

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Kennon called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
- II. **INVOCATION** Father Paul, St. Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

V. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

Motion made (Silvers/Stuart) to approve the agenda with one additional item.

- 1. Resolution authorizing the request of an Attorney General’s Opinion clarifying requirements set out in the Alabama Tourism Tax Protection Act of 2024.

Vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, abstain; Stuart, aye; Johnson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0-1).**

VI. **CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VII. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES**

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

14. Mayor/Council

Councilmembers Johnson and Silvers recognized OBMHS sports teams on their recent successes.

Mayor Kennon reported a successful Seafood Fest held this past weekend, and shared that The Wharf counted record numbers around 26,000. Councilmember Silvers remarked that the shuttles were heavily utilized and seemed to work well.

Councilmember Harrelson reminded the audience that *Frozen: The Broadway Musical* debuts at the Orange Beach Performing Art Center this upcoming weekend.

Ford Handley, City Administrator, reported a 9% increase in sales tax collected in December and January. Mayor Kennon stated that record crowds attended the local Mardi Gras parades.

VIII. AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to certify that cash requirements with no related interests are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to certify that cash requirements with related interests in Swift Supply are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, abstain; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0-1).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. Appoint voting delegate for the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention and the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation Annual Meeting to be held in Montgomery, April 28 - May 1, 2026. **Motion made (Silvers/Harrelson) to appoint Jerry Johnson as the voting delegate.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Approval of a Special Events Retail Liquor License Application by Wharf Restaurant Group LLC for the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber Sapphire Soiree to be held March 13, 2026, at 4671 Wharf Parkway West. **Motion made (Harrelson/Silvers) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. Approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application by The Red Haven Live LLC for The Red Haven Live at 25637 Canal Road, Suites 11 and 12. **Motion made (Silvers/Robertson) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Resolutions

1. Resolution appropriating funds to the Zoo Foundation, Inc., to sponsor the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo in the amount of \$50,000 for FY2026. **Motion made (Harrelson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Resolution retiring Police Canine "Sadie" and authorizing the Mayor to execute the documents necessary to transfer ownership of "Sadie" to Officer Brennan Giles. **Motion made (Stuart/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement with Gulf Coast K9, LLC, for a police canine in the amount of \$12,000. **Motion made (Silvers/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

4. 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. **Motion made (Johnson/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
5. 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. **Motion made (Robertson/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
6. 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. **Motion made (Robertson/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
7. 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. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
8. 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. **Motion made (Stuart/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
9. Resolution authorizing the purchase of LED Lighting for the Tennis Courts through Sourcewell from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, in the amount of \$139,900. **Motion made (Harrelson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
10. 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. **Motion made (Robertson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
11. Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for law enforcement services with Baldwin County. **Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
12. Resolution authorizing execution of purchase agreements for Audiovisual Equipment for the Fire Department Training Room through Omnia Partners from Howard Industries, Inc., dba Howard Technology Solutions, in the amount of \$45,540.39. **Motion made (Stuart/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
13. ADDITION: Resolution authorizing the request of an Attorney General's Opinion clarifying requirements set out in the Alabama Tourism Tax Protection Act of 2024. **Motion made (Silvers/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS


None

XIV. ADJOURN

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

Time: 5:17 P.M.

APPROVED this the 7th day of April, 2026.


Renee Eberly
City Clerk

