

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JULY 21, 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 Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Jack Robertson
Councilmember Ginger Harrelson
Councilmember Robert Stuart
Councilmember Pat Simpson
Mayor Tony Kennon

Absent: None

V. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

VI. CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting	06/16/2026
Committee of the Whole	06/16/2026
Special-Called Council Meeting	06/29/2026
Work Session	06/30/2026

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>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> | No report. |

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; Simpson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

Motion made (Harrelson/Simpson) 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; Simpson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (5-0-1).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Jason Kudulis, Executive Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program. Mr. Kudulis introduced himself and gave Mayor and Council copies of the latest status report on Alabama's estuaries and coasts.

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinances

1. Second 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. **Motion made (Stuart/Silvers) to adopt the ordinance.** Darrel Volesky spoke in opposition of lowering the speed limit. Mayor Kennon responded that there has been tremendous support with minimal opposition. Wade Fillmore, Lauder Place POA President, confirmed the unanimous vote by the Property Owners Association (POA) behind the initial request to lower the speed limit. Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Simpson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

1. Resolution authorizing execution of a mutual aid agreement with Lifeguard Ambulance Service, LLC, dba Medstar EMS. **Motion made (Simpson/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Resolution appropriating funds to CARE House, Inc., dba Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center, in the amount of \$10,000 for FY2026. **Motion made (Harrelson/Stuart) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. 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. **Motion made (Stuart/Simpson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
4. 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. **Motion made (Silvers/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
5. Resolution approving a temporary permit for a portable building located at Orange Beach Marina, 27075 Marina Road. **Motion made (Silvers/Harrelson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
6. 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. **Motion made (Simpson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

7. 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. **Motion made (Harrelson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
8. Resolution adopting a City Seal Style Guide for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama. **Motion made (Stuart/Simpson) to adopt the resolution.** Marc Anderson, Public Relations Manager, explained that this the first update since 2001. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
9. 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. **Motion made (Simpson/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
10. Resolution authorizing the execution of a performance contract with Brandy Reeves for tennis instruction services. **Motion made (Silvers/Robertson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
11. Resolution awarding the bid for Sea Turtle Facility Life Support Systems and Equipment for the Coastal Resources Department to Integrated Aqua Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$84,297.04. **Motion made (Stuart/Simpson) to adopt the resolution.** Nicole Woerner, Grants Manager, reminded the Mayor and Council that this project is fully grant funded. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearings

1. Public hearing 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.

Griffin Powell, City Planner, presented the request for a major modification to the AC Hotel by Marriott Orange Beach Planned Unit Development (PUD) Master Plan to (1) provide all parking onsite (160 total spaces); (2) eliminate the previously approved off-site parking area; (3) relocate a portion of the lodging rooms to the rooftop level; and (4) add public access to the previously approved rooftop lounge. There are no changes to the 100-key hotel program and the overall building height. The property is located at 23370 Perdido Beach Boulevard. The Planning Commission approved its motion for favorable recommendation (8-0).

Councilmember Stuart confirmed that the height of the barrier has not changed.

Councilmember Robertson asked if the rooftop lounge is only for guests. It was clarified that the rooftop lounge is open to the public and that 35 parking spaces are dedicated to lounge parking only.

Zach Hoyt, A&R Group (developer), stated that there will be no live music. He reassured Council that it is not in the interest of the hotel to have noise that disturbs guests in the eight rooms that are directly adjacent to the lounge area.

Mayor Kennon explained the history of the property, previously a church, that has since become an eyesore.

Ben Boles, owner of Beach Music Rental Houses, stated that he is concerned about noise affecting his rental properties next door. Mr. Hoyt further stated that the majority of the lounge is indoors.

There being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned.

Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0704-PUDA-26, AC Hotel by Marriott Orange Beach PUD Modification - Parking Layout Amendment. **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; Simpson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).** **Motion made (Silvers/Simpson) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Robertson, aye; Harrelson, aye; Stuart, aye; Simpson, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

2. First Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 50, Article XIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, entitled "Recreational Vehicle Rentals". No action taken. Ordinance will move forward to a second reading.
3. First Reading – 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". No action taken. Ordinance will move forward to a second reading.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

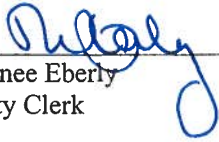
None

XIV. ADJOURN

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

Time: 5:42 P.M.

APPROVED this the 18th day of August, 2026.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

