

The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, July 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 Robinson advised she would like to replace agenda item 5C, discussion regarding a plan to reduce the potable water loss within the city and replace it with an update on the garbage container replacement. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed changes, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the approval of the June 10th, regular monthly city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Terry Gerson regarding the police department.

Phylis Rotolo regarding cats, ambulance, drainage, and sewer lines.

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 reports on the Juneteenth and the Freedom Fest celebration. Mayor Davis advised that the Florida League of Cities Annual conference is coming up in the month of August and council would need to designate a voting delegate, Councilmember Owens made a motion to appoint Councilmember Robinson as the voting delegate, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to his agenda item, discussion with possible council action nomination and election of a Voting Delegate to represent the City of Live Oak at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference.

Council President Campbell proceeded to his agenda item, discussion concerning having a workshop to include all stakeholders exploring the possibility of a merger with, or acquisition of the city fire department with the county. Council President Campbell

opened the floor to allow those that signed up for this item to speak. Wayne Hannaka spoke in favor of having a workshop. Moses Clepper spoke in favor of having a workshop. Council President Campbell closed the for public comments. After further discussion a vote was taking with Councilmembers Alford, Owens, Robinson, Jefferson against having a workshop and Council President Campbell in favor. The motion failed 4 to 1.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the next agenda item, discussion with possible Council action, to authorize the city manager to go out for bids for cyber security auditing procedures for the City of Live Oak. City Attorney Kennon explained the procedures for going out for bids for a cyber security auditing company. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to go out for bids (RFP) for an auditing company for finance policy & procedures, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Robinson proceeded to discussion regarding garbage container update. Councilmember Robinson advised she noticed that regular garbage containers were being picked up after the deadline date to stop. Public Works Director Jerald Lee stated that he will speak with the garbage crew to assure that they are picking up only the city labeled garbage containers.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, staff to determine if the city can piggyback off of the City of Lake City CRA finding of necessity study for expansion of the CRA. Mr. Kennon explained that the City of Lake City was not the original applicant for the contract of the company that help expand the CRA District and that the City of Sebastian is the applicant, Mr. Kennon advised that staff would need to get with the City of Sebastian, Florida, to be able to piggyback off the company they are using to expand their CRA district. Mr. Kennon stated that between him and CRA Director Nick Frigiola, that they will do more research and bring the information back to the council.

Council President Campbell turned the floor over to City Manager Sessions who informed the council of a potential opportunity for the city to purchase a used F-450 service truck in the amount of \$33,000, and is requesting the consent from council to purchase. A vote was taken to allow the City Manager to purchase the F-450 service truck, which the council where all in favor.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action, set a proposed maximum millage rate for the Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2025-26. Mr. Sessions recommendation is to set the rate at 9.25 mills. Councilmember Alford made a motion to have the maximum millage rate for the Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2025-26 at 9.25 mills, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action, set a date and time for the Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2025-26. City Clerk Gill recommended that the

first hearing be set for September 9th at 5:30 PM and the final hearing date for September 23rd at 5:30 PM. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to accept the proposed dates for the Tentative Budget Hearings for FY 2025-26, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action, set budget workshop date & time. The council board discussed that August 12th at 4:30 PM and August 26th at 4:30 PM would be the appropriate days to have the budget workshop. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to set the budget workshops for August 12th at 4:30 PM and August 26th at 4:30 PM, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded with discussion with possible council action, on contractual Public Works Services. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke: Mr. Greg Bishop, Mr. Randy Ekerberg, Mr. Derral Wilson and Mr. Greg Madden spoke regarding H2O Innovation. Council President Campbell closed the floor for public comment. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to go out for bids with a RFP, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. A vote was taken with Council President Campbell dissenting. The motion carried 4 to 1 to go out for bids.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-22, creating and establishing a new job position of Building Department Staff Assistant, providing for qualifications, duties and responsibilities. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Development Manager George Curtis explained the reason and the benefits of the new job position of building department staff assistant. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-22, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-26, 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 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 2025-26, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-27, a resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Suwannee County, the City of Live Oak, and the Town of Branford; providing a distribution formula for local option gas tax. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-27, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-28, a resolution of the city authorizing the execution of grant agreement 445699-1-54-01 with the Florida Department of Transportation, providing for the acceptance of a grant award of up to \$599,903.00 in reimbursable costs associated with the reconstruction of Hamilton Ave., NE, phase 1. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-28, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action, final reading of Ordinance 1536, an ordinance amending the zoning district to 0.89 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, pursuant to an application, LDR 25-02 by the property owners and/or their authorized representative, under the amendment procedures established in Article Three of the Land Development Regulations, providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from County Commercial-Intensive to City Commercial-Intensive on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak, Florida (1720 Ohio AVE. N). Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. The City Clerk swore in those who may give testimony. Mr. Curtis gave an explanation of this ordinance and recommends approval based on the criteria submitted. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With none heard, Council President Campbell closed public comments. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1536, which Councilmember Jefferson 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