



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 02, 2026
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order.

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

Invocation - Councilmember Maher

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Anna Liese

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Ricky Sheppard

Ward 3 Jessie Harwood

Ward 4 Austin Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to confirm the agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

City Manager's Report

CITY MANAGER REPORT

June 02, 2026

1. Canal Dredging – The contract is for 240 days with the current end date of October 24th. The contractor is making progress with the dredging as they are near Main Channel Station 20 off Poki Place.
2. Paving 2026 – The contract is for 120 days with a current completion date of June 18, 2026. The contractor has been delayed due to the amount of rain in May. The engineer is currently evaluating the rain days in the contract to determine if any additional time should be granted.
3. Jourdan River Boardwalk – The contract is for 180 days with the current end date of October 17th. The contractor has installed all the pilings and started on the cross members. The contractor has

provided an updated schedule with the end date remaining the same. Material has been delivered onsite; residents need to use caution when driving down to the boat launch.

4. Montjoy Creek Nature Trail – The contract is 180 calendar days with a current end date of October 10th. The contractor has installed the pilings for the raised boardwalk area. Material for this project has also been delivered. Residents need to remain off the trail until all work is completed.
5. Pelican Cove – The USACE has requested additional information for the permit. The engineers have submitted the information and are waiting for the approved paperwork. The specifications are being finalized and the request to advertise this project will be soon.
6. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – The engineer is kicking off the survey and wetland delineation work on this project. Once the survey work is completed, they will start the trail design. The wetlands will take about six weeks before the permitting phase can begin. The amended work assignment is on tonight's agenda for your approval.
7. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – The kickoff meeting with FEMA was held two weeks ago for the Outdoor Emergency Siren System. The project is waiting on a period of performance extension from FEMA. The bid advertisement and specifications will be on the agenda at the next council meeting for your review and approval.
8. Bank Stabilization – The engineers are completing the final stages of the design process. They will present to the council and request permission to advertise at the next meeting.
9. MDOT Projects – The contractor is installing the lighting along the multimodal path. Once completed, the path will be paved including the two bridge crossovers at the Fitness park and East Rec.
10. Dog Park – The turf for the entrance to the dog park has been delivered. Public Works will be closing the entrance to the park while they are working on repairing the damage caused by the rain and while installing the turf.

No additional updates on remaining projects.

11. Fitness Park – The city received the exercise equipment. Public Works will start working on installing everything.
12. East Aloha Drive – The engineers are finishing the sidewalk designs and right-of-way acquisition process with MDOT. The electrical engineering sub-contractor is completing the design and layout for the streetlights. The engineers expect to be able to advertise as soon as the MDOT requirements are completed.
13. West Aloha Drive – I am working with American Towers to finalize the egress into the driveway access to North Bay Auto and AutoZone.
14. Commercial District – The engineer is completing the final design. Additional sewer realignment is needed to finish the project.
15. Landscaping Project – Keep Diamondhead Beautiful and their landscape architect company are working on the project scope. The city has expressed that the landscaping cannot obstruct driver's view.
16. Unit Price Contracts
 - Crooked Stick – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Mauna Loa Drive – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Ewa St @ Hilo Way – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Koula Drive – A design has been created. An OPC has been issued for budget needs.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Harwood, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve the following consent items:

2. **2026-099:** Motion to approve Pay Application 1 in the amount of \$71,888.40 to Gill's Crane & Dozer Services, for the Jourdan River Boardwalk Project.
3. **2026-100:** Motion to approve Pay Application 3 in the amount of \$20,883.85 to Gulf Pride Paving, LLC., for the Diamondhead Paving Project 2026.
4. **2026-104:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$307.50 for On-Call Survey Services, in the amount of \$862.50 for Annual Unit Price Contract, in the amount of \$16,800.00 for Bank Stabilization Project, and in the amount of \$3,100.00 for Diamondhead Paving 2026.
5. **2026-105:** Motion to approve Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Chiniche Engineering and Surveying Environmental in the amount not to exceed \$144,000.00 for the amendment for Design, Permitting, Bidding, Construction Administration and Observation for the Rotten Bayou Nature Trail Phase I Project.
6. **2026-106:** Motion to approve payments to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$5,458.61 for Montjoy Creek Nature Trail, in the amount of \$26,103.05 for Jourdan River Boardwalk, in the amount of \$34,415.00 for Canal Dredging, and in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Rotten Bayou Nature Trail.
7. **2026-107:** Motion to enter into contract with Mechanical Services LLC for repairs to the Council Chamber Rooftop Air Conditioner in the amount of \$6,676.93 and authorize the City Manager to execute same.
8. **2026-108:** Motion to approve payment to Rebel Services, LLC in the amount of \$2,646.79 for annual inspection and maintenance of airport fuel pumps.

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

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Action Agenda.

- 9. **2026-098:** Motion to approve and add the City of Diamondhead Fall Festival Event to the list of City hosted and/or sponsored events and to approve Nancy Perkins as coordinator of the event at an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. This event will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at City Hall with more information to come in the following months.

Motion made by Mayor Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve and add the City of Diamondhead Fall Festival Event to the list of City hosted and/or sponsored events and to approve Nancy Perkins as coordinator of the event at an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. This event will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at City Hall with more information to come in the following months.

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

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- 10. **2026-101:** Motion to approve a text amendment to Article 3.4.12 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow Aloha District Mixed Use in the C-1 Zoning District.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Mayor Liese to approve a text amendment to Article 3.4.12 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow Aloha District Mixed Use in the C-1 Zoning District.

Roll Call Vote-Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Sheppard, Ward 3 Harwood, Ward 4 Clark

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- 11. **2026-102:** Motion to approve a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.3.6 to allow a swimming pool within 0' of a rear property line. The property address is 87134 Highpoint Drive. The tax parcel number is 067L-0-35-012.013. The property is in a R-6 zoning district. The setback for a swimming pool from the rear property line is 10'. The variance requested is 10'. The Case File Number is 202600298.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Mayor Liese to approve a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.3.6 to allow a swimming pool within 0' of a rear property line. The property address is 87134 Highpoint Drive. The tax parcel number is 067L-0-35-012.013. The property is in a R-6 zoning district. The setback for a swimming pool from the rear property line is 10'. The variance requested is 10'. The Case File Number is 202600298.

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

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- 12. **2026-103:** Motion to approve a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.3.10 to allow a fence within 0' of a rear property line adjoining the golf course. The property address is 8932 Anahola Place. The tax parcel number is 067J-3-36-150.000. The property is in a R-6 zoning district. The setback for a fence from the rear property line adjoining the golf course is 10'. The variance requested is 10'. The Case File Number is 202600339.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to approve a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.3.10 to allow a fence within 0' of a rear property line adjoining the golf

course. The property address is 8932 Anahola Place. The tax parcel number is 067J-3-36-150.000. The property is in a R-6 zoning district. The setback for a fence from the rear property line adjoining the golf course is 10'. The variance requested is 10'. The Case File Number is 202600339.

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

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

13. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT233801 - DKT233821) in the amount of \$224,428.57.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve Docket of Claims (DKT233801 - DKT233821) in the amount of \$224,428.57.

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

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Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Mayor Liese to approve Department Reports.

- a. Court
Police
Code Enforcement
Building
- b. April 2026 Financials

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

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None

Council Closing Comments

Adjourn/Recess.

At 6:25 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to adjourn.

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

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Anna Liese
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk