

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Tony Kennon called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.
- II. **INVOCATION** Pastor Jared Jones, Central Church Orange Beach
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Annette Mitchell
Councilmember Jeff Boyd
Councilmember Joni Blalock
Mayor Tony Kennon

Absent: Councilmember Jerry Johnson

V. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to approve the agenda as written. Vote unanimous in favor.

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The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VI. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES**

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| 1. <u>City Administrator – Ford Handley</u> | No report. |
| 2. <u>Director, Public Works – Tim Tucker</u> | No report. |
| 3. <u>Director, Community Development – Adam Roberson</u> | No report. |
| 4. <u>Chief, Police Department – Trent Johnson</u> | No report. |
| 5. <u>Chief, Fire Department – Jeff Smith</u> | No report. |
| 6. <u>City Clerk – Renee Eberly</u> | No report. |
| 7. <u>Director, Finance – Ford Handley</u> | No report. |
| 8. <u>Parks & Recreation – Nicole Ard</u> | No report. |
| 9. <u>Director, Utilities – Rob Stalcup</u> | No report. |
| 10. <u>Director, Coastal Resources – Phillip West</u> | No report. |
| 11. <u>Librarian, Public Library – Meagan Bing</u> | No report. |
| 12. <u>Director, Municipal Court – Pam Davis</u> | No report. |
| 13. <u>Director, Expect Excellence – Ford Handley</u> | No report. |
| 14. <u>Mayor/Council</u> | No report. |

VII. **AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS**

Motion made (Mitchell/Silvers) to certify that cash requirements with no related interests are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. Motion passed. (5-0).

Motion made (Mitchell/Blalock) to certify that cash requirements with related interests in Swift Supply are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, abstain; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (4-0-1).**

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring September 17-23, 2025, as Constitution Week. Mayor Kennon presented the proclamation.

IX. RECOGNITIONS

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolutions

1. Resolution awarding the bid for construction of a Fire Training Center to Roy Lewis Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,941,800 and per unit pricing. **Motion made (Blalock/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**
2. Resolution accepting a proposal for Civic Center Design Services from Seay, Seay & Litchfield, P.C. **Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. Approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application by THE BELI LLC for The Beli at 4725 Main Street, Suite F 123. **Motion made (Mitchell/Boyd) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Resolutions

1. Resolution approving the appointment of Farra & Wang PLLC and Berger Montague PC as special counsel to represent the City of Orange Beach in the prosecution of legal claims against producers of shale oil and their co-conspirators. **Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Discussion followed. Council agreed that more research is needed. The City Attorney stated that she would look into it further. **Motion made (Blalock/Silvers) to postpone consideration indefinitely.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Resolution authorizing the purchase of furniture for the Parks and Recreation Office through Sourcewell from Staples Contract & Commercial LLC in the amount of \$47,978.60. **Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. Resolution authorizing execution of a law enforcement data access agreement with Biometrica Systems, Inc., for the Police Department. **Motion made (Silvers/Boyd) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
4. Resolution authorizing execution of a maintenance agreement with IPS Power Systems, Inc., for citywide generator maintenance. **Motion made (Blalock/Boyd) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearings

1. Public hearing for an appeal by Shore Thing Golf Carts LLC of a business license denial.
Ford Handley, City Administrator/Finance Director, explained that Council has denied the business license based on the stipulations stated in the Golf Cart Ordinance, and that the

applicant has requested to appeal the denial in accordance with the procedures laid out in the City Code.

Randall Rickard, applicant, explained that this application is for a home-based business where no customers will come to the house. He stated that his main grievance is that he made the financial investment of purchasing two golf carts based on the perception that his business license had been approved due to some miscommunication with city staff. Mayor and Council were sympathetic regarding the misunderstanding and stated that the city would work on cleaning up the business license review procedure. Mayor and Council also explained the reasoning behind the business license denial.

There being no additional comments, the public hearing adjourned.

The City Clerk explained that the appeals process laid out in the City Code requires the Council to formally vote on granting or denying the business license.

Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to grant the business license for Shore Thing Golf Carts LLC. Vote unanimous against the motion. **Motion failed.** The business license remains denied.

Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article X, "Islands of Perdido" of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, to modify references to "Walker Island" to align with updated geographical information. **Motion made (Blalock/Silvers) for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of this ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).** **Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

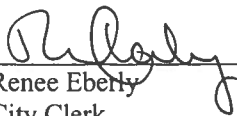
None

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the council, motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adjourn. Vote unanimous in favor.

Time: 5:28 P.M.

APPROVED this the 21st day of October, 2025.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

