



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, July 05, 2023**  
**6:00 PM CST**  
Council Chambers, City Hall

**Call to Order.**

Mayor Depreo called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation - Councilmember Maher

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**PRESENT**

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Anna Liese

Ward 3 John Cumberland

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adjust the agenda adding the following items:

9. Motion to approve Docket of Claims DKT230866 in the amount of \$447.00.
10. Motion to direct the City Manager to work with the City Engineer to explore options and probable costs for a dog park to be located at Noma Drive and to provide the Council with a project update including construction timeline at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation Agenda.**

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held July 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Swearing in of Diamondhead Police Chief, Darryl Russell Jr.
- c. Kenneth Yarrow with Gulf Regional Planning Commission-Redistricting.

## City Manager's Report.

1. Lily Pond and I-10 Pond – The city completed a punch-list walkthrough with the engineer and the contractor last week on the I-10 Pond. Closeout documents will be prepared, and the project is complete.
2. Park Ten Road – The city had to issue an addendum to this project. This moved the due date for bids. The revised date for bids being due is July 7<sup>th</sup>. A recommendation will be provided at the next council meeting.
3. Phase 4 paving – The paving project is currently demobilized. A culvert project is being completed in the area. Once done, the paving project can be finished. The contact end date of July 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. Diamondhead Drive Paving – Bids are due July 18<sup>th</sup>. A recommendation will be on the August council meeting to award.
5. Noma Drive Boat Launch – Phase 1a has been awarded. The construction documents are being completed and a work schedule should be provided soon.
6. Makiki Drive – The city engineer is developing the specifications to complete the project. They expect to have the drawings available for approval on the next agenda.
7. Stormwater Projects – The state ARPA matching funds grant agreements have been sent back to that state for approval. Once we receive them back, engineer task orders will be placed on the agenda for approval.

## Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Penny Crawford spoke in favor of the FY25 Tidelands Grant for the Lily Pond Public Access Improvements.

**Policy Agenda.****Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Motion to approve the June 20, 2023 Recess Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve the June 20, 2023 Recess Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolutions:**

3. **2023-267:** Motion adopt Resolution 2023-026 to acquire by donation certain real property from the Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc. for drainage and greenspace purposes.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adopt Resolution 2023-026 to acquire by donation certain real property from the Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc. for drainage and greenspace purposes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **2023-270:** Motion to adopt Resolution **2023-027** to approve a text amendment in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance Article 2.8 (Amendment Rezoning Procedure). The proposed text amendment will make the following change to the Fence Ordinance Article 9.8 - General Requirements and Restrictions, Article 9.8.c, add "If fences, landscaping material, and other appurtenances installed by the property owner in the easement must be removed by the city to service the drainage system, the cost of removal and/or replacement shall be the responsibility of the property owner." to the end of the paragraph. The Case file Number is 202300274.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adopt Resolution **2023-027** to approve a text amendment in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance Article 2.8 (Amendment Rezoning Procedure). The proposed text amendment will make the following change to the Fence Ordinance Article 9.8 - General Requirements and Restrictions, Article 9.8.c, add "If fences, landscaping material, and other appurtenances installed by the property owner in the easement must be removed by the city to service the drainage system, the cost of removal and/or replacement shall be the responsibility of the property owner." to the end of the paragraph. The Case file Number is 202300274.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **2023-271:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-028 authorize application to the MS Department of Marine Resources FY25 Tidelands Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for Lily Pond Public Access Improvements.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2023-028 authorize application to the MS Department of Marine Resources FY25 Tidelands Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for Lily Pond Public Access Improvements.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Agenda.**

- 6. **2023-268:** Motion to authorize planning and zoning to update Ordinance 10.4 - PERMITTED SIGN TYPES ESTABLISHED, 10.4.10 Windows Signs.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to authorize planning and zoning to update Ordinance 10.4 - PERMITTED SIGN TYPES ESTABLISHED, 10.4.10 Windows Signs.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 7. **2023-269:** Motion to confirm the plan for the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier, Walking Trail, and the Dog Park and to direct the engineer to provide a cost estimate to enable the council to identify and approve funds for same prior to advertisement.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Mayor Depreo to discuss the plan for the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier, Walking Trail, and the Dog Park and to direct the engineer to provide a cost estimate to enable the council to identify and approve funds for same prior to advertisement.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to authorize engineer to update plans to match the two cost estimates. The dog park date was March 6, 2023. Total cost was \$101,926, entry building as an alternate bid reducing 35,000. Change 5ft tall architectural fence to 5ft powder coated chain link fence and the Twin Lakes and Fishing Pier part which is 229,130, make sure that he did reduce the walking trail from 8ft to 6ft dated April 27, 2023.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

- 8. Motion to approve Docket of Claims DKT230839-DKT230865 in the amount of \$54,682.86.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Docket of Claims DKT230839-DKT230865 in the amount of \$54,682.86.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 9. Motion to approve Docket of Claims DKT230866 in the amount of \$447.00.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Docket of Claims DKT230866 in the amount of \$447.00.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 10. Motion to direct the City Manager to work with the City Engineer to explore options and probable costs for a dog park to be located at Noma Drive and to provide the Council with a project update including construction timeline at the July 18th meeting.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to direct the City Manager to work with the City Engineer to explore options and probable costs for a dog park to be located at Noma Drive and to provide the Council with a project update including construction timeline at the July 18th meeting.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

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**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.**

Penny Crawford – Golf Cart Safety Meeting and Fourth of July Celebration

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 7:54 p.m. with no further business to come before the Council motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk