

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JULY 16, 2024 – 6:33 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the August 6, 2024, agenda.

The following members were present:

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

The following members were absent:

None

The following items were discussed:

1. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Mini Excavator for the Utilities Department through Sourcewell from Parish Tractor Company, LLC, in the amount of \$53,664.80.
2. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Four Vehicles for the Police Department through State Bid from Stivers Ford Lincoln, Inc., in the amount of \$203,984.
3. Resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with McCollough Architecture, Inc., to provide design services for a Shooting Range Building.
4. Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended automatic aid agreement with the City of Gulf Shores for fire response within the Alabama Gulf State Park.
5. Resolution accepting the statement of work from Civic Plus for Civic Optimize for online process automation and digital services.
6. Resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with AECOM for traffic engineering services.
7. Resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with AECOM for a traffic signal warrant evaluation of SR-180 at Wharf Parkway in an amount not to exceed \$15,750.
8. Resolution authorizing execution of a grant award agreement with the Gulf Coast Resources Conservation and Development Council, Inc., for the Cotton Bayou and Terry Cove navigation aids project.
9. Ordinance amending Chapter 38, Article II, Section 38-26 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, entitled "Fire Department Emergency Transport Service."

Public Comments:

1. Courtney Dombrowski, Eco Clean Marine, reported a successful event picking up 31 5-gallon bags of trash in one hour.
2. Jeanne Fitzgibbons, 4615 Nancy Lane #2, complained about construction of a concrete pad for tents at the neighboring Coastal Arts Center. She stated her concerns about noise, foot traffic, and late night operations related to weddings at the rental facility. She asked that music be stopped at 9:00 P.M. and that the breakdown of tents not happen after hours.

Heather Smith, 4615 Nancy Lane, also had concerns about noise related to the new outdoor pad for weddings at the Coastal Arts Center.

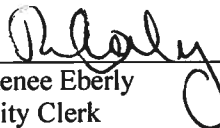
Mayor Kennon responded that the City's waterfront property is of high value and will certainly be utilized. Councilmember Blalock added that the City is looking at a single tent to be left up semi-permanently for nine months each year, which will reduce the number of times that it will need to be put up and taken down. Ms. Fitzgibbons stated that the breakdown of tables and chairs at the end of the night is also disruptive. Glenn Smith, Construction Manager, shared that a wall will be constructed to dampen sound.

3. Dale Woodruff, captain of charter fishing boat Class Act, thanked the City for the incoming navigation aids. He asked for a no motor zone to keep people in the channel and reduce seagrass bed damage by Jubilee Point northwest of San Roc Cay. He also warned that the sand bar outside of Perdido Pass is creating some dangerous shallow areas that need to be deepened. Nicole Woerner, Coastal Resources Grant Manager, responded that the Corps of Engineers are in preliminary discussions on dredging. Captain Woodruff also asked for the City to help with providing AEDs and/or AED training for charter boat crew. Lastly, Captain Woodruff brought up his concern about boats going too fast in and out of Perdido Pass. Mayor Kennon responded that the State sets the speeds on the water at that location, but that the City will evaluate solutions to each of the issues raised.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 7:27 P.M.

APPROVED this 20th day of August, 2024.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

