

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LIVE OAK
WILL BE HELD AT THE LIVE OAK COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8001 SHIN OAK DRIVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Completed in EDC meeting.

3. ROLL CALL

Mayor Mary M. Dennis
Councilmember Mendell Morgan
Councilmember Bob Tullgren
Councilmember Dr. Erin Perez (Absent)
Councilmember Ed Cimics
Councilmember/Mayor Pro-Tem Aaron Dahl

Staff
Anas Garfaoui, Interim City Manager
Leroy Kowalik, Finance Director
Chief Gary Hopper, Police Department
Chief Linc Surber, Fire Department
Mark Wagster, Director of PW
Clarissa Rodriguez, City Attorney
Donna Lowder, Director of EDC
Isa Gaytan, City Secretary

4. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. November 14, 2023

- B. City Council to approve an excused absence for Mayor Dennis from the November 14, 2023, meeting.

Councilmember Tullgren made a motion to approve Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilmember Morgan

Vote FOR: Councilmember Morgan, Tullgren, Cimics, and Dahl; Passed 4/0

6. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Big Brothers Big Sisters Chief Development Officer, Mr. Hugh Hawthorne Farr presentation.

Mr. Farr came before City Council to say thank you for all the support Big Brothers Big Sisters has received from the City of Live Oak. Mr. Farr brought some sweets for City Council.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding a Resolution appointing a member to the Economic Development Corporation—D. Lowder

During the December 12 EDC special meeting, Director Elizabeth Kuhlman's resignation was accepted by the Board leaving Business Director position vacant as of December 29, 2023. Staff recommendation is to appoint Rod Streets, Atlerman Inc. As the Business Director with a term expiration of June 30, 2024.

Councilmember Dahl requested to hear from all volunteers who have shown interest in the position of Business Director.

Mr. Brian Rumsfield and Mr. Rod Streets came up to the podium and introduced themselves to council.

Councilmember Tullgren made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Rod Streets to serve in the Economic Development Corporation as the Business Director; seconded by Councilmember Dahl

Vote FOR: Councilmember Morgan, Tullgren, Cimics, and Dahl; Passed 4/0

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Easement Agreement between Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU) and the City of Live Oak for the purpose of a City monument—D. Lowder

Ms. Lowder presented a Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Easement Agreement between Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union and the City of Live oak for the purpose of a City Monument.

Councilmember Dahl made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute an Easement agreement between RBFCU and the City of Live oak for the purpose of a City monument; seconded by Councilmember Cimics

Vote FOR: Councilmember Morgan, Tullgren, Cimics, and Dahl; Passed 4/0

8. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

A. City Council Members report regarding discussion of City issues with citizens.

Councilmember Morgan reported that the Humane Society meeting was a success and congratulated Rebecca Kochan on her appointment as Chair for the organization.

Councilmember Cimics reported a citizen called him to inform of a contractor doing some work on the weekends with no permits and no Inspections. Councilmember Cimics recommended scheduling Code Enforcement on weekends to monitor any work being done on weekends. Reported the results from Shred Day being 21,000 lbs. 11 tons, 179 trees saved, 32 cubic yards of landfill and 21 barrels of oil. Next Shred day is scheduled for May 4, 2024. Also, Councilmember Cimics gave kudos to the City on the extension of the sidewalk connecting to the Woodcrest Park. Announced the Air Show is coming back on April 6 & 7 at Randolph.

Councilmember Tullgren reported all the positive feedback he received from citizens who attended the City's Christmas event. Councilmember Tullgren was overwhelmed with the support from staff and volunteers at the event and looks forward to next year.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF

A. City Council

1. Ribbon Cuttings, upcoming City Events, Special meetings and workshops, conferences, and special acknowledgements

Councilmember Morgan announced Bubbas 33 is fundraiser benefiting the Humane Society. Also, in the season of thanksgiving, Councilmember said he is thankful to be part of the city, thankful for staff and wished everyone Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Kwanzaa, and all good wishes to all Live Oak residents.

Councilmember Tullgren stated this has been one great year and fully appreciated all yearly activities, appreciates and recognizes the backbone which is staff making all these events happen.

Councilmember Cimics supported Councilmember Tullgren's comments and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Dahl in agreement with previous Councilmembers comments; appreciates everyone's help.

Mayor Dennis thanked every council member and staff each department head and support staff.

B. Staff

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Interim City Manager Garfaoui followed up on the positive feedback from councilmembers by saying that the projects could not be done without the support that starts with the community followed by Council's vision and staff who execute the vision. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chief Hopper announced Cookies with Cops/Blue Santa happening this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Also thanked Council for the support that makes it such a wonderful place to work.

Leroy Kowalik echoed what Interim City Manager said and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and wished everyone safe travels.

Mark Wagster provided an update on the new playground being closed due to repairs closed but will be re-open tomorrow, Wednesday. Also, thanked the Council for the time put into support of the City.

Chief Surber echoed all department heads and thanked the Council for all support.

Assistant Chief Fratus proud to be a part of the premier City of Live Oak

Mayor Dennis expressed her thanks to City Secretary and looks forward to next year. Also acknowledged all who were present and wished everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Kwanzaa, looking forward to a great new year.

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Councilmember Cimics made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Perez. The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mary M. Dennis
Mary M. Dennis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Isa Gaytan
Isa Gaytan, City Secretary