



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, June 15, 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

Councilmember Finley

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**PRESENT**

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Alan Moran

Ward 3 Jamie Morgan

Ward 4 Charles Clark

**ABSENT**

Councilmember-At-Large Lindsay L'Ecuyer

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to amend and approve the agenda to include the following agenda items:

**2021-200:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-035 supporting the regional tourism effort "Coastal Mississippi," Chief Executive Office Milton Segarra and staff.

**2021-203:** Motion to approve letter of support to the Department of Marine Resources for the Hancock County FY2023 Tideland Applications for dredging Paradise Bayou.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation Agenda.**

Council Comments.

1. The next Regular Meeting of City Council will be held Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.

## City Manager's Report.

1. Election – I would like to recognize and congratulate our city clerk and all the election workers for holding another successful election in Diamondhead. There were no major problems reported even with the new voting system being implemented. We had another outstanding showing from residents with 2,344 registered voters casting their ballots out of a total of 7,927 registered voters in the city. That is 30% of registered voters casting ballots. Outstanding! I would like to personally thank Julie Boudreaux and Sue Favre for serving as election commissioners and for their work to prepare for this election. They worked for several months to prepare. Regarding the ballot items related to consolidation of public services, this was a non-binding referendum intended to allow residents to voice their opinions on this matter. The results were overwhelming not supportive of consolidation on this ballot. However, I want to remind the council that this was a non-binding referendum and does not obligate the council to act or not act in the future based on the outcome. It will be good to put this matter behind us and to look forward to the many positive things happening in our community. At some time in the future, the council may decide to begin meeting with the different entities to develop a plan for consolidation that our residents may support with more information. Until then, it is time to focus on the projects that we are all working to better our community.
2. Capital Projects in Diamondhead – At this time, there is \$33 million of capital projects being planned for our community by your governing bodies. The city has the following projects: \$4 million for drainage projects; \$2.5 million for road paving over the next 5 years; \$650K for E. Aloha Drive; \$4.2 million for Town Center public infrastructure; \$800K for Noma Drive Waterfront; and \$800K for Montjoy Creek Improvements. This is all positive for our residents.
3. Waiving Building Fees – I am asking the council to pass a resolution to allow the building department to waive fees for rebuilding after a natural disaster, which would include fires. Last year, we waived fees after Hurricane Zeta, and this will make that decision permanent.
4. Tidelands Grants – Grant applications are due by the end of June. Our application for this year is to continue funding the Noma Drive waterfront improvements including the 2,000 ft pier into the Jourdan River. Thus far we have received 2 years of funding totaling \$800K from Tidelands for this project. We are applying for another \$400K in this application. In addition, there is a letter of support on the agenda for a Tidelands grant that the county is submitting to dredge Paradise Bayou. They are requesting \$500K for this project.
5. Orion Planning Work Assignment – I am asking for authorization to sign an agreement with Orion Planning for general planning services. This will be billed hourly as used. The intent is to provide a way for Orion to review plans to make sure they are in keeping with the comprehensive plan.
6. Turnberry Drainage – I am asking for authorization to sign a new work assignment with Covington Engineer for Turnberry Drainage. We completed the first phase of this project which included removal of the weir on Cardinal #4 pond and dredging the pond. We are still having bottlenecks and flooding in this area which requires us to look into the next phase of improvements to reduce flooding risks. Covington recommended adding more culverts under Turnberry Drive and Turnberry Way, but this will send more water downstream faster. This work assignment is to look at a 25 acres parcel to determine if we can use that a retention pond to slow water down and reduce flooding.

7. Covington Work Assignment – I am asking for authorization to sign a new work assignment with Covington Engineer to survey the right of way on W. Aloha, Kalani, and Indian Hill. This is needed by Orion Planning as they work on our gateway project and urban plan for the Aloha district.
8. Wayfinding Planning Grant – The city was awarded a \$75K grant from GRPC for our Wayfinding, Navigation, and Implementation Master Plan. The motion on the agenda allows the administration to prepare and submit the funding activation request for this grant. At our next meeting, I will request to hire Orion Planning for this project.
9. Dog Park – The temporary dog park is almost ready to open for residents to enjoy. We are waiting for sod to be installed and for signs to be printed. We hope to have this ready by next week depending on the weather. I would like to recognize and thank the dog park planning committee for their work over the last 6 months. They have made this a reality in Diamondhead.
10. Last meeting of this city council – I would like to thank all the members of our current city council. They are completing this term of office with this last regularly scheduled meeting. Over the last 4 years, you have achieved great success on major projects for this community. To Jamie and Tink, it has been a pleasure working with you, and we are all grateful for your service to this community. We hope you will stay involved in some way. The new city council, including Gerard and Rickey, will be sworn in on July 1.
11. Recess meeting – I would ask the council to recess this meeting until 5:00pm on July 6<sup>th</sup> for the first budget workshop meeting. At that time, I will present the proposed budget by the administration to the council. There will be budget workshops to follow to develop the final budget for FY22.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None.

#### **Policy Agenda.**

#### **Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Resolutions:**

2. **2021-173:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-029 thereby requesting assistance from the City of Waveland pursuant to the 2016 Interlocal Agreement to utilize the grand stand for the Krewe of Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade rescheduled to be held on September 4, 2021.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adopt Resolution 2021-029 thereby requesting assistance from the City of Waveland pursuant to the 2016 Interlocal Agreement to utilize the grand stand for the Krewe of Diamondhead Mardi Gras Parade rescheduled to be held on September 4, 2021.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **2021-185:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-032 thereby directing the administration to make application to the Public Employees Retirement System of Mississippi for a determination regarding position and/or department participation eligibility.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adopt Resolution 2021-032 thereby directing the administration to make application to the Public Employees Retirement System of Mississippi for a determination regarding position and/or department participation eligibility.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **2021-193:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-033 thereby waiving permit fees for repair, partial and/or complete reconstruction of a structure due to damages from all natural disasters.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adopt Resolution 2021-033 thereby waiving permit fees for repair, partial and/or complete reconstruction of a structure due to damages from all natural disasters.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **2021-199:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-034 to authorize a grant application to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in the amount of \$400,000 for the Noma Drive Waterfront Project - Jourdan River Pier and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2021-034 to authorize a grant application to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in the amount of \$400,000 for the Noma Drive Waterfront Project - Jourdan River Pier and for other related purposes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **2021-200:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-035 supporting the regional tourism effort "Coastal Mississippi, Chief Executive Office Milton Segarra and staff.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2021-035 supporting the regional tourism effort "Coastal Mississippi, Chief Executive Office Milton Segarra and staff.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the following agenda items by consent:

6. **2021-151:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a work agreement with Orion Planning and Design for General Planning and Design Services.
7. **2021-184:** Motion to accept the Limited Service Hotel Study report.
8. **2021-186:** Motion to accept donations for the Dog Park project.
9. **2021-187:** Motion to approve declare surplus equipment and proceed with proper disposal.

10. **2021-188:** Motion to approve contract with ERS, Inc. for Channel Stabilization Project at Diamondhead East and Alkii Way (NRCS Grant), authorize notice to proceed effective on or before June 16, 20201 and authorize the City Manager to execute same.
11. **2021-189:** Motion to approve and enter into contract with Warren Paving, Inc. for Phase 3 Roadway Improvements, issue the notice to proceed and to authorize the city Manager execute same.
12. **2021-190:** Motion to approve 2 additional days for election commissioner pay @ 85.00 for a total of 12 days totaling \$1,020.00
13. **2021-191:** Motion to approve emergency engineering services Work Assignment in the amount of \$17,800 under the Master Service Agreement pursuant to MS Code §21-35-19 with Covington Civil & Environmental for Turnberry Phase 2 Drainage as the result of flooding and stormwater runoff during recent excessive rainfall event.
14. **2021-192:** Motion to approve Master Agreement Work Assignment with Covington Civil & Environmental in the \$18,500 for surveying area West Aloha, Kalani, and Indian Hill.
15. **2021-194:** Motion to approve offer and payment in the amount of \$9,961 to the Hancock County Chancery Clerk Trust Account for land purchase for ROW to extend Leisure Time Lane.
16. **2021-195:** Motion to approve payments to Digital Engineering in the amount of \$157.50 for plan/spec review and \$873 for GIS Maintenance Services.
17. **2021-196:** Motion to approve payments to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$4,204.20 Montjoy Creek Improvements (Tidelands), \$8,011.11 East Aloha Redesign (MDA SMLP), \$3,546.41 Noma Drive Improvements (Tidelands).
18. **2021-197:** Motion to authorize the City Clerk, LPA Official for the City, to prepare and submit funding activation request for the MDOT Wayfinding Study Grant.
- 18 a. **2021-203:** Motion to approve letter of support to the Department of Marine Resources for the Hancock County FY2023 Tidelands Application for dredging Paradise Bayou.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Agenda.**

19. **2021-201:** Motion for discussion and/or possible action regarding the filing of request for opinions, complaints and/or requests for public information from various state agencies.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to bring to the table for discussion and/or possible action regarding the filing of request for opinions, complaints and/or requests for public information from various state agencies.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no motion offered regarding the matter.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 20. 2021-202:** Motion to authorize the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing in regard to a proposed text amendment to the Subdivision Regulations requiring all drawings to be CAD files and authorize publication of legal notice.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark authorize the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing in regard to a proposed text amendment to the Subdivision Regulations requiring all drawings to be CAD files and authorize publication of legal notice.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Routine Agenda.**

#### **Claims Payable**

21. Motion to approve Payroll Payables APPKT01523 DKT158492-DKT158503 in the amount of \$48,099.80, PRCLAIM 086 in the amount of \$36,090.74, PRCLAIM087 in the amount of \$2,720.31, PRCLAIM088 in the amount of \$30,407.70.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Payroll Payables APPKT01523 DKT158492-DKT158503 in the amount of \$48,099.80, PRCLAIM 086 in the amount of \$36,090.74, PRCLAIM087 in the amount of \$2,720.31, PRCLAIM088 in the amount of \$30,407.70.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

22. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT158504 -DKT158567) in the amount of \$243,257.93.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Moran to approve Docket of Claims (DKT158504 -DKT158567) in the amount of \$243,257.93.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Department Reports**

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to accept the following reports:

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

- a. May 2021 Financial Reports
- b. May 2021 Code Enforcements
- c. Building Department Report May 2021
- d. Privilege License Report May 2021

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Robert Harko - Paving and drainage issues in the Oaks and requested all roads be paved.

Andy Nicks - Illegal dumping at the recycling location; suggested signage be placed to deter the dumping of non-recyclable items.

Ward 3 Councilmember Jamie Morgan thanked the public and fellow-councilmembers for allowing her to serve for the past four years. She expressed her well wishes for the success of the incoming council and for the future of the City.

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 6:45 p.m. motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to recess until 5:00 p.m. July 5, 2021.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk