

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 15, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Tony Kennon called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 (Blalock/Silvers) to approve the agenda as written. Vote unanimous in favor.**

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The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

**VI. 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 &amp; 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>                                  |            |

Mayor Kennon reported that the number of spring break arrests have significantly decreased over the years as a direct result of the city's no tolerance campaign. He thanked Chief Brown and the Police Department for their diligence.

## **VII. 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).**

## **VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

## **IX. RECOGNITIONS**

1. Mayor Kennon recognized and showed a brief video of William P. Mills, III, president and owner of MPW Enterprises, L.L.C., recipient of 2025 Horatio Alger Award. Mr. Mills is a resident of Lafayette, LA, whose business operates as a property rental company in Orange Beach.

## **X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Second Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 50, Article III of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, to add a new section prohibiting commercial activity on beaches, shorelines, and waterways. **Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Motion passed. (6-0).**

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolutions**

1. Resolution authorizing execution of a subgrant award agreement with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for license plate reader cameras for the Police Department. **Motion made (Johnson/Boyd) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
2. Resolution authorizing execution of professional services agreement with DeRhonda Ponder for special needs aide services for the Expect Excellence Program. **Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Matthew Hurst for theater performance direction and stage management assistance for "Lion King JR." **Motion made (Mitchell/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
4. Resolution authorizing execution of a performance agreement with McLean Motor Sports Productions, LLC, for the "Bama Coast Cruisin'" event as part of the 2025 Freedom Fest. **Motion made (Boyd/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
5. Resolution authorizing execution of a performance agreement with Gulf Coast Gun Collectors Association for a collectible firearms show at the Orange Beach Event Center as part of the 2025 Freedom Fest. **Motion made (Mitchell/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
6. Resolution authorizing a franchise renewal for Coast Group Transportation, LLC, dba Coast Cab, to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach. **Motion made (Blalock/Johnson) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

7. Resolution authorizing a franchise renewal for Robin's Rides, LLC, to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach. Motion made (Silvers/Boyd) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
8. Resolution authorizing a franchise renewal for The Surfside Shuttle, LLC, to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach. Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
9. Resolution authorizing a franchise renewal for Waste Away Group, Inc., dba Waste Management, to remove and dispose of commercial solid waste and to remove and transport construction and demolition debris. Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
10. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Lose and Associates, Inc., dba Lose Design, for a conceptual design to renovate and expand the Aquatics Center. Motion made (Mitchell/Johnson) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
11. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Two Vehicles for the Public Works Street Department through State Bid from Stivers Ford Lincoln, Inc., in the amount of \$114,824. Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
12. Resolution awarding the bid for a Mobile Entertainment Stage for the Parks and Recreation Department to Astra Stages LLC in the amount of \$61,025. Motion made (Johnson/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
13. Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Jackson Holiday for football coaching. Motion made (Boyd/Blalock) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. Motion passed.
14. Resolution authorizing execution of a cooperative service agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to supplement nuisance wildlife control services. 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. 0408-PUDA-25, Village of Tannin PUD Modification, Lot 1 Land Use Designation.

Griffin Powell, City Planner, presented the request by Aquaholics Investments, LLC, for approval of a minor modification to the Village of Tannin PUD (Planned Unit Development) Master Plan to change the land use designation of Lot 1 of Village of Tannin Town Center from special purpose (firehouse) to single-family residential.

Mayor and Council discussed their concerns with reducing setbacks.

Nick Patti, Village of Tannin Association, spoke in opposition.

Nathan McMillian, contractor, spoke in favor.

Julie Ardoin, 4 Meeting Street, Village of Tannin resident, spoke in opposition.

Lisa Person, 7 Meeting Street, Village of Tannin resident, spoke in opposition.

George Gounares, original Village of Tannin developer, spoke in favor.

Mayor and Council stated that they would rely on the City Attorney's guidance.

#### Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0408-PUDA-25, Village of Tannin PUD Modification, Lot 1 Land Use Designation. No action taken. Ordinance will move forward to a second reading.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

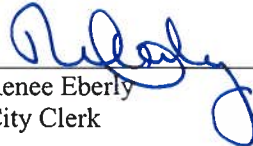
None

**XIV. ADJOURN**

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

Time: 6:07 P.M.

**APPROVED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

  
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Renee Eberly  
City Clerk

