

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JULY 7, 2020 – 5:27 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the July 21, 2020, agenda.

The following members were present:

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

The following members were absent:

Councilmember Jeff Silvers

The following items were discussed:

1. Set a public hearing to appeal the decision of the Building Official regarding a permit extension for construction of a single-family home at 23784 Cypress Park by Paul Uter. Public hearing set for July 21, 2020, at 5:00 P.M.
2. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Task Order with Auburn University to conduct sediment and environmental inventories within Perdido Bay in an amount not to exceed \$89,269.
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia Southern University, Inc., for an evacuation location in the event of a major storm.
4. Resolution awarding the bid for Roadway Repairs.
5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Task Order with McCollough Architecture, Inc., to provide professional services for the Orange Beach High School Field House in an amount not to exceed \$44,255.
6. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Investment Management Agency Agreement with Regions Bank.
7. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement with Intellicom Wireless Management, Inc, for a wireless communications tower.
8. Resolution appointing the City Clerk to prepare and file the list of qualified voters for the August 25, 2020, municipal election in the City of Orange Beach.
9. Resolution appointing election officers for the municipal election.
10. Reminder: Public hearing and first reading for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0703-PUDA-20, Summer Salt PUD Modification on July 21, 2020.

Public Comments

1. Kit Alexander, Community Development Director, introduced Cypress Village residents in the audience who had presented a written list of questions and concerns regarding Orange Beach Middle/High School safety and traffic to Mayor and City Council.

Linda Mills and Wendy Hamme, Cypress Village residents, stated that concerns were raised when residents noticed construction of a new entrance to the school on Canal Road. Mayor

Kennon explained that the new entrance is for visitors only, and that school traffic would be routed along William Silvers Parkway around the back of the school to minimize impact on Canal Road.

Mayor and Council went through the submitted questions and concerns with Cypress Village residents one by one and discussed various options being considered, including a deceleration lane going into Cypress Village, a light at Wharf Parkway East, right-in right-out only for the visitor entrance to the school, reducing the speed on Canal Road, expanding the school speed zone, and phased traffic lights. The Mayor explained infrastructure barriers to adding sidewalks to both sides of Canal Road, and also explained limitations due to the volume of traffic for adding any additional crosswalks or traffic signals. The Mayor also reminded the residents that Canal Road is a State highway, and that the City can offer recommendations, but the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is the ruling authority for that particular roadway.

Harry (?), Cypress Village resident, asked about a possible flashing light or crosswalk.

Don and Heather Sterling, Cypress Village residents, also expressed traffic and safety concerns for school children who might try to cross the road and proposed looking at resources provided by the National Center for Safe Routes for School.

John Orr, Cypress Village resident, asked if there would be access through the current Public Works site. Mayor Kennon responded that the school, city, and county are working on providing additional access but there are unknowns involved with the Public Works facility site with the upcoming changes.

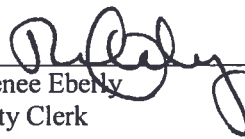
Mayor Kennon and Principal McCoy encouraged parents and students to use supervised methods and an abundance of caution when crossing Canal Road while needs are evaluated as the new school prepares to open in August. Mayor Kennon encouraged the audience suggestion that Cypress Village residents and concerned citizens form a committee for stakeholders.

2. Tina D'Aversa, 27465 East Beach Boulevard, expressed concerns regarding motorized golf carts. She asked for renewed action on the proposed golf cart ordinance and thanked the Mayor and Council for the new "Yield to Pedestrian" signs.
3. Sally Bradley, Cypress Village resident, stated that she is under contract to purchase the residence under construction at 23784 Cypress Park, which is slated for a public hearing on July 21, 2020. She explained that her contract expires 90 days after the date it was signed on May 14, 2020, and asked for additional clarification regarding the process moving forward, because she had not received adequate communication from the seller or the builder. Mayor Kennon asked that Lannie Smith, City Building Official, coordinate a meeting between Ms. Bradley and the builder to see if the parties could reach a resolution prior to the scheduled hearing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 6:37 P.M.

APPROVED this 4th day of August, 2020.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk