

The Live Oak City Council met on Monday, October 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; Councilmembers Tommie Jefferson, Vanessa Robinson, Gladys Owens, and David Alford; Mayor Frank Davis; City Clerk John Gill; City Manager Larry Sessions; and Attorney Stephen Mercer, sitting in for 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 stated that an item regarding Darrel Bridget’s business would need to be added as Item 6A. Councilmember Robinson requested that a discussion item regarding the agenda be added as Item 5A. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the approval of the September 9 regular monthly City Council meeting minutes and the September 8 and 23 special called 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 then opened the floor for public comments for those who wished to speak now or wait until their agenda item was presented.

- Marion Gross spoke regarding Walker Street.
- Shanise Brown spoke regarding Green Fork Kitchen.

With no further comments, the floor was closed.

Council President Campbell then turned the floor over to Mayor Davis for matters regarding the city. Mayor Davis reminded everyone of the upcoming celebration activities scheduled for Florida City Week.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the City Council agenda item and turned the floor over to Councilmember Robinson for discussion regarding the placement of items on the agenda per the City Manager. Councilmember Robinson asked whether items placed on the agenda must be approved by the City Manager, noting that previously councilmembers contacted the City Clerk directly. City Manager Sessions explained that the City operates under a council–manager form of government and that he sets the agenda per ordinance.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the City Manager portion of the agenda and turned the floor over to City Manager Sessions. Mr. Sessions discussed Mr. Darrel Bridget’s request for an alcohol permit. Mrs. Lynda Williams spoke on his behalf, explaining Mr. Bridget’s attempts to

request a permit to sell alcohol. Development Manager George Curtis outlined the zoning requirements, including an application, fee, public notice, and additional requirements involving the Board of Adjustments public hearing process.

Mr. Sessions then proceeded to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1538, an ordinance amending the zoning district for 7.00 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations, pursuant to application LDR 25-03, submitted by the property owners and/or their authorized representative. The amendment would change the assigned zoning district from Commercial-Neighborhood and Residential-Office to Office-Institutional for property located at 1220 Walker Ave. SW. Attorney Mercer read the ordinance title into the record. City Clerk John Gill swore in anyone giving testimony. President Campbell opened the floor for public comment. With no comments heard, the floor was closed. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 1538, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1541, VAC 25-01, relating to the vacation of public right-of-way. The ordinance vacates a segment of unimproved platted alley lying south of Lot 2 and between Lots 4 and 5, Block 76, Original Town of Live Oak, Florida (east of the 406 Restaurant on Duval Street). Attorney Mercer read the ordinance title into the record. President Campbell opened the floor for public comment. With no comments heard, the floor was closed. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1541, which Councilmember Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to the next agenda item: discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1542, an ordinance amending Ordinance 1440 and Section 2-116 of the Code of Ordinances, providing an adjustment to the salary of the City Clerk and Treasurer from \$63,360.13 to \$71,360.13. Attorney Mercer read the ordinance title into the record. President Campbell opened the floor for public comment. Mrs. Cheryl Pruitt spoke positively regarding the City Clerk. President Campbell closed the floor. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the ordinance, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1543, an ordinance naming the former City Hall as the John W. Yulee Building. Attorney Mercer read the title into the record. President Campbell opened the floor for public comment.

- Ms. Yvonne Scott, Mr. Robert Ford, and Mr. Stefon Blue spoke in support of the name change.
- Mrs. Lynda Williams spoke in opposition, stating she supports honoring John W. Yulee but preferred a method other than naming a building after him.

With no further comments, President Campbell closed the floor. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1543, which Councilmember Alford seconded. A vote was taken, with Councilmember Robinson voting against. The motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Council President Matt Campbell
City Council President

Attest:
John Gill
City Clerk