

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Tony Kennon called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.
- II. INVOCATION** Associate Pastor Jimmy Brown, Oasis Church at the Wharf
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Orange Beach Shooting Team
- 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.

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The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VI. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

1. City Administrator – Ford Handley

Mr. Handley recognized the passing of Dewayne Stephens, a city employee who lost his life over the weekend. Mr. Handley stated that an account has been opened at Bryant Bank for donations to support Mr. Stephens' widow, Cynthia Longcrier-Stephens, and daughter, Ryleigh Longcrier.

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

Ms. Eberly stated that the Notice of Election for the 2025 Municipal Election has been posted.

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 introduced Tim Harry, Orange Beach Shooting Team Coach. Coach Harry recognized Orange Beach Middle and High School students and team members Rivers Looney, Wyatt Godwin, Brendan Murray, Colton Greene, Brett Tindal, Will Szoke, and Madden Payne for their achievements at the state level. Coach Harry also recognized the other coaches, parents, Mayor, City Council, and city staff for their support.

Councilmember Silvers recognized the passing of Captain Ty Fleming, a former Orange Beach councilmember.

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/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).**

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

IX. RECOGNITIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition for the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, who are commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the American Army and the Battle of Bunker Hill. Mayor Kennon read the recognition aloud. James Corum accepted the recognition on behalf of the organization. He presented the city with a 13-star flag, the first official flag of the United States. He also thanked Councilmembers Johnson and Blalock for attending the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army's founding in 1775 on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolutions

1. Resolution establishing fees and operational policies for the Orange Beach Shooting Complex. **Motion made (Mitchell/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. Approval of 2023 Audited Financial Statements. **Motion made (Silvers/Johnson) to approve the 2023 audited financial statements.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.** A copy of the audit report is hereby attached to these minutes in accordance with §11-43-85, Code of Alabama.
2. Approval of a Restaurant Retail Liquor License Application by A J Enterprises, L.L.C., for Mama Lotties Pub and Grill at 25405 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Suite 25. **Motion made (Blalock/Mitchell) to approve the liquor license.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

Resolutions

1. Resolution appointing J. Martin Pitts to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. **Motion made (Johnson/Silvers) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**

2. Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds received from opioid litigation settlements for the purchase of automated external defibrillators. Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
3. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Fire Department through Sourcewell from GoRescue Brands, Inc., in the amount of \$287,604.25. Motion made (Johnson/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
4. Resolution authorizing a franchise for BCC Waste Solutions, LLC, to remove and dispose of commercial solid waste and to remove and transport construction and demolition debris. Motion made (Boyd/Silvers) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
5. Resolution authorizing a waiver of fees for the Coastal Art Center for the Orange Beach Shooting Team's 2025 Awards Banquet. Motion made (Silvers/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
6. Resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the performance contract awarded to Tennis Professional Natalie van Blerk. Motion made (Mitchell/Blalock) to adopt the resolution. Vote unanimous in favor. **Motion passed.**
7. Resolution authorizing a donation to the Alabama District Attorneys Association. Motion made (Silvers/Boyd) 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. 0607-PUDA-25, Oasis at Orange Beach (formerly Phoenix West II) PUD Modification, Signage Amendment.

Griffin Powell, City Planner, presented the request by Modern Signs, on behalf of The Oasis at Orange Beach, for approval of a minor modification to the Phoenix West II PUD (Planned Unit Development) Master Plan to allow a double-sided freestanding sign (160 square feet total, 80 feet per side) at the the main entrance of its property located at 23450 Perdido Beach Boulevard.

Councilmembers discussed lighting and sign sizing in proportion with the building.

Ricky Armstrong, Modern Signs, spoke in favor of the project.

Councilmember Boyd expressed concerns about opening the door for other nonconforming sign requests.

Councilmember Mitchell stated that she would like additional information on how many developments along Perdido Beach Boulevard would want similar signs, and how that might look.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was adjourned.

Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0607-PUDA-25, Oasis at Orange Beach (formerly Phoenix West II) PUD Modification, Signage Amendment. No action taken. Ordinance will move forward to a second reading.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

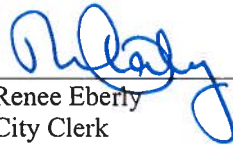
None

XIV. ADJOURN

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

Time: 5:40 P.M.

APPROVED this the 15th day of July, 2025.



Renee Eberly
City Clerk

