



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, March 02, 2021**  
**6:00 PM CST**  
Council Chambers, City Hall

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**Call to Order.**

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

Invocation

Invocation - Councilmember Finley

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Ward 1 Councilmember Finley

Ward 2 Councilmember Moran

Ward 3 Councilmember Morgan

Ward 4 Councilmember Clark

At-Large Councilmember L'Ecuyer

Mayor Depreo

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following amendments to the agenda:

**Table Item #11** on Consent Agenda

**Add Item #6a: 2021-068: Resolution 2021-011** Motion authorizing City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Mississippi Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the Dog Park & Trail Project in order to receive a grant from MDWFP in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, to commit to matching funds in the amount of \$32,289 and for other related purposes.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council Comments.

1. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held March 16, 2021 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.

## City Manager's Report.

1. CASA Red Beans and Rice Cookoff – The city is a sponsor for the upcoming CASA red beans and rice cookoff on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> which will be held at City Hall Town Green. The David Mayley Band will be entertaining the crowd. Teams are invited to sign up to compete. Tickets are \$10 each to taste all teams.
2. March of the Mayors – The food drive continues until March 12. Residents are asked to donate cans of soup. Drop off is at city hall; Rouses; Country Club; and Family Dollar.
3. MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Grant Application – I am asking council authorization to submit a new grant application for \$120,000 for the construction of the trails, parking area, and sidewalks as part of the proposed dog park project. We will continue seeking other funds for this project.
4. Waterways and Canals on Southside – Purcell Co has agreed to transfer ownership of Paradise Bayou and the canals to the city. The city will begin working to get these waterways dredged. We are submitting a project worksheet to FEMA as part of our efforts following Hurricane Zeta. We are also looking for other grant opportunities and partnerships to help pay for this dredging project. We all know it is very much needed. Also, I am asking to hire Environmental Management Services to perform the Hydrographic survey of the waterways. This is needed to provide evidence to FEMA for our project worksheet and is needed to prepare the engineering documents for this project.
5. Architect for City Hall Renovations – I am asking council authorization to hire Eley Guild Hardy Architects to redesign the old chapel area of city hall, so we can use this area as a future building department and public works department. It would provide a one stop shop for residents to submit requests and make it more efficient to provide service to residents.
6. Hilo Street Drainage Project – Pickering did the initial assessment with recommendation for the failed culverts on Hilo Street. This motion will allow Pickering to design the project and take it through construction.
7. FEMA Reimbursements for Hurricane Zeta – We are meeting weekly with FEMA and MEMA on our project worksheets for potential reimbursement for some expenses incurred with Hurricane Zeta recovery. The major one is the debris removal which is over \$2 million.
8. SMPDD Agreement – I am asking the council for authorization to hire SMPDD to survey the condition of certain streets in the city post Hurricane Zeta. This will be used to determine if our roads were negatively impacted by the Hurricane and the clean-up process. We have created a project worksheet with FEMA to try to get funding to repair these roads if we can prove the change in street conditions.
9. Gateway Project – I am asking council authorization to hire Orion Planning to approve Project #1, Part A for design of the “Gateway”. This includes landscaping, lighting, monuments, etc. to improve the look of our entrance into the city at Exit 16. This will give us the design and cost estimates, so we can include this project in future grant applications and to show developers our plans to improve the look of this area. This was a major takeaway from our community input sessions in the Comprehensive Planning Process.
10. 10 Year Anniversary of the City – Next January 2022, the City of Diamondhead will celebrate our 10-year anniversary for incorporation. I will be working with the council to determine an appropriate way to celebrate this milestone.
11. Recessed Meeting – I would like to ask the council to recess this meeting until Thursday at 4pm to address other items.
12. Election Software – Jeannie Klein, City Clerk, provide update to council on this agenda item.

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Ernie Knobloch spoke to Councilmembers and Mayor regarding approval of canals being donated from Purcell Co. and Diamondhead Property, Inc.

**Policy Agenda.**

**Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve February 17, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Motion to approve the February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 2 Moran to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolutions:**

3. **2021-059:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-007 thereby acquiring by donation certain real property located within the City from Purcell Co., Inc. and Diamondhead Property, Inc. more specifically certain waterways and canals together with perpetual, non-exclusive easements for ingress and egress and drainage maintenance.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adopt Resolution 2021-007 thereby acquiring by donation certain real property located within the City from Purcell Co., Inc. and Diamondhead Property, Inc. more specifically certain waterways and canals together with perpetual, non-exclusive easements for ingress and egress and drainage maintenance.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **2021-062:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-008 thereby appointing Heather Flowers (Ward 2) to service as Planning & Zoning Commission for a 3-year term beginning immediately and expiring March 2024.

Motion made by Ward 2 Moran, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt adopt Resolution 2021-008 thereby appointing Heather Flowers (Ward 2) to serve as Planning & Zoning Commissioner for a 3-year term beginning immediately and expiring March 2024.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **2021-063:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-009 thereby authorizing signatories for depository with The First ANBA and for other related matters.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by At-large L'Ecuyer to adopt Resolution 2021-009 thereby authorizing signatories for depository with the The First ANBA and for other related matters.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **2021-064:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-010 thereby appointing Lynn Debrow (Ward 4) to serve as Planning & Commissioner for a 3-year term beginning immediately and expiring March 2024.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Moran to adopt Resolution 2021-010 thereby appointing Lynn Debrow (Ward 4) to serve as Planning & Commissioner for a 3-year term beginning immediately and expiring March 2024.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **2021-068:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-011 thereby authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) for the Dog Park and Trail Project in order to receive a grant from MDWFP in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, to commit matching funds in the amount of \$32,289 and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2021-011 thereby authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) for the Dog Park and Trail Project in order to receive a grant from MDWFP in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, to commit matching funds in the amount of \$32,289 and for other related purposes.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by At-Large L'Ecuyer to approve Agenda Items 7-10 and Items 12-20 by Consent.

7. **2021-030:** Motion to approve to enter into an agreement with Eley Guild Hardy Architects for redesign of the chapel area for professional fees not to exceed \$34,400 and further to authorize the City Manager to issue the notice to proceed for same.

8. **2021-044:** Motion to pay Holliday Construction for Debris Cleanup for an adjustment to earlier invoice in the amount of \$1,484.67 and for new debris invoice in the amount of \$706,526.54 for a total of \$708,011.21.
9. **2021-050:** Motion to approve Pickering Firm Inc. Work Assignment for Hilo Street Drainage Project in the amount not to exceed \$37,000 and to accept Hilo Street Culvert Report prepared by same as presented February 17, 2021.
10. **2021-051:** Motion to designate Michael Reso as City of Diamondhead's Applicant Agent for Public Assistance through Mississippi Emergency Agency for Hurricane Zeta-Federal Disaster No. FEMA-4576-DR-MS and further to enter into the State-Local Disaster Agreement with the State of Mississippi and MEMA for Hurricane Zeta-Federal Disaster No. FEMA-4576-DR-MS.
12. **2021-053:** Motion to approve the agreement with Election Systems & Software in the amount of \$6,297 for the 2021 General Election technical and coding support.
13. **2021-054:** Motion to approve payments to Pickering Firm in the amount of \$386.25 for professional services related to the Strategic Initiative & Project Agreement, in the amount of \$15,637.50 for the NRCS Grant Channel Stabilization at Diamondhead Dr. at Alkii Way, in the amount of \$9,120 for the Lilly Pond Dredging Project, \$5,285 for the Diamondhead Dr. East Retention Pond Dredging Project.
14. **2021-055:** Motion to approve payment to TetraTech in the amount of \$108,342.38 for Hurricane Zeta debris removal monitoring services.
15. **2021-056:** Motion to enter into agreement with Orion Planning & Design for the amount of \$28,050 for design services for the Gateway to Diamondhead Project Phase A.
16. **2021-057:** Motion to enter into agreement with Southern Mississippi Planning & Development to survey the condition of certain streets in the City of Diamondhead post Hurricane Zeta for a cost not to exceed \$3,000.
17. **2021-058:** Motion to enter into agreement with Environmental Management Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,647 for professional services to provide a hydrographic survey on Paradise Bayou and the secondary canals on the South side for dredging.
18. **2021-060:** Motion to approve Budget Amendments 2021-18, 2021-19, 2021-20 and 2021-21.
19. **2021-061:** Motion to approve Interfund Loan and local-match fund transfers for Fund 118 - GCRF Restore - Commercial District Transformation Project
20. **2021-065:** Motion to accept the recommendation of the City Manager to select Covington Civil & Environmental for professional engineering services for the Commercial District Transformation Project.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Agenda.**

21. **2021-066:** Motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and thereby to allow Sweet Rolls Hibachi as a mobile food vendor at 4313 Leisure Time Drive with the following conditions: operate on Thursdays only with no time limitations, signage must be conform with ordinances, permit expires 1 year from issue date, permit is non-transferable, must comply

with Mississippi Department of Health Regulations, provide specific written authorizations from adjacent property owners to use their parking area for parking in addition, the following authorizations shall be submitted prior to the issuance of a permit: the applicant shall obtain the appropriate business/vendor privilege license and sales tax permit specifically for the location and outside lighting shall be provided.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Moran to concur with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and thereby to allow Sweet Rolls Hibachi to operate as a mobile food vendor at 4313 Leisure Time Drive in accordance with the following conditions: operate on Thursdays only with no time limitations, signage must be conform with ordinances, permit expires 1 year from issue date, permit is non-transferable, must comply with Mississippi Department of Health Regulations, provide specific written authorizations from adjacent property owners to use their parking area for parking in addition, the following authorizations shall be submitted prior to the issuance of a permit: the applicant shall obtain the appropriate business/vendor privilege license and sales tax permit specifically for the location and outside lighting shall be provided.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark , At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

22. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT158178 - DKT158208) in the amount of \$943,174.01.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT158178 - DKT158208) in the amount of \$943,174.01.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Daun Pace addressed the Council regarding an alleged code enforcement issue involving a neighbor.

**Adjourn/Recess.**

Ward 2 Moran made Motion to Recess Meeting until Thursday, March 4th at 4:00 p.m. in Memory of his deceased grandmother, Shirley Jean Lott; Motion seconded by Ward 3 Morgan.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Depreo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Mayor

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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk