



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 03, 2025
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Shane Finley called the meeting to order.

Invocation - Councilmember Liese

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Anna Liese

Ward 3 John Cumberland

Ward 4 Austin Clark

ABSENT

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adjust the agenda by adding the following revisions to the Consent Agenda and addition to the Claims Payable.

Revisions:

2025-107: Motion to approve Addendum to LeapCare Agreement for Complete Care Managed Services with AGJ Systems & Networks extending the term expiration from May 19, 2025 to September 30, 2025.

2025-117: Motion to award quotes for 22 ft. tandem equipment trailer to Lewis Trailer Sales in the amount of \$11,020.00 and for one (1) 2025 Dodge Durango to All Star Dodge in the amount of \$37,712.75, for a 30" flail mower to Bob Cat of Gulfport in the amount of \$10,048.52, for two (2) Dodge Ram 1500 trucks to Kirk Auto Group in the amount of \$37,400.00 each and for two (2) Hustler 60" zero turn mowers in the amount of \$15,416.00 all to be funded with lease purchase financing through Cadence Equipment Finance.

Addition:

Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232849) in the amount of \$37,712.75.

Voting Yea: 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 Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

June 03, 2025

1. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The project is for 157 days with a current end date of July 17th. The contractor has started dredging Kalipekona Pond. The weather has slowed progress, and the contractor is working on the weekend to make up for time missed.
2. MDOT Projects – The work on the final ramp has an updated completion date of June 27th. The contractor is currently working on the multimodal lane and the overpass.
3. Dog Park – Currently waiting on the engineering firm to complete the updated drawings. Public works will continue clearing the site in preparation for construction.
4. Paving 2025 – The project has a start date of June 23rd. Project is 90 days with a current end date of September 21st. The engineer is waiting for all paperwork from the contractor.
5. Unit Price
 - a. Makiki Drive – Public Works has completed half of this project and are evaluating the results.
 - b. The Kipapa Way – Public Works will start on this project once the Makiki Project is done.
 - c. Koko Court – Waiting on a work assignment from the contractor.
 - d. Mauna Loa – Engineer is completing final design.
 - e. Kiko Street – Engineer is getting additional survey information in this area.
6. Canal Dredging – The amended agreement is on tonight's agenda for your approval. Engineer is working on new bid documents. MDEQ will review once completed for final approval.
7. Jourdan River Boardwalk – MDEQ is reviewing the final drawings. Once approved, we will prepare the bid documents and request permission to advertise.
8. Detention Pond – Received the update design from the engineer. Meeting with the POA on site tomorrow to review and get final approval. Public Works will perform this work once plans are finalized.
9. HMGP – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
 - a. The generator project has been approved by FEMA. The state is currently requesting a Period of Performance extension to add time to the disaster declaration to allow enough time for the city to complete the project.
 - b. One of the property acquisition grants has been approved by FEMA and is on tonight's agenda for council approval.
10. Coon Branch – **No update on this meeting.** The notice to proceed has been set for June 16th. Project is 180 days with an expected end date of December 13th.
11. Bank Stabilization – **No update on this meeting.** The engineers are finalizing the analysis on the Phase 1 design. Phase one will cover the area from Diamondhead Drive North to Kalipekona Pond. The rear ditch will require additional easement for access.

12. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has redesigned this project into five phases. The funding is already secured for phase 1. The engineer is working on the phase 1 design.
13. Montjoy Creek – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer is working on redesigning the current sediment trap along the waterway. If approved, additional permitting will not be required from USACE. Once approved, the project can be sent out for bid.
14. Pelican Cove Drainage Project – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has additional surveying to complete and will finalize the drawing for this project.

Public Comments on Agenda Items. - None

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Voting Yea: Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark
Abstain: Ward 2 Liese

MOTION CARRIED

Resolutions:

2. **2025-113:** Motion to adopt resolution 2025-017 appointing Michael 'Gene' Peters to fill the vacant position of Planning and Zoning Commissioner representing Ward 4 effective immediately. (Clark)
Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adopt resolution 2025-017 appointing Michael 'Gene' Peters to fill the vacant position of Planning and Zoning Commissioner representing Ward 4 effective immediately.
Voting Yea: Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve the following consent agenda items as revised:

3. **2025-107:** Motion to approve Addendum to LeapCare Agreement for Complete Care Managed Services with AGJ Systems & Networks extending the term expiration from May 19, 2025 to September 30, 2025.
4. **2025-108:** Motion to approve pay application 1 in the amount of \$120,175.00 and pay application 2 in the amount of \$213,275.00 to JE Borries Inc., for the Noma Drive Channel Dredging Project.
5. **2025-109:** Motion to name the Boat Launch Pete's Landing in honor of Peter Casano and authorize the City Manager to purchase and install signage.

6. **2025-110:** Motion to approve pay application 3 in the amount of \$210,196.57 to JLB Contractors, LLC., for the Koma Drive and Kalipekona Pond Drainage Project.
7. **2025-111:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$4,487.50 for Kaleki Way Drainage Project, in the amount of \$1,723.00 for On-Call Survey Services, in the amount of \$4,250.00 for Kome Drive and Fairway Drive Drainage Project, and in the amount of \$795.00 for the Site Development Plan Review.
8. **2025-112:** Motion to accept substantial completion of the Noma Drive Dredging Project as of May 21, 2025.
9. **2025-115:** Motion to amend Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Sub-Award Agreement for the Southside Canal Dredging Project.
10. **2025-116:** Motion to purchase two (2) Dodge Durango Police Units (State Contract #8200077348) from Kirk's Auto in the amount of \$37,960 each and award the low quote for vehicle upfitting \$9,525.00 each to Kirk's Auto for a total purchase of \$94,970.00 (\$47,485.00 each) with funding sources for one (1) from Capital Expenditure Fund (SB2468) and one (1) local funds appropriated in the FY25 Budget.
11. **2025-117:** Motion to award quotes for 22 ft. tandem equipment trailer to Lewis Trailer Sales in the amount of \$11,020.00 and for one (1) 2025 Dodge Durango to All Star Dodge in the amount of \$37,712.75, for a 30" flail mower to Bob Cat of Gulfport in the amount of \$10,048.52, for two (2) Dodge Ram 1500 trucks to Kirk Auto Group in the amount of \$37,400.00 each and for two (2) Hustler 60" zero turn mowers in the amount of \$15,416.00 all to be funded with lease purchase financing through Cadence Equipment Finance.
12. **2025-119:** Motion to accept and enter into Subrecipient Program Grant Agreement with FEMA for the Hazard Mitigation Project DR-4626-0006-R City of Diamondhead Residential Acquisition Project and acceptance of state of assurance therein.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Action Agenda.

13. **2025-114:** Motion to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Text Amendment to the Sign Ordinance Article 8.7.a - Political Signs. The proposed text amendment is to allow temporary signs, such as election signs, so that they may be paced on private property, on the City right of way, at least 2' from the street. The Case File Number is 202500135.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve a Text Amendment to the Sign Ordinance Article 8.7.a - Political Signs. The proposed text amendment is to allow temporary signs, such as election signs, so that they may be paced on private property, on the City right of way, at least 2' from the street. The Case File Number is 202500135.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

14. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232823 - DKT232848) in the amount of \$686,444.39.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232823 - DKT232848) in the amount of \$686,444.39.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232849) in the amount of \$37,712.75.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232849) in the amount of \$37,712.75.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items. - None

Council Closing Comments

Executive Session - If Necessary

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to enter closed session to determine the need for executive session.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to enter into executive session pursuant to MS Code 25-41-7(4)(g) the transaction of business and discussion of sale, transfer, purchase or lease of land.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to Authorize City Manager upon approval of budget modification approval from GCRF to offer to purchase 21,336 square feet of land for construction of a 50' right-of-way from Gex and Park, LLC in the amount of \$204,500.00 plus all closing costs. The council finds that the purchase of the said property is necessary for municipal use and will benefit the residents of Diamondhead. The council further finds that the purchase price of said right-of-way is not unreasonable and said amount represents less than the higher of two appraisals of said property. Appraisal attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Further, to authorize City Manager to execute the contract for purchase of same and to engage with Casano Law Firm to provide legal services for the drafting of the contract and closing on said property. Said offer is to be contingent on purchase of adjoining property owned by RJD Management, LLC.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to Authorize City Manager upon approval of budget modification approval from GCRF to offer to purchase 10,062 square feet of land for construction of a 50' right-of-way from RJD Management, LLC in the amount of \$78,210.00 plus all closing costs. The council finds that the purchase of the said property is necessary for municipal use and will benefit the residents of Diamondhead. The council further finds that the purchase price of said right-of-way is not unreasonable and said amount represents the higher of two appraisals of said property. Appraisal attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Further, to authorize City Manager to execute the contract for purchase of same and to engage with Casano Law Firm to provide legal services for the drafting of the contract and closing on said property. Said offer is to be contingent on purchase of adjoining property owned by Gex and Park, LLC.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No Further Action Was Taken

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to exit executive session.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to exit closed session.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjourn/Recess.

At 7:04 p.m. with no further action to come before the council, motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adjourn.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nancy Depreo
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk