

**MINUTES OF  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 7, 2026 – 5:17 P.M.  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the April 7, 2026, agenda.

The following members were present:

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

The following members were absent:

Councilmember Jerry Johnson

The following items were discussed:

1. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 audited financial statements.
2. Reschedule and relocate Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings on May 5, 2026, to May 6, 2026, at the Performing Arts Center.
3. Discuss School Board appointment. Councilmember Stuart stated his concern stemming from rumors regarding low ACT scores, and asked to see the data. Councilmember Silvers stated that Dr. Nelson Bauer is willing to serve again, and acknowledged interest shown by others who are also willing to serve.
4. Discuss amendment to Recreational Vehicle Rentals Ordinance. Jamie Logan, City Attorney, stated that she is working on a draft.
5. Resolution authorizing execution of a fourth amendment to the grant award agreement with the National Audubon Society for the stewardship of Coastal Alabama beach nesting bird habitat.
6. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with DeRhonda Ponder for special needs aide services for the Expect Excellence program.
7. Resolution amending the Employees Pay Plan/Job Listing to implement changes recommended by the Comprehensive Classification and Total Compensation Study.
8. Resolution awarding the bid for Rifle Range Site Work at the Shooting Complex. Phillip West, Coastal Resources Director, answered questions from Council clarifying the scope of the project and current operating hours.
9. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Orange Beach Fire Rescue Department and the Escambia County Fire Rescue Department.
10. Resolution appropriating funds to the Baldwin County District Attorney's Foundation to sponsor the 2026 Paddles for a Purpose Pickleball Tournament. Council discussed a sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000.
11. Resolution authorizing the City of Orange Beach to join as a participant in current and future opioid settlements.
12. Resolution authorizing the execution of a purchase agreement for the sale of the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf.
13. Resolution authorizing the execution of a State-Subrecipient Disaster Assistance Agreement with the State of Alabama for an Orange Beach First Responder Hurricane Safe Room.

14. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Heidi Lemon for 2026 Summer Theater Camp.
15. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Gerald Mills for 2026 Summer Theater Camp.
16. Resolution authorizing the execution of a use agreement with the City of Foley for safety barricades for the 2026 Hot Air Balloon Festival.
17. Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement for consulting services with Orion Planning + Design to update the Orange Beach Zoning Ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$163,540.
18. Resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for a traffic signal study at the intersection of SR-161 and Terry Cove Drive to enhance pedestrian accommodations and crossing safety in an amount not to exceed \$17,400.
19. Resolution authorizing execution of a software service renewal agreement with ZAPP Software, LLC, for the 2026 Freedom Fest, 2027 Seafood Festival, and 2027 Festival of Art.
20. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Video Surveillance System at the Pickleball Courts for the Parks and Recreation Department through State Bid from Vision Security Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$42,116.18.
21. Resolution authorizing the purchase of an Access Control System at the Softball/Baseball Locker Room for the Parks and Recreation Department through State Bid from Vision Security Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$4,626.86.
22. Reschedule public hearing and first reading for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0403-PUD-26, Pirates Voyage PUD set for April 21, 2026. Public hearing rescheduled to June 2, 2026.
23. Set a public hearing date for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0406-PUDA-26, Buena Vista PUD Minor Modification, Lot 72. Public hearing set for May 19, 2026.
24. Reminder: Public hearing and first reading for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0401-CU-26, Bayside Orange Beach Garages, Phase 2 Conditional Use Approval on April 21, 2026.
25. Ordinance providing for the continued local recognition of State Routes within the City of Orange Beach.

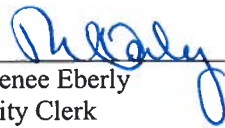
Public Comments:

1. Renee Eberly, City Clerk, stated that there has been a great deal of public interest in a proposed Pirates Voyage development project. She advised residents to attend the Town Hall scheduled for May 6, 2026, which will be the first opportunity for public discussion on the topic.
2. Ford Handley, City Administrator, announced that preliminary studies are underway to add a pedestrian crosswalk at the light by City Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 5:48 P.M.

**APPROVED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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Renee Eberly  
City Clerk

