

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JULY 7, 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 Matt Baker, Island Church
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Jack Robertson
Councilmember Ginger Harrelson
Councilmember Robert Stuart
Councilmember Pat Simpson
Mayor Tony Kennon

Absent: Councilmember Jeff Silvers

V. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

VI. CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Work Session	06/02/2026
Regular Council Meeting	06/02/2026
Committee of the Whole	06/02/2026

The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

1. City Administrator – Ford Handley

Mr. Handley thanked city employees for working a busy and successful July 4th weekend. He announced the upcoming Pop-Up Park & Block Party organized by the Parks and Recreation Department.

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| 2. <u>Chief, Police Department – Trent Johnson</u> | No report. |
| 3. <u>Chief, Fire Department – Jeff Smith</u> | No report. |
| 4. <u>City Clerk – Renee Eberly</u> | No report. |
| 5. <u>Executive Director, Coastal Resources – Phillip West</u> | No report. |
| 6. <u>Executive Director, Community Development – Adam Roberson</u> | No report. |
| 7. <u>Executive Director, Human Resources – Michelle Bugos</u> | No report. |
| 8. <u>Executive Director, Parks & Recreation – Nicole Ard</u> | No report. |
| 9. <u>Executive Director, Public Works – Tim Tucker</u> | No report. |
| 10. <u>Librarian, Public Library – Meagan Bing</u> | No report. |
| 11. <u>Director, Municipal Court – Pam Davis</u> | No report. |
| 12. <u>Mayor/Council</u> | |

Mayor Kennon extended his appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments for their work over the busy holiday weekend.

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; Simpson, 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; Simpson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. Approval of a Special Events Retail Liquor License Application by Wharf Restaurant Group LLC for the "ASCE Alabama Summer Meeting" event to be held July 29-30, 2026, at the Orange Beach Event Center, 4671 Wharf Parkway West. **Motion made (Stuart/Simpson) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Resolutions

1. Resolution adopting the provisions of Act 2026-608 and appropriating funds to cover the cost of a one-time lump sum payment to eligible retirees and beneficiaries through the State of Alabama Employees' Retirement System. **Motion made (Simpson/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Resolution adopting a revised Personnel Policy Manual for the City of Orange Beach. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for laboratory services with Foley Hospital Company, LLC, dba South Baldwin Regional Medical Center. **Motion made (Robertson/Simpson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
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. **Motion made (Stuart/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
5. Resolution authorizing execution of a grant award agreement with the National Audubon Society for the stewardship of Coastal Alabama beach nesting bird habitat. **Motion made (Harrelson/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
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. **Motion made (Simpson/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
7. Resolution awarding the bid for a Burn Tower with Installation at the Fire Training Facility to Roy Lewis Construction Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,320,450. **Motion made (Stuart/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
8. Resolution accepting a proposal for FEMA Safe Room Design Services from Adams Stewart Architect, LLC. **Motion made (Harrelson/Stuart) 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. 0705-PUDA-26, Lost Bay Townhouses PUD Modification - Perimeter Landscaping Amendment.

Griffin Powell, City Planner, presented the request for a minor modification to the Lost Bay Townhouses Planned Unit Development (PUD) Master Plan to amend the landscape plan to remove the perimeter shrubs and associated irrigation due to the installation of a solid privacy fence along the perimeter lot lines. The property is located at 25280 Canal Road.

Councilmember Simpson asked if the project had gone before the Planning Commission. Griffin explained that minor amendments do not go through the Planning Commission, and are presented to City Council directly.

Bill Brett, President of Brett Robinson, asked about the possibility of extending the fence to the left. When posed the question by Councilmember Harrelson, the Applicant responded that she would have to look into it.

There being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned.

Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0705-PUDA-26, Lost Bay Townhouses PUD Modification - Perimeter Landscaping Amendment. **Motion made (Harrelson/Stuart) 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; Simpson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).** **Motion made (Harrelson/Simpson) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Simpson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0).**
2. First Reading – 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. No action taken. Ordinance will move forward to a second reading.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

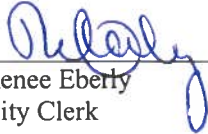
None

XIV. ADJOURN

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

Time: 5:15 P.M.

APPROVED this the 4th day of August, 2026.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

