

City of Live Oak  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2023

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 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: Mayor Frank Davis, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Council President David Burch, Councilmember Lynda Brown-Owens, City Attorney Todd Kennon, City Clerk John Gill, & City Manager Larry Sessions. Absent: Councilmember Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tesie Allen.

Council President Burch called the meeting to order.

Mayor Davis led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Burch presented the agenda for any additions, deletions, or changes. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve the agenda with added item 6-D regarding homeless people, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then proceeded to the next agenda item, approval of the October 10<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting minutes and the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and November 6<sup>th</sup> Special Called Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Marilyn Sapp spoke regarding a homeowner in her neighborhood with excess yard debris.

Council President deferred others that signed up to speak about item 6A to speak when the item is ready for discussion.

City Grant Writer, Ms. Kat Bass spoke regarding the status of grants applied for by the city.

Council President Burch proceeded with matters of the city and turned the floor over to Mayor Frank Davis. Mayor Davis spoke regarding this year's Christmas on the Square event.

Council President Burch then proceeded to Councilman Jefferson item regarding grant writing updates, Ms. Bass gave timelines and answered staff questions regarding different projects for the city.

Council President Burch moved to discussion regarding department heads reporting and turn the floor over to councilmember Jefferson. Councilmember Jefferson spoke stating how can he get reports to update constituents. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to have department heads to report every month, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion passed 2 to 1, with Councilmember Burch voting against.

Council President Burch moved to Councilman Owens item regarding a Human Resource Department and turned the floor over to Councilmember Owens who stated there should be a Human Resource person to assist the City Manager.

Councilmember Owens moved on to discussion regarding homelessness in the city and would like to see something done.

Council President Burch advised those individuals that deferred to item 6-A come forward and speak.

Mr. Johnny Johnson spoke regarding the benefits of Fluoride added to the drinking water supply.

Kerry Waldron Director of Suwannee Health Department spoke regarding the benefits of the Fluoridation programs.

Council President turned the floor over to City Manager Larry Sessions for discussion with possible council action approval of Public Works request to discontinue Fluoride additives to the City of Live Oak drinking water supply. Councilmember Owens made a motion to table the Fluoride additives discussion in order to get more information, which Council President Burch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2023-34, a resolution of the City Council extending the local state of emergency for the City of Live Oak pursuant to section 252.38 Florida statutes due to the threat of Hurricane Idalia providing for waiver of procedures and formalities, delegating authority and providing an effective date. City Attorney Todd Kennon read the title into record. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve resolution 2023-34, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2023-33, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Live Oak Florida as subgrantee to enter into a disaster relief funding agreement with the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management as grantee identified as contract number nbwpgjsfywp6 agreement number z3976. Mr. Kennon read the title into record. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-33, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action final reading of Ordinance 1501, an ordinance implementing the states mandate to prepare Business Impact Estimates prior to the adoption of proposed ordinance. Mr. Kennon read title into record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. With none heard Council President Buch closed public comment. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve final reading for Ordinance 1501, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch moved on to discussion with possible council action final reading of Ordinance 1502, an ordinance amending the future land use classification to fifty or fewer acres of land on the future land use plan map of the city of Live Oak comprehensive plan pursuant to an application CPA23-04by the property owner and their authorized, designated representative providing for a change in the assigned future land use classification from residential high density to industrial. Mr. Kennon read the title into record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. With none heard Council President closed public comment. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve final reading of Ordinance 1502, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch moved on to discussion with possible council action final reading of Ordinance 1503, an ordinance amending the zoning district to 1.48 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations pursuant to an application LDR23-05 by the property owner and their authorized designated representative providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from residential-multiple family to Industrial. Mr. Kennon read the title into record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. With none heard Council President closed public comment. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve final reading of Ordinance 1503, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded on to discussion with possible council action first reading of Ordinance 1504, an ordinance amending the future land use classification to 2.00 acres of land on the future land use map of the city of Live Oak comprehensive plan pursuant to an application CPA23-05by the property owners and their authorized designated representative providing for a change in the assigned future land use classification from residential moderate density to commercial. Mr. Kennon read the title into record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. With none heard Council President closed public comment.

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Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve final reading of Ordinance 1504, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch moved on to discussion with possible council action first reading of Ordinance 1505, an ordinance amending the zoning district to 2.00 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations pursuant to an application LDR23-06 by the property owners and their designated representatives providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from residential-multiple family to commercial general. Mr. Kennon read the title into record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. With none heard Council President closed public comment. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve final reading of Ordinance 1505, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action first reading of Ordinance 1506, an ordinance amending the zoning district to 5.39 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations pursuant to an application LDR23-04 by the property owners and their designated representative providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from commercial intensive to commercial intensive. Mr. Kennon read the title into record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. With none heard Council President closed public comment. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve final reading of Ordinance 1506, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember David Burch  
City Council President

Attest:  
Mr. John Gill  
City Clerk