

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2023 – 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 Councilmember Joni Blalock

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/Boyd) to approve the agenda as written. Vote unanimous in favor.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting	12/06/2022
Committee of the Whole	12/06/2022
Special-Called Council Meeting	12/08/2022

The reading was waived and minutes were approved as written.

VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

A. <u>City Administrator</u>	No report.
B. <u>Director, Public Works – Tim Tucker</u>	No report.
C. <u>Director, Community Development – Kit Alexander</u>	No report.
D. <u>Chief, Police Department – Steve Brown</u>	No report.
E. <u>Chief, Fire Department – Mike Kimmerling</u>	No report.
F. <u>City Clerk – Renee Eberly</u>	No report.
G. <u>Director, Finance – Ford Handley</u>	No report.
H. <u>Parks & Recreation</u>	No report.
I. <u>Director, Utilities – Jeff Hartley</u>	No report.
J. <u>Director, Coastal Resources – Phillip West</u>	No report.
K. <u>Librarian, Public Library – Meagan Bing</u>	No report.
L. <u>Director, Municipal Court – Renee Gardner</u>	No report.
M. <u>Director, Expect Excellence – Jonathan Langston</u>	No report.
N. <u>Mayor/Council</u>	

Councilmember Johnson lauded the completion of the Waterfront Park Pier, which has been undergoing total reconstruction for the past two years since Hurricane Sally. Mayor Kennon noted the addition of underwater lights and reefs as fishing amenities.

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. **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. **Passed. (5-0-1).**

IX. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Cindy Ross on the Masai Mara project. Ms. Ross showed pictures from her recent trip to Masai Mara in Kenya. She spoke about a number of initiatives in need of funding, such as clean water and fencing projects. She shared her website www.changingheartsgainstdiversity.org for a new nonprofit promoting sustainable living.

X. RECOGNITIONS

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinances

1. Second Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Sections 4.02, 4.03, 5.0601, 8.0101, 10.0305, 10.0306, and 12.06. **Motion made (Blalock/Silvers) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Passed. (6-0).**

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Miscellaneous

1. Approval of 2021 Audited Financials. **Motion made (Mitchell/Johnson) to postpone consideration until the next council meeting on January 17, 2023.** Vote unanimous in favor.

Resolutions

1. Resolution declaring dumbbells owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorizing the donation of said property to the Orange Beach Board of Education. **Motion made (Silvers/Boyd) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
2. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Vehicle for the Coastal Resources Department through Sourcwell in the amount of \$53,392.72. **Motion made (Silvers/Blalock) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.
3. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Two Vehicles for the Coastal Resources Department from State Bid in the amount of \$80,954. **Motion made (Boyd/Mitchell) to adopt the resolution.** Vote unanimous in favor.

Public Hearings

1. Public hearing for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0103-PUDA-23, Mariner Lakes Minor PUD Amendment, Arlington Orange Beach Residential Development.

Griffin Powell, Planner II, presented the case overview, explaining the requested changes to the southernmost of the two proposed towers to (1) reduce the height from five to four floors, (2) decrease the number of units, and (3) increase the footprint.

Council asked if the changes were necessitated by expense and if there are additional buildings planned for the future. Kathy Barnett, with Dewberry Engineers representing the developer, Arlington Properties, responded that the reduction to the number of floors was based on insurability and that Arlington Properties has no plans to add buildings and was not sure that the site would even allow that possibility.

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

Ordinances

1. First Reading – Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0103-PUDA-23, Mariner Lakes Minor PUD Amendment, Arlington Orange Beach Residential Development. **Motion made (Johnson/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. **Passed. (6-0).** **Motion made (Mitchell/Boyd) to adopt the ordinance.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Passed. (6-0).**
2. First Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 70, Article II, Section 70-22(c)(2)b of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Orange Beach, Alabama, to reduce the speed limit from 55 mph to 40 mph on the portion of State Highway 180 from Milepost 25.5 to Milepost 26.0. **Motion made (Johnson/Blalock) 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. **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. **Passed. (6-0).**

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XIV. ADJOURN

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

Time: 5:21 P.M.

APPROVED this the 7th day of February, 2023.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk