

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 2021 – 5:20 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the June 8, 2021, agenda.

The following members were present:

Councilmember Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Jerry Johnson
Councilmember Annette Mitchell
Councilmember Joni Blalock
Councilmember Jeff Boyd
Mayor Tony Kennon

The following members were absent:

None

The following items were discussed:

1. Discuss changing the polling site for Orange Beach from the Community Center, 27235 Canal Road, to the Event Center, 4671 Wharf Parkway. Council decided to delay the change of polling site from the Community Center to the Event Center until 2024 due to existing booking conflicts at the Event Center for the 2022 election dates.
2. Discuss moratorium on business licenses for charters and delivery of rental watercrafts in public access areas. Council discussed the customer parking issues caused by water-based businesses picking up at public boat launches. Council decided to extend the moratorium at the next council meeting and schedule a workshop to determine an ultimate solution.
3. Resolution awarding the bid for the Orange Beach High School Turnout.
4. Resolution awarding the bid for a new Boat Lift for Marine Police.
5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with McCollough Architecture, Inc., to provide professional services for the renovation of the Recreation Center in an amount not to exceed \$25,400.
6. Set a public hearing date for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0601-PUD-21, Port Washington PUD. Public hearing set for June 15, 2021.

Public Comments:

1. A question submitted through Facebook about Boat Street was read aloud and needed clarification. Kit Alexander, Community Development Director, stated that she will contact the individual.
2. Councilmember Boyd spoke about concerns raised by a local restauranter regarding the major employment shortage in the service industry. Council discussed the unemployment compensation fraud and federal understaffing for administration of the program.
3. Chris Litton, Logistics Coordinator, reminded the audience about the Flora-Bama Church Food Giveaway that will take place at City Hall on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Mr. Litton also announced that the Friends of Army Aviation will be holding their Huey helicopter ride event on June 2nd and 3rd at the Wharf.

4. A question was asked about overflow parking options around town. Ford Handley, Finance Director, stated that parking passes can be purchased at the Finance Department for \$25 per day for the gravel parking lot next door. Vehicle owners will be required to sign a liability waiver. Ken Grimes, City Administrator, stated that there are also private lots available.
5. Ken Grimes, City Administrator, recognized Chris Litton, Logistics Coordinator, for his upcoming award from the International Hunter Education Association as Instructor of the Year.
6. Mr. Grimes recognized the passing of Sunny 105 Broadcaster Damon Collins.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 6:51 P.M.

APPROVED this 15th day of June, 2021.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk