

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Tony Kennon called the meeting to order at 4:58 P.M.
- II. INVOCATION** Reverend Jim Kinder, Orange Beach Methodist Church
- 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 as written. Vote unanimous in favor.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Work Session	01/28/2025
Regular Council Meeting	01/28/2025
Committee of the Whole	01/28/2025

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>Director, Public Works – Tim Tucker</u> | No report. |
| 3. <u>Director, Community Development – Adam Roberson</u> | No report. |
| 4. <u>Chief, Police Department – Steve Brown</u> | No report. |
| 5. <u>Chief, Fire Department – Jeff Smith</u> | No report. |
| 6. <u>City Clerk – Renee Eberly</u> | No report. |
| 7. <u>Director, Finance – Ford Handley</u> | No report. |
| 8. <u>Parks & Recreation – Nicole Ard</u> | No report. |
| 9. <u>Director, Utilities – Jeff Hartley</u> | No report. |
| 10. <u>Director, Coastal Resources – Phillip West</u> | No report. |
| 11. <u>Librarian, Public Library – Meagan Bing</u> | No report. |
| 12. <u>Director, Municipal Court – Pam Davis</u> | No report. |
| 13. <u>Director, Expect Excellence – Ford Handley</u> | No report. |
| 14. <u>Mayor/Council</u> | |

Councilmember Silvers gave a reminder about Arbor Day and the Seafood Festival being held this upcoming weekend.

Ford Handley, City Administrator, introduced Michelle Bugos, HR Director.

Nicole Ard, Parks and Recreation Director, introduced Jamie Robertson, Programs Director.

VIII. AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

Motion made (Mitchell/Silvers) 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. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

Motion made (Mitchell/Boyd) 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. **Motion passed. (5-0-1).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation to declare February 22, 2025, as Arbor Day. Mayor Kennon read the proclamation aloud. Woody Speed, City Environmental Specialist, accepted the proclamation and announced that the City's annual tree giveaway will begin Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 8:00 A.M. in front of the Community Development Building.

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinances

1. Second Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, to add a new Article XII entitled, "Wildlife Friendly Lighting," to establish outdoor lighting standards for the protection of wildlife in the Beach Overlay District. **Motion made (Boyd/Silvers) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. Approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application by Shipps Dockside LLC for Shipps Dockside Grill at 27075 Marina Road. **Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Approval of a Special Events Retail Liquor License Application by Event Concessions, Inc., for the 2025 Wharf Boat Show to be held March 21-23, 2025, at 4685 Wharf Parkway. **Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Resolutions

1. Resolution authorizing the execution of a first amendment to the consulting agreement with The Andy Andrews Group to extend an employee training program. **Motion made (Blalock/Boyd) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Resolution of support for the Baldwin County Multimodal Connectivity Vision Plan. **Motion made (Boyd/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

3. Resolution awarding the bid for an Enduras Wireless Radiography System for the Coastal Alabama Sea Turtle Center to MinXray, Inc., in the amount of \$40,096. Motion made (Johnson/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
4. Resolution authorizing the surplus and trade-in of Two Vehicles owned by the City of Orange Beach and awarding the bid for Two Vehicles for the Coastal Resources Department to Eastern Shore Toyota, LLC, in the amount of \$51,952 after trade-in. Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
5. Resolution awarding the bid for a Vehicle for the Police Department to Hardy Chevrolet Buick GMC, Inc., in the amount of \$55,898. Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
6. Resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Moffatt & Nichol, Inc., for natural resources consulting and engineering services. Motion made (Johnson/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
7. Resolution establishing fees for the Expect Excellence Summer Camp program. Motion made (Johnson/Blalock) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
8. Resolution appointing members and reappointing existing members to the Legislative Review Committee. Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Public Hearings

1. Public hearing for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 1204-PUD-21, Cactus Cantina PUD Reversion.

Griffin Powell, Planner II, presented the request to repeal Ordinance No. 2022-1405 (Case No. 1204-PUD-21) to rescind the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning for PIN 230547 located at 4251 Orange Beach Boulevard. The zoning will return to the original zoning classification of Neighborhood Business (NB). The Planning Commission gave the request a favorable recommendation (7 in favor, 0 against).

There being no comments, the public hearing adjourned.

2. Public hearing for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0104-PUD-25, Coastal Cottages PUD.

Griffin Powell, Planner II, presented the request by Engineering Design Group, on behalf of Coastal Land Properties, for preliminary and final approval to rezone 25 acres from General Business (GB) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for a townhouse subdivision containing 136 lots. The Planning Commission gave the request a favorable recommendation (7 in favor, 0 against). The undeveloped property covers almost 42 acres and is bordered by Foley Beach Express to the east, Brown Lane to the south, Roscoe Road to the west, and Bradford Road to the north.

There being no comments, the public hearing adjourned.

3. Public hearing for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0105-ZT-25, Section 10.0306, Beach Overlay District Pedestrian-Oriented Area Sidewalks.

Griffin Powell, Planner II, presented the request for approval of a zoning text amendment to Section 10.0306 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the requirements for the pedestrian sidewalks in the pedestrian-oriented area in the Beach Overlay District. The Planning Commission gave the request a favorable recommendation (7 in favor, 0 against).

Councilmember Silvers stated that the sidewalk requirement was implemented as part of a comprehensive plan in the early 2000s. He explained that the original vision was to create a sidewalk along the beach road, but the current result is a number of disjointed stop and start sidewalk segments.

There being no comments, the public hearing adjourned.

Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance establishing the annual salary of the Mayor, Chairman Pro-Tem and Councilmembers to be paid bi-weekly. No action taken. Ordinance will move forward to a second reading.
2. First Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 1204-PUD-21, Cactus Cantina PUD Reversion. **Motion made (Silvers/Boyd) for unanimous consent to suspend the rules to allow for immediate consideration of this ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).** **Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**
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XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

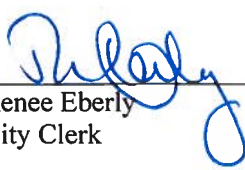
None

XIV. ADJOURN

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

Time: 5:27 P.M.

APPROVED this the 18th day of March, 2025.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

