

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 2020 – 5:46 P.M.
ORANGE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the October 20, 2020, agenda.

The following members were present:

Councilmember Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Annette Mitchell
Councilmember Joni Blalock
Councilmember Jeff Boyd
Mayor Tony Kennon

The following members were absent:

Councilmember Jerry Johnson

The following items were discussed:

1. Discuss rescheduling November 3, 2020, Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings to November 2, 2020. Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings regularly scheduled for November 3, 2020, are rescheduled to November 2, 2020, beginning at 5:00 PM at the Orange Beach Community Center.
2. Set a meeting for the Solid Waste Authority. Council set the Solid Waste Authority Meeting for October 20, 2020, at 4:45 PM.
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of a collection services agreement with Arbor Professional Solutions, Inc.
4. Set a public hearing date for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 1005-PUDA-20, Bluffs of Orange Beach PUD (Setback Encroachments). Public hearing set for November 2, 2020, at 5:00 P.M.

Public Comments

1. Cindy Ross, Social Media Contractor, read a question submitted by Jackie Whitehead on Facebook requesting a raised road or small bridge leading to Jubilee Point Road off of Marina Road. The Mayor stated that City staff is applying for grant funds to improve that roadway.
2. Cindy also relayed questions submitted on Facebook regarding resident evacuation for Hurricane Delta. Mayor Kennon explained that evacuation is the Governor's decision, but she has been relying on input from the local mayors. All nonresidents are asked to leave now. The Mayor stated that mandating an evacuation for everyone would be a hardship for residents and property owners who are still cleaning up and making repairs after Hurricane Sally. He explained that the decision to mandate evacuation needs to be made thoughtfully, but voluntary evacuation is always an option.
3. Jimmy Boyd, resident, asked on behalf of a hairstylist friend if clients can still come onto the island for service. Mayor Kennon responded yes. The mandatory evacuation for nonresidents is not being applied heavy-handedly.
4. Ken Grimes, City Administrator, reminded the audience that this would have been Shrimp Fest weekend, and that Baldwin County Public Schools have fall break on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday.
5. A question was asked about debris pickup. Mayor Kennon explained that there are 38 to 42 trucks running and that the debris yard is operating at full capacity. There may be some damage to sod around the right-of-ways. The City will come back to beautify the right-of-ways after debris pickup is complete. The City is relying on the debris contractor's expertise to determine the most

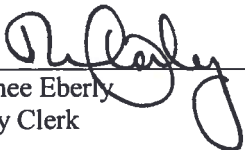
efficient routes. Piles may be skipped if they are not sorted into vegetative, construction and demolition (C&D) materials, and white goods (appliances).

6. A member of the audience asked that hanging limbs at the cemetery be addressed. Mayor Kennon stated that the City crews will add it to their to-do list.
7. Dr. Erika McCoy, Orange Beach High School Principal, shared that this was her first hurricane along with most of the other school staff, and that they have learned a lot. She stated that a family from Nashville who recently toured the school noticed the difference in Orange Beach's hurricane cleanup efforts compared to neighboring communities. She praised the City for returning the community to normalcy, which is key for both children and adult residents. Mayor and Council thanked Dr. McCoy for her efforts and the efforts of the students whom she coordinated to help in the hurricane response immediately following the storm.
8. Ford Handley, Finance Director, advised residents to bring their driver's license with them when picking up hurricane re-entry decals. He reminded everyone that only four are given out per household. Renters will need the property owner to send an email giving them permission to pick up a decal. Ono Island and condo associations have their own decals to distribute. Decals can be picked up at the Finance Department in the lobby or through the drivethru.
9. Lannie Smith, Building Official, asked that residents turn off their water meters and grinder pumps before evacuating.
10. A member of the audience asked how residents would be notified of a mandatory evacuation. The Mayor responded that it would be everywhere – National Weather Service cell phone alerts, tv, Facebook, the City's website, and as a press release from Governor Ivey.
11. Mayor, Council, and members of the audience recognized city staff and first responders for their efforts in producing an effective response to Hurricane Sally. Councilmember Blalock also commended residents for helping their neighbors.
12. A member of the audience asked where to send donations. Mayor Kennon said that the four organizations that have provided the most local impact are the Island Church, Christian Service Center, Inspiritus, and the Orange Beach United Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 6:10 P.M.

APPROVED this 2nd day of November, 2020.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk