

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 10, 2026 – 5:08 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the March 3, 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. Mayor Kennon stated that, as requested, a short list of five applicants has been recommended by current School Board members. Renee Eberly, City Clerk, read the five recommended applicants as follows: Stephen Lewis, Ryan Long, Carrie Morris, Clay Tindal, and Mallory Wilkins. Mayor and Council agreed to interview these five applicants, and debated the format of these interviews. Ultimately, Mayor and Council agreed that Mayor Kennon, Councilmember Harrelson, and Councilmember Stuart would conduct the interviews in person with the other Councilmembers watching on livestream. Councilmembers will submit questions to the City Administrator, who will compile a list of interview questions to be asked similarly to every interviewee. The City Administrator will move forward with scheduling the interviews.
2. Discuss Garden Club request for use of the Art Center. Council agreed that waiving or reducing public facility costs for local charity fundraisers serves a public purpose, but that this public purpose does not extend to closed annual meetings.
3. Discuss funding request from the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. After a brief discussion, Council agreed to move forward with approving the request.
4. Discuss lease options for the Old Finance Building. Ford Handley, City Administrator, recommended a lease schedule that will cover any necessary renovations. Council agreed to move forward with the request.
5. Resolution retiring Police Canine "Sadie" and authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents necessary to transfer ownership of "Sadie" to Officer Brennan Giles. Chief Johnson asked Mayor and Council for permission to recognize the retirement at the K-9 trials banquet being held this Thursday. Sadie was the reigning champion in her specialty years 2022 through 2025. Mayor and Council approved the recognition.
6. Resolution authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement with Gulf Coast K9, LLC, for a police canine in the amount of \$12,000.
7. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Vehicle Emergency Equipment for the Police Department through State Bid from Emergency Lighting by Haynes, L.L.C., in the amount of \$63,551.40.
8. Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for GIS Managed Services for the Police Department in the amount of \$88,822.19.

9. Resolution authorizing the execution of a software service agreement with Tranquility AI Inc. for AI-powered evidence analysis for the Police Department in the amount of \$39,999.68.
10. Resolution authorizing a franchise for JOLA Transportation LLC to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach.
11. Resolution authorizing execution of Change Order No. 1 with Harris Contracting Services, Inc., for sidewalk repairs, fencing, and minor additional sitework adjacent to the pickleball courts in an amount not to exceed \$36,431.
12. Resolution authorizing the purchase of LED Lighting for the Tennis Courts through Sourcewell from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, in the amount of \$139,900.
13. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Vehicle for the Sewer Department through State Bid from Stivers Ford Lincoln, Inc., in the amount of \$48,639.
14. Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for law enforcement services with Baldwin County.

Public Comments:

None

Executive Session:

1. Executive session to discuss the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, or market value of real property. **Motion made (Harrelson/Johnson) to enter executive session for the stated purpose.** The Mayor announced that the executive session would last approximately 30 minutes, and that Council would not reconvene after the executive session.

Time in: 5:51 P.M.

Time out: 6:13 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 6:13 P.M.

APPROVED this 17th day of March, 2026.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

