

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Tony Kennon called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.
- II. INVOCATION** Councilmember Joni Blalock
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Jerry Johnson
Councilmember Annette Mitchell
Councilmember Joni Blalock
Councilmember Jeff Boyd
Mayor Tony Kennon

Absent: None

- V. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to approve the agenda with the following additions:**

1. Resolution declaring a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of business licenses for charters and delivery of rental watercrafts in public access areas.

Vote unanimous in favor.

- VI. CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Work Session	02/09/2021
Flood Damage Prevention Board	02/09/2021
Regular Council Meeting	02/09/2021
Committee of the Whole	02/09/2021

The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

- VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES**

A.	<u>City Administrator – Ken Grimes</u>	No report.
B.	<u>Director, Public Works – Tim Tucker</u>	No report.
C.	<u>Director, Community Development – Kit Alexander</u>	No report.
D.	<u>Chief, Police Department – Steve Brown</u>	No report.
E.	<u>Chief, Fire Department – Mike Kimmerling</u>	No report.
F.	<u>City Clerk – Renee Eberly</u>	No report.
G.	<u>Director, Finance – Ford Handley</u>	No report.
H.	<u>Parks & Recreation</u>	No report.
I.	<u>Director, Utilities – Jeff Hartley</u>	No report.
J.	<u>Director, Coastal Resources – Phillip West</u>	No report.
K.	<u>Librarian, Public Library – Meagan Bing</u>	No report.

- L. Director, Municipal Court – Renee Gardner No report.
- M. Director, Expect Excellence – Jonathan Langston No report.
- N. Mayor/Council

Mayor Kennon shared that the Alabama State Park is pushing to implement parking kiosks in state park access areas in two weeks, but that the city is not ready. Mayor Kennon stated that there is a negotiated agreement to provide Orange Beach residents with a no charge parking decal – one per household. He explained the reasons behind limiting the definition of Orange Beach residents to individuals with drivers' license addresses within the Orange Beach city limits. He further explained that it is not feasible to include all Orange Beach property owners because that would drive no charge decal quantities from under 5,000 to over 25,000 competing for approximately 600 parking spots total through all the state park access areas.

Mayor Kennon addressed concerns following the Orange Beach Invasion "Scrapin the Coast" Car Show that occurred this past weekend at the Wharf. Mayor Kennon has spoken with the Wharf management and there will be adjustments made in the future. He also gave fair warning that Orange Beach will be stricter in policing speeding, truck bed riders, littering, lifted trucks with intrusive elevated headlights, and loud music and mufflers moving forward.

Councilmember Boyd reminded the audience that the changes made by the State at the beach intersection were met with a lot of complaints, but that they really have made a huge difference in pedestrian safety and essentially eliminating head on and T-bone collisions.

Councilmember Mitchell recognized city staff for a successful Art Festival and tree giveaway. Councilmember Blalock shared that 725 trees have been replanted through the ReTree OB initiative.

Bill Jeffries, resident, announced that there will be Florabama Worship on the Water Central Church will be holding their food giveaway behind Orange Beach City Hall on Saturday, March 20, 2021, between 9:00 A.M. and noon.

Matt Fetner, 4702 Compass Lane / Bryant Bank, representing the Makos Academics, Arts & Athletics Club, announced that over \$30,000 was raised from this year's Seafood Festival. He recognized sponsors and thanked city employees for making the event a success.

Councilmember Johnson introduced Megan Retherford with the Pleasure Island Junior Women's Club. Ms. Retherford announced the Bunny Hop 5K event that will take place at the Wharf on Saturday, March 20, 2021, raising funds for the Orange Beach Elementary School "Crisis Closet," which provides clothing for children in need. She also presented a free mobile library, which will be placed at the Orange Beach Recreation Center.

VIII. AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

Motion made (Boyd/Johnson) to certify that cash requirements with no related interests are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Passed. (6-0).**

Motion made (Boyd/Blalock) to certify that cash requirements with related interests in Swift Supply are within budget and appropriate for payment. Vote revealed: Silvers, abstain; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Passed. (5-0-1).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring May 15, 2021, as Lemonade Day Coastal Alabama. Greg Alexander and Penny Hughey with the Coastal Alabama Chamber of Commerce were present to receive the proclamation and introduced Zesty, the mascot.

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolutions

1. Resolution authorizing the submittal of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application and authorizing the execution of a professional services contract for grant writing in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. **Motion made (Blalock/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. Approval of a Lounge Retail Liquor Class I License Application by Maggie's Retail, L.L.C., for Maggie's Bottle and Tail, 25753 Canal Road, Units A and B. **Motion made (Blalock/Johnson) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor.

Resolutions

1. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Automatic Aid Agreement with the City of Gulf Shores for fire response within the Alabama Gulf State Park. **Motion made (Blalock/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
2. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership with the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council for the widening of Canal Road between State Highway 161 and Wilson Boulevard. **Motion made (Johnson/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Mayor Kennon explained that this project includes a roundabout and a golf cart path to Wilson Boulevard. He warned the audience that this will be a yearlong project, which means that construction will need to occur during either this summer or next summer. Mayor and Council have opted for work on east Canal Road to begin this summer, immediately following the completion of the west Canal Road widening. Vote unanimous in favor.
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Construction Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for funding of a sidewalk on Canal Road between Oak Street and William Silvers Parkway. **Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
4. Resolution authorizing franchise renewals with (1) Alabama Container Company, (2) Baldwin Container Company, (3) BFI Waste Services, LLC, (4) CM Construction LLC, dba The Dumpster Guy, (5) Waste Away Group, Inc., dba Waste Management, and (6) Waste Pro of Florida to remove and dispose of commercial solid waste and to remove and transport construction and demolition debris. **Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
5. Resolution authorizing franchise renewals with (1) A Better Cab, (2) Bayside Taxi, (3) Beach Buggy Taxi, (4) Coast Group Transportation, (5) July Enterprises, Inc., dba Coastal Express Shuttle, and (6) Terri Dixon, dba A-1 Taxi Service, to operate taxi services within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach. **Motion made (Boyd/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
6. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Portable Generator for the Utilities Department

through Sourcewell in the amount of \$80,126.77. Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor..

7. Resolution authorizing execution of Change Order No. 3 with E-J Builders, Inc., to regrade the outfields of the Baseball and Softball Complex in an amount not to exceed \$116,000. Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor.
8. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Pete Rancont for baseball coaching services. Motion made (Blalock/Boyd) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor.
9. Resolution authorizing the sole source purchase of In-Car Camera Systems from Watchguard Video for the Police Department in the amount of \$28,850. Motion made (Johnson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor.
10. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Vehicle Emergency Equipment for the Police Department from State Bid in the amount of \$41,556.01. Motion made (Johnson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor.
11. Resolution authorizing the sole source purchase of Traffic Monitoring Cameras from ProTecVideo, LLC, for the Police Department in the amount of \$59,000. Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor.
12. Resolution authorizing execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc., for grant funding for the "ReTree OB" Initiative. Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor.
13. Resolution authorizing execution of a performance contract with Motor Sports Productions, Inc., for the "Bama Coast Cruise" event. Motion made (Blalock/Silvers) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor.
14. ADDITION: Resolution declaring a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of business licenses for charters and delivery of rental watercrafts in public access areas. Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Mayor Kennon explained escalating issues with water-based businesses operating out of public boat launches due to customers taking up limited parking spaces meant for vehicles towing boat trailers. Vote unanimous in favor.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

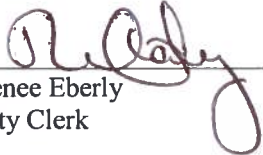
None

XIV. ADJOURN

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

Time: 5:38 P.M.

APPROVED this the 20th day of April, 2021.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk