceeded to Councilmember Alford agenda item, discussion with possible council action, presentation and ordinance proposal for speed detection system in school zones. Councilmember Alford then turned the floor over to Mr. David Bocchino with Blueline Solution who gave a presentation on speeding infractions, speed studies, the time frame for the process along with the cost of this program.

Council members decided that a workshop would be in order and to make an RFP to include all the vendors that would benefit from this program. Mr. Kennon explained to council that a motion would need to be made for the RFP. Councilmember Alford made a motion to have an RFP made, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. After discussion regarding a city ordinance would be required there was a no vote and council decided to have a workshop on April 24th at 4:30 pm for further information. Councilmember Jefferson also requested a workshop be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 4:15 pm to discuss Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty.

Council President Campbell continued with the next agenda item and turned the floor over to City Manager Session who then requested Parks & Recreations Director Jason Furry approach the council and give an update on park & rec projects.

Mr. Session proceeded to discussion with possible Council action, Resolution 2025-10, a resolution authorizing the Chief Elected Official or City Manager in the mayor's absence to make application to Florida Commerce for an FFY 2023/2024 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the housing rehabilitation category committing \$50,000 in city funds to be utilized as leveraged funds, if awarded CDBG funding. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-10, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Session moved to discussion with possible council, Resolution 2025-11, a resolution authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement between Suwannee County and the City of Live Oak regarding cooperation and responsibilities for improvements of and along 68th terrace. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-11, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Session moved to discussion with possible council, award bid RFP 03-2025 Streetscape Light Poles for the light poles to be installed on US Highway 129 and 90. The City received only one bid for RFP 03-2025. Staff recommends awarding City Electric Supply Company of Live Oak in the amount of \$75,960.00 for 40 streetscape poles to be installed. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve RFP 03-2025, in the amount of \$75,960.00 for 40 poles, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Council President Campbell moved to discussion with 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 25-09 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 (514 Duval Street NW). Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Ms. Mariam Gross, Jeff Bradford, Yoandy, Marilyn Jackson, Cherly Puritt, Anitra Williams, and Darrell Bridget spoke regarding this ordinance. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve ordinance 1530, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried 4 to 1 in favor of Ordinance 1530 with Councilmember Jefferson against.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action, first reading of Ordinance 1531, an Ordinance amending the zoning district to 0.282 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, pursuant to an application LDR 25-01 by the property owners and/or their authorized representative under the amendment procedures established in article three of the LDR regulations providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from Residential Single Family to Residential-Office on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak, Florida (704 Duval Street NW). Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Ms. Mariam Gross and Darrell Bridget spoke regarding this item. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve ordinance 1531, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion and possible council action, Resolution 2025-05, a resolution authorizing the city to accept and approve the subdivision plat titled Scott Street Station subject to all condition's provisions and requirements of the city's code of ordinances, land development regulations and comprehensive plan as amended accepting the dedications shown on the plat accepting the completion of all existing and future public improvements as are required for the subdivision authorizing execution and recording of the plat providing for the recordation of the plat. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments: Caroll Castleberry, Anitra Williams, Darrell Bridget, and Marilyn Jackson spoke regarding the property. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-05, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell schedule a special called meeting for the 2nd CDBG Public Hearing (neighborhood revitalization grant) for April 22nd at 5:15pm. Councilmember Alford made a motion to accept the special called meeting for the 2nd CDBG Public Hearing (neighborhood revitalization grant) for April 22nd at 5:15pm, which Councilmember Robinson 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