

**MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 – 5:13 P.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City Council met to review potential items for the September 19, 2017, agenda.

The following members were present:

Councilmember Annette Mitchell
Councilmember Joni Blalock
Councilmember Jeff Boyd
Mayor Tony Kennon

The following members were absent:

Councilmember Jeff Silvers
Councilmember Jerry Johnson

The following items were discussed:

1. Reschedule November 21st Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings to November 14th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
2. Proclamation to declare September 25, 2017, as Family Day, and September 24 through September 30, 2017 as Family Week.
3. Approval of 2016 Audited Financials.
4. Discuss city funding for utility repair associated with Fire Station 2 Drainage Improvement Project.
5. Discuss 2% increase in lodgings tax.

Mayor Kennon opened the floor for public comments.

Cecil Young, 22700 Perdido Beach Boulevard, spoke in favor of the tax with the qualification that tax revenue be earmarked specifically for a bridge or infrastructure. Mr. Young stated that he is against additional spending on the beaches, and believes beach cleaning to be sufficiently handled out of the general fund.

Allen McElroy, 4688 Walker Avenue, spoke in favor of the tax.

Scott Hardy, 24509 Gulf Bay Road, spoke in favor of the tax to address the traffic issues.

John Hulen, 5087 Washington Boulevard, spoke in favor of the tax. He prefers a parallel bridge or the Southern Evacuation Parkway ahead of the Wolf Bay Bridge.

Pete Peterson, 27123 Cove Drive, spoke in favor of the tax, and echoed the same qualification as Mr. Young in that tax revenue should be spent only on a bridge or roadway infrastructure.

Herb Malone, President/CEO of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism, stated that his organization is supportive of the City's policy decision regardless of the outcome. Mr. Malone, speaking personally, congratulated the mayors of both Gulf Shores and Orange Beach for proactively addressing the traffic issues, and offered to facilitate a meeting with lodging owners.

Mayor Kennon invited all lodging industry leaders to attend the next Council Meeting on September 19th at 5:00 P.M. to discuss any concerns.

There being no further comments, Mayor Kennon closed the floor.

6. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., for engineering services.
7. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Hutchinson, Moore & Rauch, LLC, for engineering services.
8. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Task Order with Hutchinson, Moore & Rauch, LLC, for a topographic survey related to the extension of Roscoe Road sewer utilities infrastructure in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.
9. Resolution authorizing a franchise for Ride The Wave LLC.
10. Public hearing for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0802-PUD-17, GSPS Orange Beach Sales & Service PUD.

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12. Set a public hearing date for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0801-PUD-17, Gulf Stream Final PUD Approval. Public hearing set for October 3, 2017, at 5:00 P.M.
13. Set a public hearing date for an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 172, the Zoning Ordinance, Case No. 0810-PUDA-17, Windward Lakes, Lot 75, Setback Variance. Public hearing set for October 3, 2017, at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Time: 6:06 P.M.

APPROVED this 3rd day of October, 2017.

Renee Eberly
City Clerk