The Live Oak City Council met on Tuesday, June 09, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, located at 101 SE White Avenue, 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, City Clerk John Gill, Mayor Frank Davis via phone, Development Manager George Curtis, and City Attorney Todd Kennon. Absent: City Manager Larry Sessions.

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 approval of the agenda with any additions, deletions, or changes. Councilmember Robinson 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 May 9th regular city council meeting minutes and the May 26th special called council meeting minutes. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the May 9th regular city council meeting minutes and the May 26th special called council meeting minutes as presented, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell then opened the floor for public comments for those who wished to speak at this time or wait until their agenda item was presented:

Mr. Darrell Bridgett spoke regarding a permit.
Ms. Hazel Holland spoke regarding a water bill.
Mr. Kyle Cunningham spoke regarding sanitation.
Ms. Barbara Blue spoke regarding the building of a duplex.
Ms. Lieschen Gunter spoke regarding the building of a duplex.
Ms. Paul McMillian wrote a letter (read by Council President) regarding the building of a duplex.
Mr. Moses Clepper spoke regarding the flock camera.

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

Council President Campbell then turned the floor over to Mayor Davis via phone. Mayor Davis presented to council the following recommendation for appointments to the Suwannee County Historical Commission. The appointments are, Ms. Yvonne Scott with a term that will expire 09/30/2027, Mr. George Curtis with a term that will expire 09/30/2028, and Ms. Emily Curtis with a term that will expire 09/30/2028. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the recommendation for appointments to the Suwannee County Historical Commission, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis also expressed support for item 5B, 5C, 6D on the agenda regarding flood mitigation, repairing of potholes, and a temporary moratorium for Data Centers. In addition, Mayor Davis is also in favor of council member Robinson's plan to fund the repair of Pinewood Dr. Sw., Helvenston St., and Mussey Avenue.

Council President Campbell presented the final reading of Ordinance 1561, an ordinance prohibiting smoking and vaping in public parks within the City of Live Oak, Florida. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public hearing: The following individuals spoke; Mr. Moses Clepper, Mr. Darryl Jossi, and Mr. Darrell Bridgett. Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comment. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Ordinance 1561, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell presented for discussion, proactive flood mitigation measures and responsibilities for new commercial construction within the city limits. Development Manager George Curtis explained the engineering & infrastructure regarding the flooding occurring around the new Dollar General store on Pinewood Drive. Mr. Curtis advised that all of the steps are in place per the engineers to make sure that new commercial construction projects within the city limits does not negatively impact and flooding within the area.

Council President Campbell presented for discussion, responsibilities of the city public works department or H2O as it pertains to pothole repair, utility repair and road maintenance for potholes and utility repair sites. Mr. Campbell stated that the potholes within the city limits are not adequately repaired and would like to a better job at being fixed and covered, also advised that he would like to budget for this project. Mr. Curtis clarified that the contract with H2O does not include road maintenance and that council can direct the concerns of repairing of potholes with the Public Works Director. Council President Campbell asked the question regarding a water line breaking and who will be responsible for the repair of the road. Randy Ekerberg with H2O approached the council and stated his company would bring the repair to a safe driving patch, however the city's street department in public works would complete the permanent repair of the road.

Council President Campbell presented for discussion, the creation of an Assistant City Manager position either in the 2026-2027 budget or potentially temporary prior to budget workshops. Council President Campbell stated that there is room in this budget year to create a position of an Assistant City Manager to help carry the work load, also to have someone in the office when the City Manager is handling outside projects, vacations etc. Councilmember Robinson stated, being that the raise for the City Manager was just completed she suggests that the new position would be best discussed in a workshop.

Presented next for discussion with possible council action, request for lien amnesty, release of Code Enforcement lien on Orchard St. Mr. Curtis advised that the property is in compliance and recommends approval. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the release of lien which, Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Presented next for discussion with possible council action, Appeal 26-01, on Resolution PZ DEV 26-02 site and development plan review, pertaining to a proposed 3-duplex development at1401

Ohio Ave. South- Parcel 26-02S-13E-07826-030420. Mr. Curtis advised the council that proposed development meets all the criteria in the city's land development regulations and recommends approval. Mr. Kennon explained that this a quasi-judicial hearing and read the appeal guidelines into the record. Council President Campbell then opened the floor for public hearing and the City Clerk swore in those who will give testimony regarding Appeal 26-01.

The following individual spoke regarding Appeal 26-01; Mr. Moses Clepper and Mr. Adam Collins (project engineer). With no other comments, Council President Campbell closed the floor for public testimony. Council President Campbell passed the gavel and made a motion to approve Appeal 26-01 to reverse the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board, which Councilmember Alford seconded. A vote was taken, Councilmember Alford voted Yes based on Exhibit 1. Including the land use plan map, zoning map, aerial photo. Property photos and resolution, Councilmember Gladys Owens voted Yes based on Exhibit 1, Councilmember Vanessa Robinson vote Yes based on Exhibit 1. Including the land use plan map, zoning map, aerial photo. Property photos and resolution and Exhibit 2. Including site plan sheets and appeal letter, Councilmember Campbell voted Yes based on Exhibit 1&2. Councilmember Jefferson voted Yes based on exhibit 1,2, and 3 including deed restrictions for the Sherwood Forest Subdivision. The motion carried unanimously.

Presented next for discussion with possible action, Resolution 2026-27, a resolution amending the planning and zoning fee schedule. Mr. Curtis explained the existing fee schedule along with the changes being requested. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-27, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Presented next for discussion with possible Council action, a temporary moratorium for Data Centers. Mr. Curtis explained the concerns of data centers and the possible impact on the community and requested that an ordinance be drafted by the city attorney. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the City Attorney to bring back an ordinance regarding a temporary moratorium on Data Centers, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Presented next for discussion, call a Special Called Meeting for Monday, June 29th for the presentation and approval of the City of Live Oak FY 2025 audit. The council approved the date with a meeting time for 5:00 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Council President
Matt Campbell

Attest:
John W. Gill
City Clerk