



Mayor Depreo
Councilmember Maher At-Large
Councilmember Finley Ward 1
Ward 2-Vacant Ward 2
Ward 3-Vacant Ward 3
Councilmember Clark Ward 4

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation - Mayor Depreo

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to amend and approve the agenda as follows:

Add:

15. a. Motion to approve letter of support of CoastConnect.

15. b. Motion to approve letter to Senator Hyde-Smith, Senator Wicker and Senator Palazzo in support of funding Multi-User Aero Strip at Stennis International Airport.

Council Comments - add a Senator Philip Moran- legislative update.

Delete:

Sub-Basin A Drainage Report -Ben Benvenuti, Covington Civil & Environmental

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

Council Comments.

1. The next Regular City Council meeting will be held May 3, 2022 in Council Chambers at City Hall.
2. The City's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration will be held at 5:30 p.m. on April 26th at City Hall.
3. Senator Phillip Moran provided a legislative update which included nearly \$4 million dollars in funding for the City. He also presented the Council with a letter with regard to the pest control and termite services being provided to the City at no charge for past five years to avoid the possible conflict of interest while former Councilmember Alan Moran served on the Council. He

asked that Council consider continuing those services with his company and reinstate payment for those services at combined annual and quarterly rate of \$982.00.

3. **Beau Vue II Drainage** - John Stein of Digital Engineering provided an update and proposed scope to alleviate flooding issues for property owners neighboring the subdivision. The plan was reviewed by council and general consensus was to proceed with next step authorized in the existing Master Agreement with Digital to begin the project design and bidding phases.

City Manager's Report.

1. **E. Aloha Drive Improvements** – The contractor is working hard on the E. Aloha improvements project. The project is divided into 3 segments for road closures. They are currently working on section 1. Please drive safely in this area while people are working. This project is scheduled to take 75 days.
2. **Cruisin The Coast** – We have established a steering committee for Cruisin the Coast. If anyone is interested in helping plan this great event, please let me know.
3. **4th of July Fireworks** – I am asking for authorization to sign the agreement with J&M Displays to provide a 20-minute, class C fireworks display on July 2 at 9pm. They will shoot the fireworks from the festival grounds on Airport Drive along Paradise Bayou. I am planning to invite 5 food trucks, a drink tent, and a band to play from 6-10pm. This will keep this a simple event for the city.
4. **Solid Waste Fees** – The Hancock Solid Waste Authority recently bid the contract for garbage collection services throughout the county. This includes Diamondhead. The contract with Waste Management is expiring April 30. The collection route in Diamondhead will not change; however, garbage will be required to be placed inside of the carts and not outside of carts. This new service is using a fully automated truck, and there will not be hoppers on the back of garbage trucks. Garbage collection companies are moving away from hoppers since it is hard to find workers and the risk of injuries. In addition, this new contract will provide twice a month grapple service for residents. The city will be divided into 4 zones, which will be passed on a set schedule. The motion on the agenda tonight increases the monthly rate to \$15.50 based on the price of the new contract. This will be effective June 1, 2022.
5. **Makiki Drainage** – As I noted at the last meeting, the city received the permit for Makiki Drainage, and I am asking for authorization to bid that project based on the report our engineer provided the council.
6. **Police Firearms** – The city purchased new 9MM pistols for the police officers. We have the old 45 pistol that is no longer needed. We would like to surplus these guns by selling these for \$200 each pursuant to MS Code 17-25-25 to a local Federal Firearms Licensed dealer.
7. **Surplus Equipment for Public Works** – As part of the FY22 budget, I am asking to surplus 3 pieces of equipment: a large dump truck, the Excavator and 30' triple axle trailer through an advertised bid for sale. This equipment is being replaced with a smaller dump truck and smaller backhoe.
8. **Backhoe Purchase** – I am asking for authorization to purchase a backhoe from Lyle Machinery using State Contract Pricing and the 6-year maintenance agreement. This is part of our FY22 budget.
9. **Senior Fair** – As part of our FY22 budget, we allocated funds for a senior fair. SMPDD has offered to provide \$2K sponsorship to help with this event. We did this a few years ago, and it was a huge

success. The date of the senior fair is scheduled for May 20. I would like to defer to Mayor Depreo to provide additional comments.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve the April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

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Ordinances:

2. **2022-146:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-034 thereby approving a text amendment to Ordinance 2013-040.3 Solid Waste Establishment of Collection Fees thereby increasing the solid waste fee for residents to \$15.50 per month or \$186 per year effective June 1, 2022.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2022-034 thereby approving a text amendment to Ordinance 2013-040.3 Solid Waste Establishment of Collection Fees thereby increasing the solid waste fee for residents to \$15.50 per month or \$186 per year effective June 1, 2022.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

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Resolutions:

3. **2022-136:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-032 thereby accepting and acquiring by donation from Jonathon Randall Hamman Lot 69, BLK 5, Amended Plats of Units 2 & 6 for drainage and/or green space.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2022-032 thereby accepting and acquiring by donation from Jonathon Randall Hamman Lot 69, BLK 5, Amended Plats of Units 2 & 6 for drainage and/or green space.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

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Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following agenda items by consent:

4. **2022-135:** Motion to authorize the administration to enter an agreement with J & M Displays, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000 for 4th of July firework display on July 2, 2022.
5. **2022-139:** Motion to acknowledge and spread upon the minutes the Order Authorizing and Approving Use of County Voting Equipment for Municipal Elections.

6. **2022-140:** Motion to authorize the City Clerk to enter in to agreement with Elections Systems & Software in the amount of \$4,899 for the Ward 2 and Ward 3 Special Election on May 10, 2022.
7. **2022-142:** Motion to authorize FY22 budgeted expenses in the amount of \$600 for a Senior Care Fair to be held May 20, 2022.
8. **2022-143:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental for professional services in the amount of \$2,943.60 for the Stormwater Master Plan - Watershed A Phase II and in the amount of \$5,673.75 for the Commercial District Transformation Projects.
9. **2022-144:** Motion to approve FY22 Budget Amendments 2022-028 thru 2022-032.
10. **2022-145:** Motion to declare ten (10) firearms surplus, establish the value of each at \$200 and authorize proper disposal through private sale to a local Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) dealer in the amount of \$200 each all pursuant to MS Code 17-25-25.
11. **2022-147:** Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Moran Hauling, Inc. for the East Aloha Improvement Project Phase 1.
12. **2022-148:** Motion to approve to advertise for bids for the Makiki Drainage Project.
13. **2022-149:** Motion to declare International 7500 dump truck, Kabelco Excavator and 2017 Kaufman 30' triple axle trailer surplus, with value to be determined equivalent to current trade-in and authorize the advertisement for bid for the sale of same.
14. **2022-150:** Motion to authorize the purchase of backhoe from Lyle Machinery (State Contract No. 8200057234) in the amount of \$191,315.95, a 6-year preventative maintenance contract in the amount of \$8,410 and a 5-year warranty in the amount of \$8,885 for a total purchase in the amount of \$208,610.95.
15. **2022-151:** Motion to amend the IT agreement with AGJ Systems, Inc. to include Exchange Online Email Archiving (litigation hold) at the rate of \$4.00 per month or \$48 per year for email exchange account not to exceed 20 needed to be determined by the administration.
15. a. Motion to approve letter of support of CoastConnect.
15. b. Motion to approve letter to Senator Hyde-Smith, Senator Wicker and Senator Palazzo in support of funding Multi-User Aero Strip at Stennis International Airport.

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

16. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT159475 - DKT159523) in the amount of \$103,189.21.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT159475 - DKT159523) in the amount of \$103,189.21.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

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- 17. Motion to approve Payroll Payables (DKT159462 -159474) in the amount of \$50,801.37, PRCLAIM000116 in the amount of \$30,517.48, PRCLAIM000117 in the amount of \$2,683.55, PRCLAIM000118 in the amount of \$30,320.07 and PRCLAIM000119 in the amount of \$30,846.66.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Payroll Payables (DKT159462 -159474) in the amount of \$50,801.37, PRCLAIM000116 in the amount of \$30,517.48, PRCLAIM000117 in the amount of \$2,683.55, PRCLAIM000118 in the amount of \$30,320.07 and PRCLAIM000119 in the amount of \$30,846.66.

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Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to accept the following Departmental Reports and March 2022 Financials.

- a. Department Reports March 2022
 - Police Department
 - Building Department
 - Privilege License
 - Code Enforcement
- b. March 2022 Financials

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – None.

City Attorney Cusick advised the Council about the upcoming deadline to consider the opt-out of the Medical Cannabis Act.

Adjourn/Recess.

With no further matters to come before the Council, motion was made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

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Nancy Depreo
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk