

**MINUTES OF  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 16, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the January 6, 2026, agenda.

The following members were present:

Councilmember Jeff Silvers  
Councilmember Jack Robertson  
Councilmember Ginger Harrelson  
Councilmember Robert Stuart  
Councilmember Jerry Johnson  
Mayor Tony Kennon

The following members were absent:

None

The following items were discussed:

1. Discuss School Board appointment.
2. Reschedule February 17, 2026, Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings to February 10, 2026, to allow for the observance of Fat Tuesday. Meetings were rescheduled to February 10, 2026.
3. Resolution authorizing payment of up to \$3,000 to the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber for the Annual Electronic Recycling and Paper Shred Event.
4. Resolution authorizing execution of a third amendment to the grant award agreement with the National Audubon Society for the stewardship of Coastal Alabama beach nesting bird habitat.
5. Resolution appointing members to the Employees' Leave Bank Committee.
6. Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to dispose of such property.
7. Resolution amending the Employees Pay Plan/Job Listing to accommodate the approved 2026 budget.
8. Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article V of the City of Orange Beach Code of Ordinances to be retitled, "Wetland Preservation and Mitigation".
9. Ordinance adopting an updated policy and schedule of fees for public records requests and repealing Ordinances Nos. 327 and 412.

Public Comments:

1. Nicole Ard, Parks and Recreation Director, recognized Scott Stacy and all Sportsplex staff for hosting the NAIA Men's National Soccer Championship earlier this year and overcoming rainy weather challenges.
2. Ford Handley, City Administrator, thanked Mayor, City Council, and city staff for the passing of the 2026 budget. He also thanked The Wharf and city staff for the Christmas Tree Lighting event, and recognized Performing Arts staff for another impressive Visions of Christmas production.
3. Councilmember Robert Stuart stated that his youngest was married at the Coastal Art Center this past weekend, and praised Art Center staff for being second to none.

4. Councilmember Jeff Silvers recognized Fire Chief Jeff Smith and the Recruit Academy Class of 2025 graduates.
5. Councilmember Ginger Harrelson recognized the Orange Beach City School Board and teachers for organizing this year's holiday events.
6. Nicole Ard, Parks and Recreation Director, invited the audience to join the Garden Club in singing Christmas carols at the Orange Beach Museum following the council meeting.

Executive Session:

1. Executive session to discuss pending litigation. **Motion made (Harrelson/Silvers) to enter executive session.** The City Attorney advised the Council that a declaration was required by the Open Meetings Act for an Executive Session; therefore, she stated for the record that she was duly qualified and had the personal knowledge to provide the requisite declaration for the stated purposes of the Executive Session authorized by the Act. The Mayor announced that the executive session would last approximately 30 minutes, and that Council would not reconvene after the executive session.


Time in: 5:36 P.M.

Time out: 6:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 6:00 P.M.

**APPROVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

  
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Renee Eberly  
City Clerk

