

City of Live Oak
Special Called City Council Meeting
September 23, 2025

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The Live Oak City Council met Monday, September 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064 for a Special Called City Council 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.

President Campbell called the final budget hearing to order.

Mayor Davis led the Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

President Campbell proceeded with adding to the agenda, change in council meeting dates. Due to the council members leaving for conference on Tuesday, October 14th the monthly city council meeting will be moved to Monday October 13th. Also, the Tuesday, November 11th meeting which falls on Veterans Day will be moved to Monday, November 10th. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the changes to the council meeting dates, which Councilmember Alford second. The motion carried unanimously.

President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, final reading of Ordinance 1539, an ordinance adopting the City of Live Oak millage rate for the levy of Ad Valorem taxes for FY 2025-2026. Attorney Kennon read the title into the record, announcing the proposed millage rate of 9.25 mill and that the current year millage rate is 3.41% more than the rollback rate of 8.9452. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With no comments heard, the floor for public comments was closed. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1539, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, final reading of Ordinance 1540, an ordinance adopting the City of Live Oak operating budget for FY 2025-2026. Attorney Kennon read the title into the record and announced the proposed budget of \$49,896,385. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public comments. With no comments heard, the floor for public comments was closed. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1540, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell closed the final budget hearing.

President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-37, a resolution authorizing Suwannee Parks & Recreation to submit an application for a grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program through the Department of Environment Protection, on behalf of the city for John Hale Park for reimbursement of funds not-to-exceed \$200,000; authorizing the mayor to sign the grant documents on behalf of the city; authorizing the acceptance of funds for renovations. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-37, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-38, a resolution authorizing Suwannee Parks & Recreation to submit an application for a grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program through the Department of Environment Protection, on behalf of the city for Heritage Trail for reimbursement of funds not-to-exceed \$200,000; authorizing the mayor to sign the grant documents on behalf of the city; authorizing the acceptance of funds for renovations. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-38, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-39, a resolution authorizing the application for the procurement of available funding for renovations to the Suwannee County Agriculture Coliseum and its related public facilities through a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility Grant Program. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-39, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-40, a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a railroad reimbursement agreement grade crossing traffic control devices municipal with the State of Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Gulf & Atlantic Railroad, LLC. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-40, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-41, a resolution authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with H2O Innovation Operations & Maintenance, LLC, to provide services related to public works. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-40, 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