



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 06, 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 - Mayor Liese

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Anna Liese

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Ricky Sheppard

Ward 3 Jessie Harwood

Ward 4 Austin Clark

ABSENT

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Liese, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to adjust the agenda adding the following:

9a. 2026-009: Motion to authorize the Mayor, Council, City Manager and City Attorney to travel to Jackson for the Gulf Coast Legislative Reception to be held on January 7, 2026, and the Mid-Winter MML Legislative Conference to be held on January 13 - 15, 2026.

Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, 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, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Public Hearing at the January 20, 2026 Council Meeting on the proposed Golf Cart Ordinance Text Amendment.

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

January 06, 2026

1. Coon Branch – The project is 211 days with a current end date of January 13th. The contractor will be finished replacing all driveway culverts by the end date of the contract. The engineer and I will do a walkthrough to create the punch list of work that will need to be finished.
2. Jourdan River Boardwalk – The bids received are up for approval by the council tonight. Once approved, they will be sent to MDEQ for their review and approval and finally, MDEQ will need to approve the contract before the notice to award will be issued.
3. Montjoy Creek – The project will advertise for bid this month as we have been waiting for the holidays to end. Bids are due February 24th.
4. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – Meeting with the engineer later this month to redesign the Nature Trail. I will meet with MDEQ to discuss the project and receive paperwork for the council to review and approve.
5. Dog Park – Public Works will start the construction of the fence and park amenities next week. The design is for a 4 ½ foot fenced in area separated for large and small dogs. It will include benches, water fountains, and dog agility equipment.
6. Fitness Park – Public Works is finishing the clearing of the property next to Ochsner Medical and the new multimodal trail for the fitness park. Ochsner has ordered the equipment to be delivered this month for Public Works to install.
7. Unit Price Contracts
 - Moke Way – Culvert has been replaced. Contractor is scheduled to pave the roadway tomorrow. A walkthrough with the engineer has been scheduled for Thursday.
 - Koko Court – Sewer line has been located, and contractor will begin project this week.
 - Mauna Loa Drive – Contractor has reviewed the work request. DWSD is reviewing the plans due to sewer line placement. Work assignment will be at the next council meeting for approval.
8. Canal Dredging – **No update this month.** MDEQ has approved the bid documents. The contract has been sent to MDEQ for their review and approval. Once approved, we will be able to issue the notice of award. The contractor has given a February start date due to current tide conditions. The contract will be for 240 days, the estimated completion date is October 31st, 2026.
9. Pelican Cove – **No update this month.** The engineer is completing the final plans and expects to only need a National Wetlands permit to complete this project. The permission to advertise will be on the next council agenda.
10. East Aloha Drive – **No Update this month.** The engineers are working with MDOT to complete the right-of-way acquisition process, and the electrical engineering sub-contractor. MDOT is also reviewing the plans and specifications for the project. Project is still on schedule to be out to advertise in the first quarter of 2026.
11. West Aloha Drive – **No Update this month.** The engineers have completed the right-of-way determination and designing the new roadway and sidewalks to fit according. This project will also be ready to advertise in the first quarter of 2026.
12. Commercial District – **No Update this month.** The engineer is completing the final design. I am currently waiting for appraisers to get reports back to me for the additional piece of roadway needed.

13. Bank Stabilization – **No Update this month.** The next step for this project will be to work on easement acquisition. Once complete, the engineers can finalize the design.
14. MDOT Projects – **No Update this month.** The contractor installed the signage last week. Once the engineers update the drawings for the railing along the multimodal path, the contractor will be back out to install and complete the project.
15. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – **No update this month.** The appraiser is completing the reports on the property acquisition project. As soon as I have the updated appraisals, I will submit them to MEMA.
16. Landscaping Project – **No update this month.** 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.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-

Paul Brown - Dog Park

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Sheppard, Ward 3 Harwood, Ward 4 Clark

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Resolutions:

2. **2026-001:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-001 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 67 and 68, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 11, Block 6. The parcel number is 068J-1-41-277.000. The physical address is 8438 Amoka Dr.

Motion made by Ward 3 Harwood, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to adopt Resolution 2026-001 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 67 and 68, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 11, Block 6. The parcel number is 068J-1-41-277.000. The physical address is 8438 Amoka Dr.

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3. **2026-004:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-002 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 16 and 17, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 9, Block 2. The parcel number is 067D-0-26-016.000. The physical address is 10456 Haleiwa Pl.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2026-002 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line

between lots 16 and 17, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 9, Block 2. The parcel number is 067D-0-26-016.000. The physical address is 10456 Haleiwa Pl.

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Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve the following consent items:

4. **2026-002:** Motion to approve Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$179,087.56 to SCI, LLC., for the Coon Branch Drainage Improvements - Phase I.
5. **2026-003:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$8,400.00 for Surveying and Engineering, Design and Permitting, in the amount of \$1,960.00 and \$5,234.50 for Site Survey Services, in the amount of \$238.50 and \$692.50 for Site Development Plan, and in the amount of \$4,420.00 and \$7,583.45 for the Annual Unit Price Contract.
6. **2026-005:** Motion to approve payment to MP Design Group in the amount of \$7,500.00 for dog park professional services.
7. **2026-006:** Motion to accept and award low bid received from Gill's Crane & Dozer Service, Inc. in the amount of \$1,266,140.00 for the Jourdan River Boardwalk and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for same and to issue the notice to proceed as appropriate.
8. **2026-007:** Motion to ratify property and flood insurance policies written through Gallaher effective December 29, 2025 expiring May 1, 2025 for new facilities acquired from Diamondhead Property Owner's Association for property insurance (Lloyds of London) in the amount of \$23,311.43 and flood insurance (Wright Flood Insurance) for the community center in the amount of \$1,282.00.
9. **2026-008:** Motion to approve and accept revised proposal from Metrix Solutions for license plate readers thereby reducing the one-time installation from \$2,200 to \$600 and increasing recurring annual (data storage/camera) from \$3,850 to \$6,402 for a total revision proposal of \$6,050. to \$7,002.
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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

10. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT233406- DKT233447) in the amount of \$563,923.39.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve Docket of Claims (DKT233406- DKT233447) in the amount of \$563,923.39.

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

Durell Pelligrin - Fireworks

Mo Landry - Realtor Signs

Council Closing Comments

Adjourn/Recess.

At 6:31 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to adjourn.

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Anna Liese
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk