

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 2, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Kennon called the meeting to order at 4:59 P.M.
- II. INVOCATION** Pastor Brandon Moore, Cornerstone Church
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilmember Jeff Silvers

V. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

VI. CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Work Session	05/05/2026
Regular Council Meeting	05/06/2026
Committee of the Whole	05/06/2026

The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

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| 1. <u>City Administrator – Ford Handley</u> | No report. |
| 2. <u>Director, Public Works – Tim Tucker</u> | No report. |
| 3. <u>Director, Community Development – Adam Roberson</u> | No report. |
| 4. <u>Chief, Police Department – Trent Johnson</u> | No report. |
| 5. <u>Chief, Fire Department – Jeff Smith</u> | No report. |
| 6. <u>City Clerk – Renee Eberly</u> | No report. |
| 7. <u>Director, Finance – Ford Handley</u> | No report. |
| 8. <u>Director, Parks & Recreation – Nicole Ard</u> | No report. |
| 9. <u>Director, Utilities – Rob Stalcup</u> | No report. |
| 10. <u>Director, Coastal Resources – Phillip West</u> | No report. |
| 11. <u>Librarian, Public Library – Meagan Bing</u> | No report. |
| 12. <u>Director, Municipal Court – Pam Davis</u> | No report. |
| 13. <u>Director, Expect Excellence – Ford Handley</u> | No report. |
| 14. <u>Mayor/Council</u> | |

Councilmember Harrelson made a personal statement regarding the recent social media frenzy around an accusation made by Escambia County Sheriff Chip Simmons towards the Orange Beach

Police Department for transporting a homeless individual to the Waterfront Rescue Mission shelter located in Pensacola, Florida. Councilmember Harrelson stated that councilmembers have reviewed the police bodycam footage related to the incident, and support the accuracy of City Administrator Ford Handley's press release. She further elaborated that, based on legal counsel, current litigation restricts the City Council's ability to change current city policies prohibiting the public release of bodycam footage, but that she supports reevaluation of the bodycam footage release policy once litigation is concluded. She praised all first responders for their service to their respective communities. Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Stuart also confirmed that they had viewed the referenced police bodycam footage, and agreed that the Orange Beach Police Officer behaved both professionally and appropriately.

Councilmember Robertson brought up his concerns about the submerged jetty wall at the Perdido Pass, and stated that the City is still trying to work with State agencies to provide better signage around the area.

Councilmember Stuart praised first responders for their actions over Memorial Day weekend in responding to serious car wrecks and performing numerous beach rescues.

Mayor Kennon also spoke in support of the Orange Beach Police Department, and reaffirmed that the officer acted compassionately in the incident referenced by Councilmember Harrelson.

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: Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, 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: Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinances

1. Second Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0411-PUD-25, The Wharf Landing Residential District PUD. **Motion made (Stuart/Johnson) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. Approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application by Pedros Orange LLC for Pedro's Tacos and Tequila Bar at 25775 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Suites B, C, & D. **Motion made (Stuart/Harrelson) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Approval of a Special Events Retail Liquor License Application by Wharf Restaurant Group LLC for the "Howard Technology Solutions" event to be held on July 19, 2026, at the Orange Beach Event Center, 4671 Wharf Parkway West. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Resolutions

1. Resolution reappointing Russ Hart and Jon Townsend to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. **Motion made (Johnson/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

2. Resolution authorizing execution of a grant award agreement with the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration for the Safety Action Plan Project in the amount of \$200,000. **Motion made (Robertson/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. Resolution authorizing execution of a grant award agreement with the Alabama USA Semiquincentennial Commission for an Independence Day Street Party in the amount of \$2,500. **Motion made (Johnson/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
4. Resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with McCollough Architecture, Inc., to provide design services for an Events Pavilion at the Coastal Arts Center in an amount not to exceed \$12,800. **Motion made (Robertson/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
5. Resolution accepting a negotiated price for Barricade Trailers from Port City Trailers, Inc., in the amount of \$24,944. **Motion made (Stuart/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearings

1. Public hearing for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0408-PUDA-26, Moondance PUD, Boat Slips.

Griffin Powell, City Planner, presented the request for approval of a Minor Modification to the Moondance PUD (Planned Unit Development) Master Plan permit 16 finger piers (boat slips) on the existing common pier in the Moondance Subdivision.

Councilmember Stuart confirmed that there is no increase in the project's density, and that the only change is in adding finger piers.

Mayor Kennon asked if the addition would result in a slip for every lot. Griffin responded that there will be fewer boat slips than lots. Owners will be given an option to purchase a slip, and it is anticipated that the 16 boat slips supplied will be sufficient to meet demand.

Brandon Gibbs, neighboring resident, spoke in opposition to the request.

Councilmembers Stuart and Robertson stated that both were on the Planning Commission at the time of the original PUD submission, and were surprised that this feature was not requested by the original owner. Mayor Kennon added that had the feature been requested from the start, it probably would have been approved for a property of this size.

Mark Keel, current developer, confirmed that there will be no rentals allowed, and boat slips will be assigned to deeds. He stated that the bylaws can be changed to formalize this stipulation. He added that the finger piers remedy messy tie ups on the current pier by giving designated spots to owners.

There being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned.

Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0408-PUDA-26, Moondance PUD, Boat Slips. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of this ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).** **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**

2. First Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article III of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, entitled "Noise". **Motion made (Stuart/Robertson) for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of this ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).** **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Johnson, 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 (Stuart/Robertson) to adjourn. Vote unanimous in favor.

Time: 5:20 P.M.

APPROVED this the 7th day of July, 2026.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

