

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 21, 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** Steve Ingersoll, Worship on the Water

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Jerry Johnson

**V. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

Motion made (Stuart/Silvers) to approve the agenda as written. Vote unanimous in favor.  
Motion passed.

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Work Session	03/17/2026
Regular Council Meeting	03/17/2026
Committee of the Whole	03/17/2026
Special-Called Council Meeting	04/01/2026

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. Director, 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

Councilmember Silvers congratulated Cendy Hart, new Orange Beach Elementary School Principal. Councilmember Silvers also praised City staff for the successful recent farmers market. Nicole Ard, Parks & Recreation Director, announced that the next event will be held on May 3, 2026.

Woody Speed, Coastal Regulatory Manager, shared an Environmental Advisory Committee Annual Environmental Stewardship Award presented by the Baldwin County Commission.

#### VIII. AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

**Motion made (Harrelson/Silvers) 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; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**

**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; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (4-0-1).**

#### IX. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring April 2026 as National Donate Life Month. Mayor Kennon presented the proclamation to Amy Power Morris with Legacy of Hope.

#### X. RECOGNITIONS

#### XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### XII. NEW BUSINESS

##### Miscellaneous

1. Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 audited financial statements. **Motion made (Silvers/Robertson) to approve the 2024 audited financial statements.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.** A copy of the audit report is hereby attached to these minutes in accordance with §11-43-85, Code of Alabama.
2. Approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application by The Club At Wharf Landing, LLC, for Last Mango Bar and Chill at 4851 Wharf Parkway, Unit D116. **Motion made (Robertson/Harrelson) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

##### Resolutions

1. 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. **Motion made (Silvers/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Resolution authorizing execution of professional services agreements with DeRhonda Ponder, Elizabeth Wood, and Caroline Steeley for special needs aide services for the Expect Excellence program. **Motion made (Stuart/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. Resolution amending the Employees Pay Plan/Job Listing to implement changes recommended by the Comprehensive Classification and Total Compensation Study. **Motion made (Stuart/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
4. Resolution awarding the bid for Rifle Range Site Work at the Shooting Complex to TripTek Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$234,325. **Motion made (Silvers/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Orange Beach Fire Rescue Department and the Escambia County Fire Rescue Department. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
6. Resolution appropriating funds to the Baldwin County District Attorney's Foundation for and in addition to sponsorship of the 2026 Paddles for a Purpose Pickleball Tournament. **Motion made (Harrelson/Stuart) to adopt the resolution for a sponsorship in the amount of \$5,000.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
7. Resolution authorizing the City of Orange Beach to join as a participant in current and future opioid settlements. **Motion made (Silvers/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
8. Resolution authorizing the sale of the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf. **Motion made (Silvers/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
9. 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. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
10. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Heidi Lemon for 2026 Summer Theater Camp. **Motion made (Silvers/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
11. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Gerald Mills for 2026 Summer Theater Camp. **Motion made (Robertson/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
12. Resolution authorizing the execution of a use agreement with the City of Foley for safety barricades for the 2026 Hot Air Balloon Festival. **Motion made (Harrelson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
13. 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. **Motion made (Stuart/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
14. 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. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
15. 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. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
16. 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. **Motion made (Silvers/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
17. 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. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

18. Resolution establishing a fee schedule for the Expect Excellence Summer Theater Camp. **Motion made (Silvers/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
19. Resolution appointing a member to the Orange Beach City Board of Education. Mayor Kennon shared a request from absent Councilmember Johnson to postpone the vote so that he can participate. **Motion made (Silvers/Stuart) to postpone consideration until the next council meeting on May 6, 2026.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

#### **Public Hearings**

1. Public hearing for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0401-CU-26, Bayside Orange Beach Garages, Phase 2 Conditional Use Approval.

Griffin Powell, City Planner, presented the request for Conditional Use Approval for the second phase of a development consisting of the south building. The property is located at 24701 Pelican Place in the General Business (GB) zoning district.

There being no comments, the public hearing adjourned.

#### **Ordinances**

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0401-CU-26, Bayside Orange Beach Garages, Phase 2 Conditional Use Approval. **Motion made (Silvers/Harrelson) for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of this ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).** **Motion made (Stuart/Harrelson) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**
2. First Reading – Ordinance providing for the continued local recognition of State Routes within the City of Orange Beach. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of this ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).** **Motion made (Stuart/Robertson) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**

#### **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**


None

#### **XIV. ADJOURN**

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

Time: 5:22 P.M.

**APPROVED** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

  
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Renee Eberly  
City Clerk

