

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, May 13, 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 Alford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented which Councilmember Owens seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the approval of the April 8th, regular monthly city council meeting minutes, April 22nd city council workshop minutes, April 22nd special called council meeting minutes, and the April 24th city council workshop minutes. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell then opened the floor for Public Comments. The following individuals spoke:

Mr. Joseph Carroll spoke giving recognition to Police Officers.

Mr. Wayne Hannaka spoke regarding North Florida Water Utility Association.

Mr. Kyle Skeen spoke regarding meeting and agenda's.

Mr. Vince Smith spoke regarding sending a letter to the governor about flooding.

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 proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-19, a resolution re-appointing Mr. Hal Airth to serve on the Live Oak Housing Authority Board Seat #2. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-019, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. A vote was taken with Councilmember Alford, Owens, Robinson, Campbell in favor of approving Resolution 2025-19 and Councilmember Jefferson against Resolution 2025-19. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Mayor Davis proceeded to discussion with possible council action, propose the re-appointment of Cassie Hart to the Live Oak Suwannee County Recreation Board for a four-year term. Councilmember Alford made a motion to re-appoint Cassie Hart to the Live Oak Suwannee County Recreation Board for a four-year term, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to Councilmember Jefferson agenda item, discussion with possible council action, Neighborhood Safety Signage for McGee Street, Anna Ave. and Anderson Ave. NE. The discussion regarding the signage on McGee Street and Anna Ave. were set aside, due to Councilmember Jefferson main focus was Anderson Ave. at J&W Auto Sales. Councilmember Jefferson stated that he would like the owner of J&W Auto Sales to have the property cleaned up also have the No Parking Signs at the back of the building, and to have code enforcement to follow up. Councilmember stated parking signs need to be placed and to verify if CRA will be able to assist with getting the property a privacy fence.

Council President Campbell continued with the next agenda item and turned the floor over to City Manager Larry Session. Mr. Sessions invited Parks and Recs former Director Jason Furry to introduce his replacement Mr. Aldin Rosner.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible Council action, property lease for public works. Mr. Sessions would like to have council consider moving the public works facility and leasing the old Mott's Dodge dealership and allow it to be the new public works facility. Councilmember Alford made a motion to look into possibly leasing the old Mott's dealership to be the new public works facility, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Session proceeded to discussion with possible Council action, Resolution 2025-13, a resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the city to be either surplus to its needs and sold at a publicly noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair and appropriately discarded, providing for the

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authorization to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the city. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-13, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Session moved to discussion with possible council, award bid RFP-02-2025 Heritage Park and Gardens Manson-Community Building Roof Replacement. Finance Director Joanne Luther approached the council explained the process of receiving money from FEMA for the repairs. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to award Oneil's Roofing Company in the amount of \$170,494, after discussion the motion was amended by Councilmember Jefferson to table this item in order to gain further information, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Session moved to discussion with possible council, Resolution 2025-18, a resolution authorizing the appropriation of sewer repair reserve funds. Mr. Kennon read the title into record. Ms. Luther explained the resolution to the council. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-18, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action, first reading of Ordinance 1534, an Ordinance amending the amending the code of the City of Live Oak, Florida to provide for lien amnesty and forgiveness of fines and liens associated with code enforcement proceedings. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comment; Mr. Kenny Beasley, Ms. Lynda Williams, Mr. Addison Snyder, Mr. Joseph Carroll, Mr. Kyle Skeen spoke regarding this ordinance. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve ordinance 1534, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried 4 to 1 in favor of Ordinance 1534 with Councilmember Jefferson against.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action, first reading of Ordinance 1535, an ordinance related to powers of local authorities, speed detection system placement and installation, school crossing guard recruitment and retention program, speed detection system in school zones, speed detection systems penalties, driver license points, providing for the repeal of ordinances in conflict herewith. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Addison Snyder, Ms. Lynda Williams, Ms. Murdeen Williams, Mr. Jeff Rambo, Mr. Kenny Beasley spoke regarding this ordinance. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Police Chief Kieth Davis approached council and gave a statement on how the police protects against speeders in the school zone. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve ordinance 1535, which Councilmember Owens seconded. A vote was taken with Councilmember Robinson and Council President Campbell against. The motion carried 3 to 2.

Council President Campbell moved 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 (location: off of Anna Ave. NE Hamilton Ave NE, and King St. NE). Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Development Manager Goerge Curtis approached council and explained the nature of the ordinance. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve ordinance 1529, which Councilmember Owens seconded. A vote was taken with Councilmember Alford, Owens, Jefferson, Campbell in favor of approval for first reading of Ordinance 1529 with Councilmember Robinson being against first reading of Ordinance 1529. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action, final 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. (Location: 514 Duval Street NW). Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Curtis gave an explanation on this ordinance and recommends approval. Mr. Christopher Gonzales, Mr. Joseph Carroll, Ms. Cheryl Pruitt, Ms. Lynn Sweat, Mr. Kenny Beasley, spoke regarding this ordinance. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve ordinance 1530, which Councilmember Owens seconded. A vote was taken with Councilmember Alford, Owens, Jefferson, Campbell

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in favor of approval for Frist reading of Ordinance 1530 with Councilmember Robinson being against first reading of Ordinance 1530. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action, final 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, 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. (Location: 704 Duval Street NE). Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Curtis gave an explanation of this ordinance and recommends approval based on the criteria submitted. Ms. Angie Cochran spoke regarding this ordinance, Mr. Joseph Carroll, Ms. Lynn Sweat. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Robinson made a motion for approval on ordinance 1531 amending the zoning district, which Councilmember Alford seconded. A vote was taken with only Council President Campbell in favor of passing Ordinance 1531. The motion failed. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to table Ordinance 1531 until the June meeting to gather more information, which Councilmember Owens seconded. A vote was taken with only Council President Campbell against having Ordinance 1531 tabled. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action, final reading of Ordinance 1533, 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, 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. (Location: 704 Duval Street NE). Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Sessions and Mr. Curtis explained the analysis that was done on the parcels. Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve ordinance 1533, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Presidents Campbell proceeded to council approval, Special Called Council Meeting May 27th, 5:00pm for presentation of the FY 2023-24 audit.

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

Councilmember Matt Campbell
City Council President

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk