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

I. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Tony Kennon called the meeting to order at 4:59 P.M.

II. INVOCATION Pastor Fred Franks, Island 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	02/18/2025
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Regular Council Meeting	02/18/2025
Committee of the Whole	02/18/2025
Work Session	02/27/2025

The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

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

Councilmember Mitchell observed the splashdown landing of the SpaceX capsule, marking the return of stranded astronauts Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore.

Mayor Kennon recognized the Chamber's Coastal Alabama Leadership League (CALL), whose members were present in the audience. Ale Lewis, Coastal Alabama Business Chamber, introduced the class members. Councilmember Johnson thanked them for their time commitment for this community initiative.

Councilmember Boyd noted that the 2025 Alabama red snapper season for private anglers and state-licensed charter vessels will be open seven days a week from May 23, 2025, to June 30, 2025. It will then transition to four-day weekends, Friday through Monday, beginning on July 4, 2025, until the private angler quota is reached.

Council announced that this year's Baldwin Art for Heart Gala will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Oasis of Orange Beach Ballroom.

Joey Ward, Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, invited Mayor and Council to attend the annual zoo fundraiser on March 29, 2025.

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/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. **Motion passed. (5-0-1).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. <u>Appoint voting delegate for the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention and the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation Annual Membership Meeting to be held in Hunstville on May 13-16, 2025.</u> **Motion made (Silvers/Boyd) to appoint Tony Kennon as the voting delegate.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Resolutions

1. <u>Resolution establishing fees for Orange Beach Sportsplex field rentals.</u> **Motion made (Johnson/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. <u>Resolution authorizing the execution of a Coastal Weather Research Center Agreement with the University of South Alabama to provide weather information services.</u> **Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to postpone indefinitely.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. <u>Resolution authorizing the purchase, surplus, and transfer of certain parcels for the purpose of widening Russian Road, and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute real estate purchase agreements and such other documents as may be required to close the transactions contemplated herein.</u> **Motion made (Mitchell/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
4. <u>Resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Thompson Engineering, Inc., for transportation, traffic, and other engineering services</u> **Motion made (Johnson/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

5. Resolution authorizing the execution of a master professional services agreement with Deckard Technologies, Inc., for short-term rental identification and monitoring. **Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
6. Resolution authorizing execution of a performance agreement with McLean Motor Sports Productions, LLC, for a Spring 2025 "Bama Coast Cruisin'" car show event. **Motion made (Boyd/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
7. Resolution authorizing a franchise renewal for July Enterprises, Inc., dba Coastal Express Shuttle, to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach. **Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
8. Resolution awarding the bid for construction of Pickleball Courts, Restrooms, Roadway and Parking Lot Improvements to The Green-Simmons Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $2,705,000 and per unit pricing. **Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to postpone consideration until the next council meeting on April 2, 2025.** Renee Eberly, City Clerk/Procurement Officer, explained that the Alabama General Contractors Board has notified the city of a licensing violation. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
9. Resolution awarding the annual bid for Grinding Vegetative Debris to Mobile Forest Products & Biomass, Inc., per unit pricing. **Motion made (Blalock/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
10. Resolution awarding the bid for a Blower Package for the Utilities Department to Jim House & Associates, Inc., in the amount of $188,850. **Motion made (Johnson/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
11. Resolution awarding the bid for 2025 Roadway Resurfacing to Arrington Curb & Excavation, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $430,395. **Motion made (Johnson/Boyd) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article III, Section 30-45 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, entitled "Noises Prohibited." No action taken. Ordinance will move forward to a second reading.
2. First Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-65, "Definitions," and Chapter 50, Article V, Division 3, Section 50-352, "Illegal Acts," of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, to add vaping to the definition of smoking and to prohibit tobacco and nicotine vending machines. **Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) 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/Boyd) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**
3. First Reading – Ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on consideration of certain multi-family residential projects and subdivision applications. **Motion made (Blalock/Silvers) 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 (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the ordinance.** Mayor Kennon explained the reason for the moratorium to study the impacts of future development on city educational, safety, and transportation infrastructure and services. Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Jake Carden, realtor, suggested that the city look at how other communities have raised revenues to support growth. He gave the example of Colorado Springs tap fees.

2. Jimmy Boyd, 3793 Illinois Street, thanked the Council for allowing projects already in process with the city to move forward through the moratorium. Mayor and Council warned that these properties may still be subject to deannexation in the future.

3. Councilmember Mitchell asked city staff about the expected timeline of work during the moratorium period. Ford Handley, City Administrator/Finance Director, responded that staff is working on an RFP (Request For Proposals) for companies qualified to conduct a study to quantify impacts of future developments on city services and infrastructure.

XIV. ADJOURN

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

Time: 5:31 P.M.

APPROVED this the 15th day of April, 2025.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk

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