

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JULY 7, 2026 – 5:15 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the July 21, 2026, agenda.

The following members were present:

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

The following members were absent:

Councilmember Jeff Silvers

The following items were discussed:

1. Discuss approval of a 5% match for the Jubilee Point Road Elevation project proposal under the Local Government Recovery Infrastructure Program.
2. Resolution authorizing execution of a mutual aid agreement with Lifeguard Ambulance Service, LLC, dba Medstar EMS.
3. Resolution appropriating funds to CARE House, Inc., dba Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center, in the amount of \$10,000 for FY2026.
4. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Orange Beach and the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office to assign municipal police officers to participate in the Baldwin County Drug Task Force.
5. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Two Utility Vehicles for the Police Department through Sourcewell from Baldwin County Victory Polaris, LLC, in the amount of \$44,853.
6. Resolution approving a temporary permit for a portable building located at Orange Beach Marina, 27075 Marina Road.
7. Resolution authorizing a franchise for ONE LOVE SHUTTLE LLC to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach.
8. Resolution authorizing a franchise for Granbury Executive Transport, LLC, to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach.
9. Resolution adopting a City Seal Style Guide for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama.
10. Resolution authorizing the City of Orange Beach to prosecute claims in multi-district litigation against certain fire apparatus manufacturers and related entities and industry trade associations.
11. Resolution accepting a negotiated price for Exotic Invasive Plant Species Removal, Native Landscaping, Monitoring and Education for the Coastal Resources Department.
12. Resolution awarding the bid for a Work Skiff for the Coastal Resources Department.
13. Resolution authorizing the execution of a performance contract with Brandy Reeves for tennis instruction services.

14. Set a public hearing date for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0305-PUDA-26, Columbia Southern University PUD Modification, New Freestanding Sign. Public hearing scheduled for August 4, 2026.
15. Reminder: Public hearing and first reading 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 on July 21, 2026.
16. Public hearing and first reading for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0403-PUD-26, Pirates Voyage PUD on July 21, 2026, has been canceled. – Withdrawn by applicant.
17. Ordinance amending Chapter 50, Article XIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, entitled "Recreational Vehicle Rentals".
18. Ordinance amending Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, to add a new Article IX entitled, "Bicycles, Micromobility Devices, and Electric Motorcycles".

Public Comments:

1. Amanda Hancock, Terry Cove resident, asked the Mayor and City Council to reconsider the restrictions placed on food trucks, and specifically on ice cream trucks. Discussion followed. Mayor and Council agreed to look into the possible amendment of City Code regarding this topic.
2. Wendy Pickering, resident, spoke against the public release of police body cam footage.
3. Mayor Kennon commented on the ongoing social turmoil and encouraged everyone to let the process run its course.
4. Hunter Harrelson, resident, asked Mayor Kennon if he has met with any private investigators. Mayor Kennon responded that he has not.
5. Sharon McFadden, resident, praised city amenities and condemned social media. She asked that Mayor and Council stop arguing and go back to how things were before. Councilmember Jack Robertson agreed and spoke hopefully that things will get better.
6. William Szoke, resident, observed that Orange Beach has not declined like Panama City Beach, and praised the Mayor. He commented that the current discord reflects poorly on everyone, and encouraged citizens to keep an open mind and let the process run its course.
7. Councilmember Robert Stuart stated that the city's current conflicts are not what he expected when he ran for elected office. He expressed appreciation for the citizens, and promised to do better.
8. Mayor Kennon reaffirmed the rights of citizens to speak out, but that communication needs to be conducted civilly.

Executive Session

1. Executive session to discuss pending litigation. **Motion made (Stuart/Robertson) to enter executive session for the stated purpose.** The City Attorney advised the Council that a declaration was required by the Open Meetings Act for an Executive Session; therefore, she stated for the record that she was duly qualified and had the personal knowledge to provide the requisite declaration for the stated purposes of the Executive Session authorized by the Act. The Mayor announced that the executive session would last approximately 45 minutes, and that Council would not reconvene after the executive session. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Time in: 5:54 P.M.

Mayor Kennon left the meeting at 5:54 P.M.

Time out: 7:45 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 7:45 P.M.

APPROVED this 4th day of August, 2026.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

