

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2026 – 5:23 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the July 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:

None

The following items were discussed:

1. Discuss ARSEA/APEAL longevity bonus for City of Orange Beach retirees.
2. Resolution adopting a revised Personnel Policy Manual for the City of Orange Beach.
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for laboratory services with Foley Hospital Company, LLC, dba South Baldwin Regional Medical Center.
4. Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement for leadership training for the Police Department with Offset Consulting LLC in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.
5. Resolution authorizing execution of a grant award agreement with the National Audubon Society for the stewardship of Coastal Alabama beach nesting bird habitat.
6. Resolution authorizing execution of a task order with GeoCon Engineering & Materials Testing, Inc., to provide geotechnical exploration and engineering services for a new Pool Support Building at the Aquatics Center in an amount not to exceed \$5,570.
7. Resolution awarding the bid for Exotic Invasive Plant Species Removal, Native Landscaping, Monitoring and Education for the Coastal Resources Department.
8. Resolution awarding the bid for a Burn Tower with Installation at the Fire Training Facility.
9. Resolution awarding the bid for a Work Skiff for the Coastal Resources Department.
10. Resolution accepting a proposal for Professional Architectural, Design and Engineering Services for a Safe Room Facility for First Responders.
11. Set a public hearing date for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0704-PUDA-26, AC Hotel by Marriott Orange Beach PUD Modification – Parking Layout Amendment. Public hearing scheduled for July 21, 2026.
12. Set a public hearing date for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0705-PUDA-26, Lost Bay Townhouses PUD Modification – Perimeter Landscaping Amendment. Public hearing scheduled for July 7, 2026.
13. Ordinance amending Chapter 70, Article II, Section 70-22 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, to reduce the speed limit on certain streets within the Lauder Place Subdivision.

Public Comments:

1. Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, resident, shared her concern with the process used by City Council to fill the vacancy left by Jerry Johnson and stated that she had been interested in the position.
2. Rhonda Turley, resident, expressed her disappointment that Nelson Bauer was not reappointed to the Orange Beach School Board. She asked for transparency regarding the reasons behind the City Council's decisions. She also stated that she does not think it is appropriate for City and School Board officials to endorse political candidates.

Councilmember Robert Stuart read a statement directed at Nelson Bauer.

Discussion followed regarding term limits, transparency, endorsement of political candidates, State school rankings, and responsiveness of the School Board to the City Council.

Randy McKinney, Orange Beach School Board President, spoke towards the veracity of State testing results and responded to Councilmember Stuart.

Nelson Bauer, resident and former School Board Member, shared school history and data.

Councilmember Stuart read a statement directed at Mayor Kennon.

Randy McKinney made closing remarks and stated that he is available for any questions.

Councilmember Jack Robertson made comments about mending fences moving forward.

Mr. McKinney and Ms. Turley exchanged comments about his public endorsement of a State Representative candidate.

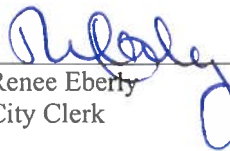
3. Lisa Nix, Orange Beach School Board Member, attested to the good character and good intentions of everyone on the unpaid School Board. She asked Mayor and Council to work out any conflicts in the future with honest discussion towards the common goal of making the City and School System the best they can be.
4. Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, resident, reprimanded elected officials and reminded them to not use their positions for personal financial or political gain. She cautioned the Mayor and Council to be cognizant of how they present themselves since they are important members of the community.
5. Mayor Kennon spoke about his philosophy for running meetings and city leadership.
6. Mindi Campbell, resident, observed that the constant disagreement between elected officials appears to have started with the new term. She expressed her disappointment with what she described as unprofessionalism. She asked Council to represent the Orange Beach citizens the way that was promised during their campaigns.
7. Mayor Kennon spoke about the success of the Orange Beach City School System.
8. Doug Price, resident, praised both Nelson Bauer and new School Board Member Clay Templeton. He spoke highly of the benefits and amenities available to Orange Beach students.
9. Mayor Kennon congratulated Grant Blackburn who was recently elected for Baldwin County District Court Judge. Judge Blackburn spoke briefly.
10. Councilmember Stuart thanked all in attendance for their constructive criticism, and expressed his belief that everyone shares a common goal to better the community.
11. Mayor Kennon closed by saying that everyone does the best they can, but sometimes things just have to come out like family at Thanksgiving, and generally everyone is amicable in the end.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Time: 6:26 P.M.

APPROVED this 21st day of July, 2026.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

