

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 2023 – 5:22 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the March 21, 2023, agenda.

The following members were present:

Councilmember Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Jerry Johnson
Councilmember Annette Mitchell
Councilmember Joni Blalock
Councilmember Jeff Boyd
Mayor Tony Kennon

The following members were absent:

None

The following items were discussed:

1. Resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment Three to the Subaward Grant Agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the RESTORE Act-funded Canal Road Improvements East of State Highway 161.
2. Resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Sawgrass Consulting, LLC, to provide professional services for the City Hall Finance Addition in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
3. Resolution awarding the annual bid for Magnesium Hydroxide Slurry.
4. Resolution awarding the annual bid for On-Call Electrical Services.
5. Reminder: Public hearing and first reading for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 1205-PUD-22, Jones Duplexes PUD on March 21, 2023.
6. Reminder: Public hearing and first reading for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0202-CU-23, JPEM Duplex on March 21, 2023.
7. Reminder: Public hearing and first reading for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0304-CU-23, Three T's Restaurant and Warehouse on March 21, 2023.

Public Comments:

1. Dawn Shaver, 25020 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Summer House Condominium, asked Mayor and Council to inform the public of maximum occupancy regulations for residential properties. Staff explained the complexity behind calculating maximum occupancies for various properties, which depend on a number of variables including the year of construction. Staff also explained that there is a difference between properties being used for commercial purposes, like rentals, versus private residences. Kit Alexander, Community Development Director, stated that her staff at Community Development is available for any owner who has questions about their particular property. Upon continued concerns from Ms. Shaver, Mayor Kennon stated that he would look further into the issue.
2. Charles Schenher submitted a question on Facebook asking for local vehicles with license plates beginning with "5" and those 65 years and older to park for free at beaches. The Mayor and Council explained that the city does not own most of the beach accesses in Orange Beach, which are controlled by the state. Mayor and Council further explained that the city only owns one beach access and that the number of local vehicles far outnumbers the number of parking spots available.

3. Mayor Kennon addressed a comment by Neeli Faullkner during the town hall meeting on March 1, 2023, regarding a possible grant for an ADA beach mat. He clarified that the University of Alabama researcher referenced was, in fact, a UAB student, not a researcher, and that no grant money was made available. Phillip West, Coastal Resources Director, confirmed that he will be placing the order for a beach mat this week.
4. Councilmember Jerry Johnson commended the Lady Makos Softball Team for their achievements, and recommended that citizens visit the new stadium.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 5:42 P.M.

APPROVED this 4th day of April, 2023.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk