

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 3, 2026 – 5:17 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the March 17, 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. Ford Handley, City Administrator, stated that 39 questions were submitted by Councilmembers. Council agreed for Councilmembers Harrelson and Stuart to condense the number of questions to between 10 and 15. Mayor Kennon asked that the list of questions be finalized by Friday. Council asked the City Administrator to schedule interviews beginning at 9:00 A.M. on March 10, 2026.
2. Discuss Library Board appointment. Council nominated Councilmember Robert Stuart to take over the expiring term of Joni Blalock. Later in the meeting, City Clerk Renee Eberly clarified that the appointment is not limited to councilmembers. Given that information, Council agreed that Joni Blalock would be a good candidate for reappointment. Meagan Bing, Library Director, confirmed that Ms. Blalock is willing and able to serve again.
3. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 audited financial statements.
4. Discuss amending the Golf Cart Ordinance. Jamie Logan, City Attorney, explained that City Council had previously expressed an interest in revising language regulating golf cart rentals. Rick Overstreet, 26213 St. Lucia Drive, and Tater Harris, 26276 St. Lucia Drive, both owners of golf cart rental companies, spoke on the issue and made suggestions. Mr. Overstreet gave Council a handout that he provides to his customers with suggested routes for golf cart usage. Council discussed the requirement for identifying stickers and flags. Councilmember Silvers mentioned his ongoing concern with boat rentals being delivered to the Baldwin County-owned boat launch at the ICW. Mayor Kennon brought up concerns regarding ebikes and scooters. Council discussed golf carts not having the right of way over vehicular traffic, use of pedestrian crosswalks, and the difficulty of enforcement. Mayor and Council also would like to look at an ordinance regulating ebikes.
5. Resolution authorizing the sole source purchase of a Lifeguard Tower from Bausch Enterprises, Inc., for the Surf Rescue Division of the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$82,835.
6. Resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with McCollough Architecture, Inc., to provide engineering services for renovation of the Old Finance Building in an amount not to exceed \$68,800.
7. Resolution authorizing the execution of software service agreements with Clearview AI, Inc., for facial recognition for the Police Department.

8. Resolution authorizing execution of a task order with GeoCon Engineering & Materials Testing, Inc., to provide geotechnical exploration and engineering services for a preliminary soil study for a new civic center in an amount not to exceed \$8,565.
9. Resolution authorizing a waiver of rental fees for the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center for the Baldwin Pops, Inc., John Allen Memorial Scholarship Concert.
10. Resolution authorizing the execution of a performance contract with Natalie van Blerk for tennis professional services.
11. Resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Coastal Wave Diagnostics, LLC, for cardiovascular screenings for city employees.
12. Resolution authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement with Baldwin County for maintenance of Navy Road.
13. Resolution authorizing the execution of a right of entry permit and license agreement with The Nature Conservancy for the restoration of Orange Beach Waterfront Park.
14. Resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Wetland Sciences, Inc., to perform a wetland assessment of the proposed site for a new civic center in an amount not to exceed \$2,750.
15. Resolution authorizing execution of agreements to grant underground electric line easements to Baldwin County Electric Membership Corporation.

Public Comments:

1. Hunter Harrelson, 4855 Burkart Drive, owner of Beachball Properties, spoke about the growing cohosting industry, which is creating friction with local property management companies.

Executive Session:

1. Executive session to discuss pending litigation. **Motion made (Harrelson/Silvers) to enter executive session for the stated purpose.** 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.

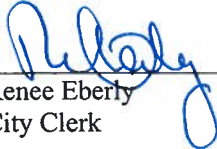
Time in: 6:10 P.M.

Time out: 6:50 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 6:50 P.M.

APPROVED this 7th day of April, 2026.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

