



Mayor Depreo	
Councilmember L'Ecuyer	At-Large
Councilmember Finley	Ward 1
Councilmember Moran	Ward 2
Councilmember Morgan	Ward 3
Councilmember Clark	Ward 4

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 06, 2021
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Depreo called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation - Ward 3 Councilmember Morgan

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Ward 1 Councilmember Finley
Ward 2 Councilmember Moran
Ward 3 Councilmember Morgan
Ward 4 Councilmember Clark
At-Large Councilmember L'Ecuyer
Mayor Depreo

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Remove Item 23 from Consent Agenda for the purchase of patrol packages parts and equipment for the three (3) Chevy Silverado Police Units.

Add Agenda Item 2021-111: Motion to enter into an agreement with Anchor QEA, LLC for the amount of \$16,000 to prepare analyses of canal data to support FEMA funding request for canal dredging and to authorize the City Manager to execute contract for same.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

- a. Hancock County Board of Supervisors Presentation: Kodie Koenenn
Kodie Koenenn of Hancock County's Board of Supervisors provided updates on the Hancock County Fairgrounds Revitalization Project, street paving project and drainage funding.
- b. Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps - Magdelene house: Diane Bennett
Diane Bennett gave an overview of the services provided by the Gulf Coast Christian Women's Job Corps. and Magdelene House

Council Comments.

1. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on April 20, 2021 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
2. CASA Red Beans & Rice Cook-off will Saturday, May 8th on the City Hall Town Green.
3. Aloha Diamondhead Saturday will be held April 17, 2021 from 3 - 7 p.m.

City Manager's Report.

1. CASA Red Beans and Rice Cookoff – On Saturday, May 8, the city will co-sponsor the red beans and rice cookoff for CASA on the city hall grounds. There will be a live band, the David Mayley Band, and amazing food. We hope our residents will come out to enjoy the food, music, and community event. Local businesses and residents are encouraged to sponsor a team and compete to see if you have the best red beans in town. All are welcome!
2. Aloha Diamondhead - As part of our FY21 budget, the city will partner with the farmers market to host a monthly "Aloha Diamondhead" event. The first one will be Saturday, April 17th from 3pm to 7pm. The Beau King Band will be entertaining the crowd. Residents and visitors are encouraged to come out, shop from our local stores, farmers market, and other arts and crafts booths. We hope you will also enjoy a meal at a local restaurant. Come out on your golf cart to E. Aloha Drive for this first event. We hope to make this a monthly event for our community.
3. Disaster Recovery Consulting Services - The city is working to pre-arrange contracts for disaster services and debris removal. The consultant is the first to be hired. This firm will work with the city as a consultant to help the city manager after a disaster and to also communicate with FEMA and MEMA. We hope to move onto advertising for the pre-arranged contracts for debris monitoring and debris removal contractor soon. This way all contracts are secured prior to hurricane season.
4. TIF Bond – There is a resolution on the agenda to declare the city's intent to issue a TIF bond for the medical office building project and to schedule a public hearing for such on May 4th. The county will also be doing this same process.
5. Grant Application – I am asking for authorization to submit a grant application to DMR for \$150,000 to assist with part of the construction cost for a new dog park. This will help pay for the pier, walkways, birding area, and bathrooms.
6. Alkii Way Ditch Stabilization Project – We are asking for authorization to advertise for bids for the drainage project along Alkii Way. The city received an NCRS grant to fund most of this project.
7. Dog Park – The dog park steering committee continues to work very hard to make this park a reality. They have been meeting every Thursday for several months. They would like to host a Dog Park Day Event on Sunday, May 2 at Twin Lakes from 1pm to 4pm. They would also like to begin to actively solicit donations from residents and businesses for the project and have created a donor sponsorship form, which we would like the council to approve. This includes providing plaques on specific pieces at the park for donations. The city is also actively submitting grant applications to help fund the dog park.
8. Dog Park from Slidell – The City of Slidell has offered to allow the City of Diamondhead to use their mobile dog park until we have our permanent park developed. This will be free to the city, but we will have to pay about \$300 each way to move the container from Slidell to Diamondhead.

9. Skate Park and Pump Park Steering Committee – We have received several requests to build a skate park and pump park in Diamondhead. Since the dog park steering committee was such a success, we would like to get authorization to establish a steering committee of residents to work on this project.
10. Road Survey Post Hurricane – We received the report from SMPDD and Civil Link for the post hurricane road assessment. They compared 19 miles of roads in Diamondhead looking at before conditions to after the debris clean up conditions. These were the highly traveled roads for the trucks. They looked at our 2018 road survey as well as Google Street View for 2013 and 2019 imagery. After comparing the data, no significant decline in conditions were detected. We will inform FEMA that the city does not intend to pursue funding for this project.
11. Federal Funding – I am asking authorization to work with our Federal delegates to seek future funding opportunities to support the Commercial District Transformation Project in the amount of \$1 million and drainage improvements in the amount of \$5.5 million. There is no obligation for matching funds at this time to begin this process.
12. Comprehensive Plan – The draft of the new comprehensive plan has been sent to the Advisory Committee for their review. Orion will host a zoom meeting next week with the committee to get their comments before sending it to the city council, the planning and zoning commission and putting it on the Envision Diamondhead 2040 Website for residents. We will schedule a presentation to the public at the end of the month. After the public meeting, Orion will present it to the planning and zoning commission, and it goes to the city council for their approval in May. There has been outstanding community participation through this year long process. We appreciate our residents for their input as we plan for the future of Diamondhead.
13. No Net Fill Policy – The P&Z Commission recommended approval of the new No Net Fill Policy at their last meeting. As an abundance of caution, the administration sent the policy to our engineer for their comments because several local engineers submitted comments. We plan on having this on the next agenda for the council once we get the engineers input.
14. Legislative Session – As many already know, the City of Diamondhead has been awarded almost \$3 million in grants from the State Legislature this session. Special thanks for Senator Philip Moran and Representative Jay McKnight as well as our consultant Trey Bobinger. They really worked hard to make this a reality. The city has received \$2 million for the Commercial District Transformation Project. Last year we received \$1.5 million for this project. The city received \$400K from Tidelands for the water access project at the end of Noma Drive. Last year, we also received \$400K for this project. The city received \$495,000 for drainage projects from GOMESA. This is the City's first grant from GOMESA.
15. Consolidation Items on Agenda – At the special meeting of the city council on March 26, the council approved two items related to the consolidation of public utilities. The city held that special meeting to ensure that we met the deadline to get the referendums on the ballot. The administration recommended to put these items on this regular meeting agenda for ratification. I would like our residents to know they can speak at any future council meeting on this topic. These referendums and the consolidated financial reports are part of an initial step in this long-term process to begin this discussion among the boards and residents of Diamondhead.

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

John Kirschenbaum - Spoke in opposition to the consolidation of the water department under the City of Diamondhead and provided locations for Public information on DWSD.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve the March 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Motion to approve the March 26, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the corrected special called meeting minutes to show Ward 2 Moran made motion (not Ward 1 Finley) which were seconded by Mayor Depreo on Resolution No. 2021-012 in the special meeting of March 26, 2021.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tabled Items:

3. **2021-092:** Motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to select Rostan Solutions for Disaster Recovery Consulting Services and to authorize the City Manager to execute service agreement for same.

Motion made by At-Large L'Ecuyer, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to remove from the table Item 2021-092: Motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to select Rostan Solutions for Disaster Recovery Consulting Services and to authorize the City Manager to execute service agreement for same.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by At-Large L'Ecuyer, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to select Rostan Solutions for Disaster Recovery Consulting Services and to authorize the City Manager to execute service agreement for same.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer

Voting Nay: Ward 2 Moran, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED

Resolutions:

4. **2021-087:** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-016 thereby finding the Diamondhead Medical Center Project shall constitute a qualified Tax Increment Financing Plan under the Act; declaring intent to issue tax increment financing revenue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for term not to exceed 15 years for said project, setting a public hearing on the matter to be held May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., directing the City Clerk to publish proper notice and for other related matters.

Motion made by At-Large L'Ecuyer, seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adopt Resolution No. 2021-016 thereby finding the Diamondhead Medical Center Project shall constitute a qualified Tax Increment Financing Plan under the Act; declaring intent to issue tax increment financing revenue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for term not to exceed 15 years for said project, setting a public hearing on the matter to be held May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., directing the City Clerk to publish proper notice and for other related matters.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **2021-101:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021- 017 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 78 and 79, Glen Eagle Phase 1. The physical address is 757 Crooked Stick Drive; parcel numbers are 067P-0-35-038.000 and 067P-0-35-039.000. (Landmark Contractors, LLC)

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2021- 017 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 78 and 79, Glen Eagle Phase 1. The physical address is 757 Crooked Stick Drive; parcel numbers are 067P-0-35-038.000 and 067P-0-35-039.000. (Landmark Contractors, LLC)

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **2021-086:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-018 authorizing the preparation and submittal of Mississippi Tidelands Trust Fund Grant for FY21 in the amount of \$150,000 to support the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Boardwalk Project, authorize City Manager to execute and submit grant application and for other related purposes.

Motion made by At-Large L'Ecuyer, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2021-018 authorizing the preparation and submittal of Mississippi Tidelands Trust Fund Grant for FY21 in the amount of \$150,000 to support the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Boardwalk Project, authorize City Manager to execute and submit grant application and for other related purposes.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consent Agenda:

7. **2021-084:** Motion to authorize payment to Pickering Firm, Inc. for Professional Services from January 31, 2021 to February 27, 2021 in the amounts of \$701.25 and \$1575.00 for a total of \$2,276.25.
8. **2021-083:** Motion to authorize payment of Machado Patano Invoice 12752 for \$1143 for professional services related to Memorial Diagnostic Clinic Plan Review and Invoice #12753 for \$7500 for professional services relating to City Hall Parking Lot for a total payment of \$8,643.
9. **2021-085:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into the agreement for the 2021 Cruisin' The Coast event and to approve payment of the event fee in the amount of \$4,000.
10. **2021-088:** Motion to declare obsolete one (1) Dell Latitude Laptop (Asset #256) and to proceed with proper disposal.
11. **2021-093:** Motion to pay Tetra Tech in the amount of \$36,563.38 for services from Jan. 23, 2021 through Feb. 19, 2021.
12. **2021-094:** Motion for approval to advertise for bids for the Channel Stabilization at Diamondhead Drive at Alkii Way (NRCS Grant).
13. **2021-095:** Motion to authorize the City and the Diamondhead Dog Park Steering Committee to host the 1st Annual Diamondhead Dog Park Day on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Twin Lakes Pavilion from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and to accept sponsor donations and authorize expenses for same in an amount not to exceed \$800.00.
14. **2021-096:** Motion for the City to accept the donation of the use of the Petsmart Come & Play Portable Community Park for Dogs & Pet Parents from the City of Slidell, Louisiana and to authorize the City Manager to expend funds to transport such to and from, and set up the Portable Park at the future Diamondhead Dog Park site.
15. **2021-097:** Motion to accept donations in the total amount of \$1,695 from various donors to support construction of the dog park.
16. **2021-099:** Motion to approve to create a Skate Park and Pump Track Steering Committee.
17. **2021-102:** Motion to accept the report from SMPDD and Civil-Link, LLC for the Post Hurricane Zeta Road Assessment and to authorize the City Manager to notify FEMA that the City will not pursue a project worksheet for damage to roads.
18. **2021-103:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to work with federal delegates to seek future funding opportunities to support the Commercial District Transformation Project in the amount of \$1,000,000 and drainage improvements in the amount of \$5,500,000 with no obligation required by the city at this time.
19. **2021-104:** Motion to approve dog park sponsorship/fundraising program utilizing sponsor/donor recognition plaques throughout the proposed public facility.
20. **2021-105:** Motion to approve contract with Covington Civil & Environmental for the Commercial District Transformation Project.
21. **2021-106:** Motion to authorize co-sponsorship for Aloha Diamondhead Small Business Saturdays as defined in the FY22 Budget.
22. **2021-109:** Motion to approve the statement of the Mayor and Council regarding consolidated services to be distributed to residents.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve Agenda Items 7 - 22 by Consent.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action Agenda.

- 24. 2021-098:** Motion to approve the re-subdivision of Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 1 Block 6, Lots 39 and 40. The property owner is Jason Alberado. The property address is 1314 and 1316 Hanakealoha Place. The tax parcel numbers are 132R-0-10-125.000 and 132R-0-10-126.000.

Motion made by At-Large L'Ecuyer, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the re-subdivision of Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 1 Block 6, Lots 39 and 40. The property owner is Jason Alberado. The property address is 1314 and 1316 Hanakealoha Place. The tax parcel numbers are 132R-0-10-125.000 and 132R-0-10-126.000.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 25. 2021-107** Motion to ratify March 26, 2021 action taken whereby the Consolidated Financial Report formally titled the Financial Statement Forecast for the Year Ended September 30, 2022 was accepted.

Motion made by At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to ratify March 26, 2021 action taken whereby the Consolidated Financial Report formally titled the Financial Statement Forecast for the Year Ended September 30, 2022 was accepted.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 26. 2021-108:** Motion to ratify March 26, 2021 Special Meeting action whereby Resolution 2021-012 was adopted thereby directing the Diamondhead Election Commissioners and City Clerk to place upon the June 8, 2021 General Election Ballot two (2) non-binding referenda regarding local matters to be considered by the electors of the City of Diamondhead to determine certain action, if any, regarding consolidating services Diamondhead Water & Sewer Department and Diamondhead Fire Department.

Motion made by Ward 2 Moran, seconded by At-Large L'Ecuyer to ratify March 26, 2021 Special Meeting action whereby Resolution 2021-012 was adopted thereby directing the Diamondhead Election Commissioners and City Clerk to place upon the June 8, 2021 General Election Ballot two (2) non-binding referenda regarding local matters to be considered by the electors of the City of Diamondhead to determine certain action, if any, regarding consolidating services Diamondhead Water & Sewer Department and Diamondhead Fire Department.

Voting Yea: Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo
Voting Nay: Ward 1 Finley

MOTION CARRIED

- 27. 2021-111:** Motion to enter into an agreement with Anchor QEA, LLC for the cost of \$16,000 to prepare analyses of canal data to support FEMA funding request for canal dredging and to authorize the City Manager to execute contract for same.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to enter into an agreement with Anchor QEA, LLC for the cost of \$16,000 to prepare analyses of canal data to support FEMA funding request for canal dredging and to authorize the City Manager to execute contract for same.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

- 28.** Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT158268-DKT158316) in the amount of \$325,008.32

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, seconded by At-Large L'Ecuyer to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT158268-DKT158316) in the amount of \$325,008.32.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – None

Adjourn/Recess.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 2 Moran to adjourn meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nancy Depreo
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk