



A G E N D A
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA
JANUARY 12, 2026
4:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation – Pastor Larry Wood, St. Andrew by the Sea
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December 8, 2025 – Special Meeting
 - B. December 8, 2025 – Combined Council Work Session & Regular Council Meeting
 - C. January 5, 2026 – Council Work Session Meeting
6. Approval of Expense Vouchers
7. Public Hearing
 - A. Resolution – Wetland Waiver Permit Request – Edwin Oaks
 - B. Ordinance – ZAT25-08 – Amend Code of Ordinances – Article 8 Table 8-2A
 - C. Ordinance – ZTA25-07 – Amend Code of Ordinances – Article 8 Table 8-3A
8. New Business
 - A. Resolution – Award Bid – Asphalt Services – Laguna Cove Project
 - B. Ordinance – Amend Code – Airport – Aircraft
 - C. Ordinance – Taxi Franchise Renewals 2026
 - D. Ordinance – Annexation Request – 6951 Grund Lane – Malone
 - E. Ordinance – Amend Code – Golf Carts – Cotton Bay Subdivision
9. Committee Reports
10. Staff Reports
11. Hearing of Persons Not Listed on Formal Agenda
12. Adjourn

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Mayor Robert Craft called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Gulf Shores City Hall Council Chambers.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Larry Wood, St. Andrew by the Sea.

Upon roll call, the following officials answered "present": Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, Councilman Philip Harris, Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., Councilman Stephen E. Jones and Mayor Robert Craft.

Councilman Joe Garris, Jr. moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 8, 2025, as presented; seconded by Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr. "aye", Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, "aye", Councilman Philip Harris, "aye", Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., "aye", Councilman Stephen E. Jones, "aye", and Mayor Robert Craft, "aye".

At this time, Councilman Joe Garris moved to approve the minutes of the Combined Council Work Session & Regular Council Meeting of December 8, 2025, as presented; seconded by Councilman Philip Harris; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr. "aye", Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, "aye", Councilman Philip Harris, "aye", Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., "aye", Councilman Stephen E. Jones, "aye", and Mayor Robert Craft, "aye".

Furthermore, Councilman Philip Harris moved to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session Meeting of January 5, 2026, as presented; seconded by Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D.; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr. "aye", Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, "aye", Councilman Philip Harris, "aye", Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., "aye", Councilman Stephen E. Jones, "aye", and Mayor Robert Craft, "aye".

Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D. moved to approve the expense vouchers in the amount of \$15,536,683.00 seconded by Councilman Stephen E. Jones; and the vote of those officials present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

The City Clerk noted that the complete list of vouchers to be paid, as reflected on a computer printout, had been made a permanent record in the Clerk's office.

Mayor Robert Craft stated this was the time and place for a public hearing as advertised to consider a Resolution – Wetland Waiver Permit Request – Edwin Oaks. The City Clerk stated that this public hearing notice had been advertised as required by law by posting the public notice and draft Resolution at City Hall, Library, Recreation Center and the City's website for a minimum of twenty-two days.

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Zoning Administrator Andy Bauer presented the agenda item and gave a brief summary. After several questions from the council answered, Mayor Robert Craft opened the floor for public comment. With no further comments or questions from the public or staff, Councilman Joe Garris moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 7069-26

**A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A WETLAND WAIVER
FOR EDWIN OAKS SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, on behalf of Edwin Oaks Subdivision, Mr. Chris Lieb seeks a waiver to the Wetlands Protection Ordinance (Chapter 7, Article 17, Code of Ordinances) to plat 679 Square Feet of wetlands on new single-family lots. The subject property is located on the north side the Little Lagoon in the 18000 block of State Hwy 180 West (directly west of Mo's Landing Park). The property is currently vacant and wooded and recently received preliminary subdivision plat approval for seven single family lots; and

WHEREAS, the Wetlands Protection Ordinance allows the City Council to grant a waiver following a public hearing and review of the application to establish that all conditions have been met as required for issuance of the waiver in compliance with Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances, Buildings, Construction and Related Activities, Article XVII. Wetlands Protection and Regulations, Section 7-573.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2026, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Gulf Shores hereby authorizes and approves the request of Mr. Chris Lieb for issuance of a wetland waiver to plat 679 square feet of wetlands on new single-family lots in a subdivision to be known as Edwin Oaks Subdivision contingent upon the following:

1. Allow for the platting of wetlands on individual lots.
2. Require the wetlands to be placed within a recorded conservation easement and reference conservation easement on the deed of each individual lot.
3. Provide signage on each lot notifying the future property owners of the protected nature of the wetlands. The signage should be placed at the 30ft wetland buffer line.
4. The subdivision plat shall reference Section 7-581 Monitoring and Enforcement requirements of the Wetland Protection Regulations.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

The motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 7069-26 was seconded by Councilman Philip Harris: was regularly put; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., "aye", Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, "aye", Councilman Philip Harris, "aye", Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., "aye", Councilman Stephen E. Jones, "aye", and Mayor Robert Craft, "aye". Whereupon Mayor Robert Craft declared Resolution No. 7069-26 duly and legally adopted.

Again, Mayor Robert Craft stated this was the time and place for a public hearing as advertised to consider amending the Code of Ordinances – Article 8, Table 8-2A. The City Clerk stated that this public hearing notice had been advertised as required by law by posting the public notice and draft

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Ordinance at City Hall, Library, Recreation Center and the City’s website for a minimum of twenty-two days.

Planning & Zoning Director Scott Stephens presented the item and gave a brief summary. With no questions from the council, Mayor Robert Craft opened the floor for public comment. With no questions from the public, Councilman Stephen E. Jones moved for unanimous consent of the Council to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2190

**AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1584
(ZONING ORDINANCE) ADOPTED JANUARY 1, 2010,
AT ARTICLE 8: BUSINESS DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY CHANGING CERTAIN LANGUAGE AND
REWRITING AS REQUIRED
(ZTA25-08)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2026, as follows:

Section 1. That Ordinance 1584 (Zoning Ordinance) adopted January 1, 2010, be and it is hereby amended by adding or changing certain language and rewriting as follows:

ARTICLE 8: BUSINESS DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Residential Uses	
Accessory Dwelling, §6-6	R
Conservation Subdivision, §11-10	R
Duplex	R
Group home (10 or fewer residence), §11-23	CUP
Home Occupation (Single-family Dwelling only), §11-5	R
Interval Occupancy Facility	R
Multiple-family Dwelling, §11-20	CUP
Single-family (detached) Dwelling	R
Townhouses, §11-3	CUP
Upper Story Dwelling or Live-work,	R

Section 2. That the Gulf Shores Planning Commission heard this request at its November 18, 2025, meeting, and after holding a public hearing, voted to recommend this amendment.

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Section 3. That the provisions of this Ordinance are severable and a determination of the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption and publication as required by law.

The motion for unanimous consent was seconded by Councilman Joe Garris, Jr.; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared the rules suspended.

Councilman Philip Harris then moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2190 and to waive the reading of said Ordinance at length. The motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2190 was seconded by Councilman Stephen E. Jones; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared Ordinance No. 2190 duly and legally adopted.

At this time, Mayor Robert Craft stated this was the time and place for a public hearing as advertised to consider amending the Code of Ordinances – Article 8, Table 8-3A. The City Clerk stated that this public hearing notice had been advertised as required by law by posting the public notice and draft Ordinance at City Hall, Library, Recreation Center and the City’s website for a minimum of twenty-two days.

Planning & Zoning Director Scott Stephens presented the item and gave a brief summary. With no questions from the council, Mayor Robert Craft opened the floor for public comment. With no questions from the public, Councilman Stephen E. Jones moved for unanimous consent of the Council to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2191

**AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1584
(ZONING ORDINANCE) ADOPTED JANUARY 1, 2010,
AT ARTICLE 8: BUSINESS DISTRICT REGULATIONS BY CHANGING CERTAIN LANGUAGE
AND REWRITING AS REQUIRED
(ZTA25-07)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2026, as follows:

Section 1. That Ordinance 1584 (Zoning Ordinance) adopted January 1, 2010, be and it is hereby amended by adding or changing certain language and rewriting as follows:

ARTICLE 8: BUSINESS DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Table 8-3A: BG District Permitted Uses			
	BG	BG-1 FM	BG-2 FM
Residential Uses			
Employment Dormitory, §11-9	CUP		
Interval Occupancy Facility	R	R	
Multiple-family Dwellings, §11-21	CUP	R	R
Upper Story Dwelling or Live Work, §11-12	R	R	R
Townhouse, §11-3	CUP	CUP	CUP

Section 2. That the Gulf Shores Planning Commission heard this request at its November 18, 2025, meeting, and after holding a public hearing, voted to recommend this amendment.

Section 3. That the provisions of this Ordinance are severable and a determination of the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after its adoption and publication as required by law.

The motion for unanimous consent was seconded by Councilman Joe Garris, Jr.; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared the rules suspended.

Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D. then moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2191 and to waive the reading of said Ordinance at length. The motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2191 was seconded by Councilman Stephen E. Jones; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared Ordinance No. 2191 duly and legally adopted.

At this time, Councilman Joe Garris, Jr. Jason Dyken, M.D. moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 7070-26

**A RESOLUTION
ACCEPTING THE BID OF ASPHALT SERVICES, INC.
FOR THE LAGOUNA COVE RESTORATION PROJECT
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,670,000.00
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the City of Gulf Shores received a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) grant from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) in 2017 to acquire a 53-acre tract of land formerly known as the Laguna Cove development; and

WHEREAS, the NRDA grant also stipulated that the City must conserve and restore the natural resources of the property and provide passive outdoor recreation. The project includes, protection & restoration of critical habitat and wetlands, public restrooms, low-impact public parking and passive recreation opportunities such as kayaking, birding and interpretive boardwalks; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2026, as follows:

Section 1. That the bid of Asphalt Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,662,963.95 for the Laguna Cove Restoration Project is hereby accepted, being the most conforming to meet bid specifications per item among sealed bids opened on December 9, 2025.

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, a contract between the City of Gulf Shores and Asphalt Services, Inc. for Laguna Cove Restoration Project; in substantially the form presented to Council this date.

Section 3. That there is \$2,000,000 budgeted for this project in FY2026 in account 42-879-80911. The project had originally been anticipated to start in 2025 and carry forward into 2026, so the budget for this project will be updated in a future amendment. This project is 100% grant reimbursable.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

The motion for the adoption of Resolution No. 7070-26 was seconded by Councilman Philip Harris: was regularly put; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Whereupon Mayor Robert Craft declared Resolution No. 7070-26 duly and legally adopted.

Councilman Stephen E. Jones moved for unanimous consent of the Council to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2192

**AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES,
ADOPTED JULY 24, 1989,
AT CHAPTER 3, AIRPORT – AIRCRAFT, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL,
BY ADDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE AND REWRITING
SEC. 3-1. – AIRPORT AUTHORITY COMPOSITIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2026, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 3, AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT, of the Code of Ordinances, adopted July 24, 1989, be and it is hereby amended by adding certain language at Article I., In General, Sec. 3-1. Airport Authority – Composition, by changing the number of directors from five (5) to seven (7), so the entire section shall read:

Chapter 3. AIRPORT - AIRCRAFT

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

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Sec. 3-1. – Airport Authority – Composition.

The city council, upon evidence duly submitted to and considered by it, hereby finds and determines that the board of directors of the airport authority of the city, the incorporation of which was approved in Resolution Number 1204-88, adopted July 25, 1988, shall consist of five (5) directors as provided in the form of certificate of incorporation of such authority set forth in and approved by the foregoing resolution; the initial term of office of the first director shall begin immediately upon the incorporation of the authority and shall end at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 1990. The initial term of the second and third directors shall begin immediately upon the incorporation of the authority and shall end at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 1992. The initial term of the fourth and fifth directors shall begin immediately upon the incorporation of the authority and shall end at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 1994. The city council now finds upon evidence duly submitted and considered the need for an additional two (2) directors, bringing the total number to seven (7) directors instead of five (5). These additional director positions will serve the now established six (6) year terms. (Ord. No. 450, § 1, 7-25-88)

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Section 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law

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The motion for unanimous consent was seconded by Councilman Philip Harris; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared the rules suspended.

Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D. then moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2192 and to waive the reading of said Ordinance at length. The motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2192 was seconded by Councilman Stephen E. Jones; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared Ordinance No. 2192 duly and legally adopted.

Furthermore, Councilman Stephen E. Jones moved for unanimous consent of the Council to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2193

**AN ORDINANCE
GRANTING RENEWAL OF A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE
TO A-1 MS. MARY TAXI SERVICE, LLC
BAMA BEACH SHUTTLE, LLC, BEACH BUGGY TAXI, LLC,
BEACH EXPRESS TAXI SERVICE, BLUE DOLPHIN TAXI GULF COAST, LLC, COAST
CAB, COASTAL EXPRESS SHUTTLE, CROZZZCABZ, LLC,
GULF LOGISTICS, LLC, ROBIN’S RIDES, JERSEY TAXI, LLC,
THE SURFSIDE SHUTTLE, PERDIDO KEY PARTY BUS
TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN THE CITY OF GULF SHORES;
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF GULF SHORES AND THE COMPANY**

WHEREAS, A-1 Ms. Mary Taxi Service, LLC, Bama Beach Shuttle, LLC, Beach Buggy Taxi, LLC, Beach Express Taxi, LLC, Blue Dolphin Taxi Gulf Coast, LLC, Coast Cab, Coastal Express Shuttle, Crozzzzcabz, LLC, Gulf Logistics, LLC, Robins Rides, Jersey Taxi, LLC, The Surfside Shuttle and Perdido Key Party Bus have requested the renewal of their franchise to empower the Company to provide transportation service in the City of Gulf Shores; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of granting of a nonexclusive franchise to A-1 Ms. Mary Taxi Service, LLC, Bama Beach Shuttle, LLC, Beach Buggy Taxi, LLC, Beach Express Taxi, LLC, Blue Dolphin Taxi Gulf Coast, LLC, Coast Cab, Coastal Express Shuttle, Crozzzzcabz, LLC, Gulf Logistics, LLC, Robins Rides, Jersey Taxi, LLC, The Surfside Shuttle and Perdido Key Party Bus to provide transportation service in the City; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City will benefit by the granting of such a franchise renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2026, as follows:

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Section 1. That the renewal of a nonexclusive franchise be and it is hereby granted to A-1 Ms. Mary Taxi Service, LLC, Bama Beach Shuttle, LLC, Beach Buggy Taxi, LLC, Beach Express Taxi, LLC, Blue Dolphin Taxi Gulf Coast, LLC, Coast Cab, Coastal Express Shuttle, Crozzzzcabz, LLC, Gulf Logistics, LLC, Robins Rides, Jersey Taxi, LLC, The Surfside Shuttle and Perdido Key Party Bus for operation of a taxi service within the corporate limits of the City.

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed and authorized to execute and attest, respectively, a Franchise Agreement between the City of Gulf Shores and A-1 Ms. Mary Taxi Service, LLC, Bama Beach Shuttle, LLC, Beach Buggy Taxi, LLC, Beach Express Taxi, LLC, Blue Dolphin Taxi Gulf Coast, LLC, Coast Cab, Coastal Express Shuttle, Crozzzzcabz, LLC, Gulf Logistics, LLC, Robins Rides Jersey Taxi, LLC, The Surfside Shuttle and Perdido Key Party Bus which sets forth the requirements, covenants and agreements of a franchise to the Company for operation of a taxi service within the City.

Section 3. That the subject Franchise Agreement, the full text of which is available for examination in the office of the City Clerk, is dated January 12, 2026.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

The motion for unanimous consent was seconded by Councilman Philip Harris; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared the rules suspended.

Councilman Joe Garris, Jr. then moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2193 and to waive the reading of said Ordinance at length. The motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2193 was seconded by Councilman Philip Harris; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared Ordinance No. 2193 duly and legally adopted.

At this time, Councilman Stephen E. Jones moved for unanimous consent of the Council to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2194

**AN ORDINANCE
ASSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION
OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN TO
THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA AND
EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY
TO INCLUDE SUCH PROPERTY**

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WHEREAS, on the 4th day of December 2025, Ms. Anhlee Malone, owner of property located at 6951 Grund Lane, the real property hereinafter described, did file with the City Clerk a petition asking that the said tracts or parcels of land be annexed to and become a part of the City of Gulf Shores; and

WHEREAS, said petition did contain the signature of the owner of the described territory and a map of said property showing its relationship to the corporate limits of the City of Gulf Shores; and

WHEREAS, the governing body did determine that it is in the public interest that said property be annexed to the City of Gulf Shores and it did further determine that all legal requirements for annexing said real property have been met pursuant to Sections 11-42-20 through 11-42-24, Code of Alabama, 1975; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2026, as follows:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, finds and declares that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the city, and the citizens of the affected area, to bring the territory described in Section 2 of this ordinance into the City of Gulf Shores.

Section 2. That the boundary lines of the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, be and the same are hereby altered or rearranged so as to include all of the territory hereto before encompassed by the corporate limits of the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, and in addition thereto the following described territory, to-wit:

As situated in Baldwin County, Alabama, to-wit:

PIN 20942
6951 Grund Lane
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be published as provided by law, and a certified copy of same, together with a certified copy of the petition of the property owners, shall be filed with the Probate Judge of Baldwin County, Alabama.

Section 4. That the territory described in this ordinance shall become a part of the corporate limits of the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, upon publication of this ordinance as set forth in Section 3 above.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

The motion for unanimous consent was seconded by Councilman Joe Garris, Jr.; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared the rules suspended.

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Councilman Stephen E. Jones then moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2194 and to waive the reading of said Ordinance at length. The motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2194 was seconded by Councilman Philip Harris; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared Ordinance No. 2194 duly and legally adopted.

Councilman Stephen E. Jones moved for unanimous consent of the Council to suspend the rules of procedure to allow for the immediate consideration of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2195

**AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND THE *CODE OF ORDINANCES*, ADOPTED JULY 24, 1989,
BY ADDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE
AT CHAPTER 21, TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL,
SECTION 21-13 PERMITTING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND
LICENSED LOW SPEED VEHICLES ON
CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF GULF SHORES
AT SUBSECTION 1 (B) DESIGNATED CART STREETS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 12, 2026, as follows:

Section 1: That the Code of Ordinances, City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, is hereby amended at Section 21-13 to Chapter 21, Traffic, Subsection 1 (b) Designated Cart Streets by adding certain streets located in the Cotton Bay Subdivision so that the entire Ordinance shall read as follows:

Section 21-13. Operation of Golf Carts On Certain Public Streets Permitted And Regulated.

(a)*Policy Statement.* This Section is enacted pursuant to the authority of the Alabama Constitutional Amendment adopted pursuant to Act No. 2016-271. In enacting this Section, the City Council confirms its view that golf carts are not designed or manufactured to be suitable for use on public streets and roads, and the City of Gulf Shores in no way advocates or endorses the operation of golf carts on public streets. The City understands that residents within golf course residential communities and other communities desire to have the option to operate their golf carts on a limited basis within those communities in order to access the amenities in and immediately adjacent to those communities, and have secured the adoption of Act No. 2016-271 to allow the enactment of ordinances permitting such operation in Baldwin County subject to the terms of the Act and to such other restrictions the City may impose as authorized by the Act. In designating public streets on which golf carts may be legally operated, the Act requires the City to determine that golf carts may safely travel on such designated streets after consideration of factors including,

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but not limited to, the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the street. The designation in this Section of certain streets as streets on which golf carts may safely travel is not a determination or representation by the City that operation of golf carts on such streets is in fact safe or advisable even if done in accordance with this Ordinance due to the limited drive characteristics and safety features of golf carts. All persons operating golf carts must be observant of, and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. All persons who operate or ride carts on public streets inside the City of Gulf Shores do so at their own risk and peril, and no permit for the operation of a golf cart on the public streets shall be issued except upon execution by the owner of the golf cart of a written undertaking to indemnify and hold the City, its officials, officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all liability of any kind or character directly or indirectly associated with such operation.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Cart” shall mean a golf cart equipped with approved seat belts for each occupant, head lights, brake lights, turn signals, a windshield, a rear view mirror, efficient brakes, reliable steering apparatus, safe tires, red reflectorized warning devices on both the front and rear and an orange warning flag displayed at least six (6) feet above the ground, excepting, however any, State Tagged Cart or Municipal Service Vehicle.

“Designated Cart Street” shall mean the following public streets within the corporate limits of the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama designated under this Section for the use of Carts, to be marked with appropriate signage advising that the street may be utilized by Carts:

THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BRIGADOON TRAIL & VICINITY:

BRIGADOON TRAIL
MIDDLE BRIGADOON TRAIL
EDWARD DRIVE
PATRICIA DRIVE
LEMAR DRIVE
LAGOON WINDS DRIVE

THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN THE RETREAT AT BON SECOUR:

BIENVILLE AVENUE
ARCADIA STREET
CERIGNY STREET
CHASTAIN STREET
ORLEANS STREET

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THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN GULF WOOD HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION:

HILLTOP DRIVE
14TH AVENUE
YUPON DRIVE
OAK RIDGE DRIVE
13TH AVENUE
SUNSET DRIVE
MAGNOLIA DRIVE
12TH AVENUE
W 2ND STREET
WEST 1ST STREET

THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN CYPRESS PARK SUBDIVISION AND SURROUNDING AREA:

WEST 19th AVENUE - stops @ West 1st Street
WEST 22nd AVENUE - stops @ West 1st Street
WEST 23rd AVENUE
EAST 24th AVENUE
WEST 1st STREET
WEST 2nd STREET
WEST 3rd STREET
WEST 4th STREET
WEST CANAL DRIVE
CLUBHOUSE DRIVE - stops @ West 1st Street
PROFESSIONAL LANE
OFFICE PARK DRIVE
LAKEWOOD COURT
HOGAN DRIVE
WEDGEWOOD DRIVE
WEST FAIRWAY DRIVE
EAST FAIRWAY DRIVE
BEAR CREEK DRIVE
BEAR CREEK COVE
BEAR CREEK COURT
MOSSY OAK DRIVE
HERON COVE LANE
LOPEZ COURT
TREVINO DRIVE
REGENCY ROAD
HERITAGE DRIVE
TWISTED OAK CIRCLE
CAMELIA CIRCLE
ROYAL OAK CIRCLE
PINERIDGE DRIVE
FORESTWOOD DRIVE

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HOLLY LANE

THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN CRAFT FARMS:

ALTON ST
AUGUSTA DR
BIRKDALE ST
BLUE HERON DR
COTTON CREEK BLVD
COTTON CREEK CIR
CRAFT FARMS BLVD
CRAIGEND LOOP
CYPRESS BEND DR
CYPRESS CIR
CYPRESS LAKE DR
CYPRESS POINT DR
DARLEY CIR
DORR AV
ESTATES DR
GLEN EAGLES AV
GREENAN WAY
GROVE ST
GYAWS AV
INVERNESS CIR
LADYBANK ST
MUIRFIELD CT
OLDE PARK CT
OLDE PARK LN
OLDE PARK RD
PINEHURST CIR
PINEHURST DR
PINEHURST PT
PINEVIEW PL
PORTLAND CIR
PRESTWICK AV
PRESTWICK CIR
ROYAL DR
ROYAL GLEN BLVD
ROYAL TROON CIR
ROYAL TROON DR
SAINT ANDREWS DR
SAINT ANDREWS DR E
TURNBERRY DR
VILLAGE DR
VILLAGE LN
WILLOW POINT CT

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THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN MARTYN WOODS AT BON SECOUR:

LYMAN BOULEVARD
MILLHOUSE ROAD
TREASURE OAKS ROAD
TREASURE OAKS COURT
BEATRICE ROAD
MILLWOOD DRIVE

THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN AVENTURA:

STAFFORD BOULEVARD
ALDRIN AVENUE
CONRAD COURT
BORMAN COURT
BORMAN LOOP
ROOSA AVENUE
SHEPARD STREET
APOLLO AVENUE
POGUE STREET
WORDEN STREET
LANDWARD DRIVE NORTH
LANDWARD DRIVE SOUTH
HAISE LANE
GEMINI STREET
MERCURY CIRCLE

THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN THE GULF PINES NEIGHBORHOOD AND SURROUNDING STREETS:

E CANAL DR (FROM E 3RD ST TO THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PLAZA)
E 24TH AVE
E 23RD AVE (FROM EAST GULF AVE TO E 2ND ST AND FROM E 2ND ST TO E 10TH ST)
W 22ND AVE AND E 22ND AVE (FROM W 1ST ST TO E 10 ST)
E 21ST AVE (FROM E 2ND ST TO THE CUL-DE-SAC IN THE E 500 BLOCK)
DOLPHIN AVE (FROM 400 DOLPHIN AVE TO E 15TH AVE)
E 15TH AVE (FROM E 3RD ST TO THE TERMINUS AT THE ECOTOURISM CENTER)
E GULF AVE
E 3RD ST (
E 4TH ST (FROM E 22ND AVE TO E 24TH AVE)
E 5TH ST (FROM DOLPHIN AVE TO E 24TH AVE, INCLUDING GOLF CART/BIKE/PED ACCESS ONLY FROM DOLPHIN AVE TO E 21ST AVE)
E 6TH ST (FROM E 22ND AVE TO E 24TH AVE)
E 8TH ST
E 9TH ST (FROM E 22ND AVE TO E 24TH AVE)
E 10TH ST (FROM E 22ND AVE TO E 24TH AVE)

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THE FOLLOWING CERTAIN STREETS IN THE COTTON BAY SUBDIVISION:

COTTON BAY BLVD
SAVANNAH LANE
PLANTATION LANE
COTTON BAY LANE
COTTON BAY DR WEST
COTTON BAY DR EAST
COTTON BAY COURT

By Resolution of the Council adopted from time to time subsequent to the enactment of this Section, the list of Designated Cart Streets may be amended by the addition of other streets or the deletion of streets previously listed, provided, however, no street on which the speed limit is greater than 25 miles per hour shall be designated as a Designated Cart Street.

“State Tagged Cart” shall mean a golf cart, low speed vehicle, or neighborhood electric vehicle that is registered with and licensed by the State of Alabama under Title 32 of the Code of Alabama.

“Municipal Service Vehicle” shall mean a City operated State Tagged Cart or other City operated motorized equipment or vehicle when in service for the provision of public safety or public maintenance services.

(c) Rules and Regulations

Carts may not be operated on any public street, road, or highway within the corporate limits of the City of Gulf Shores that is not a Designated Cart Street and may be operated only on Designated Cart Streets in accordance with the following rules and regulations. A State Tagged Cart that is not a Municipal Service Vehicle may not be operated on any public street, road, or highway within the corporate limits of the City of Gulf Shores on which the posted legal speed limit is greater than 25 miles per hour.

(1) No person who is not a driver licensed by the State of Alabama or, in the case of a non-resident, by his or her home state or country or who is less than eighteen (18) years of age may operate a Cart on a designated Cart Street.

(2) Carts may be operated on Designated Cart Streets only between the hours between sunrise and no later than 10:00 p.m. The headlights on the Cart shall be illuminated at all times when it is in operation on Designated Cart Streets regardless of the time of operation.

(3) Any person who operates a Cart on the Designated Cart Streets must adhere to all State and municipal laws applicable to the operation of motor vehicles, including, without limitation, all laws concerning the operation of a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The operator of a Cart may not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken. A Cart may not be operated between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles, and Carts may not be operated two or more abreast in a single lane.

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(4) Cart drivers must yield the right-of-way to overtaking vehicles at all times.

(5) The maximum occupancy of a Cart shall be the number of occupants for which the Cart has approved seat belts. No Cart shall be operated on any public street unless all occupants are seated with their seat belts fastened. No child under the age of five (5) shall be transported in a Cart on any public street.

(6) No Cart shall be operated on any public sidewalk or bike path.

(7) No Cart shall be parked in a designated handicapped parking space unless the driver or at least one passenger has a valid handicap parking permit that is displayed on the Cart.

(8) No Cart may be operated on a Designated Cart Street without a valid permit sticker issued by the Gulf Shores Police Department to the owner of the Cart attached. A yearly fee of twenty dollars (\$25.00) per Cart will be charged by for this permit sticker on the basis of each calendar year or portion thereof. Each Cart must be inspected annually before a permit is issued and no permit shall be issued for any Cart that does not meet the equipment and condition requirements of this Ordinance. No permit shall be issued for any Cart without proof that any person who may operate the Cart on a public street is covered by a policy of liability insurance held by the owner of the Cart. The required minimum liability limits for the operation of the Cart shall be the same as required by the State of Alabama for operation of a motor vehicle.

(d) *Violations.* The following shall constitute violations of this Section:

(1) The operation of a Cart on any public street, road, or highway within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of the City of Gulf Shores that is not a Designated Cart Street.

(2) The operation of a Cart on a Designated Cart Street in violation of any of the rules or regulations set out in subsection (c) above.

(3) The operation of a golf cart that is not a Cart with a valid permit sticker on any public street, road, or highway within the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of the City of Gulf Shores.

(4) The operation of a State Tagged Cart that is not a Municipal Service Vehicle on any public street, road, or highway within the corporate limits of the City of Gulf Shores on which the posted legal speed limit is greater than 25 miles per hour.

The unauthorized operation of a golf cart, Cart, or State Tagged Cart on any public street, road, or highway in violation of this Section shall be a violation for which the City may assess and collect a civil penalty from the owner in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00). In addition, any person committing a violation of this Section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and/or may be imprisoned for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, at the discretion of the court trying the case. In the event of the assessment of a civil penalty against the owner, of a conviction of the owner or operator of a violation, or both, and at the discretion of the Chief of Police reviewable by appeal to the City Council, the Cart permit sticker issued to a Cart operated in violation of this Ordinance may be revoked by the Chief of Police.

(e) *Section Supplementary To Federal and State Regulation.*

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The provisions of this Section shall be interpreted as supplementary to all other municipal, state and federal laws and regulations now or hereafter in force, and compliance with this Section does not relieve an individual from the requirement of compliance with all other applicable municipal, state and federal laws and regulations, if any.

Section 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Ordinance.

The motion for unanimous consent was seconded by Councilman Philip Harris; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, M.D., “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared the rules suspended.

Councilman Philip Harris then moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2195 and to waive the reading of said Ordinance at length. The motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 2195 was seconded by Councilman Stephen E. Jones; was discussed and considered in full by the Council; and upon the question, the vote thereon was as follows: Councilman Joe Garris, Jr., “aye”, Councilwoman Jennifer Guthrie, “aye”, Councilman Philip Harris, “aye”, Councilman Jason Dyken, “aye”, Councilman Stephen E. Jones, “aye”, and Mayor Robert Craft, “aye”. Mayor Robert Craft declared Ordinance No. 2195 duly and legally adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Stephen E. Jones gave a brief summary of Coastal Alabama Business Chambers’s Annual E-Cycling & Shred Day Event. A special thank you was given to city staff, GSHS students and the city of Gulf Shores & Orange Beach for their assistance.

STAFF REPORTS:

No report at this time.

HEARING OF PERSONS NOT LISTED ON FORMAL AGENDA:

Gulf Shores City School Board President Kevin S. Corcoran, announced at the upcoming school board meeting they would be discussing and hopefully pass a resolution to make the GSCS schools a “Purple Star School District”. Gulf Shores City Schools Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin gave a brief summary of what that meant.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Stephen E. Jones moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Joe Garris, Jr.; and the vote of those officials present was unanimously in favor of the motion.

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Mayor Robert Craft declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Robert Craft, Mayor



Tobi Waters, MMC, City Clerk