



Mayor Pro Tem Depreo  
Councilmember L'Ecuyer At-Large  
Councilmember Moran Ward 2  
Councilmember Morgan Ward 3  
Councilmember Clark Ward 4

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, October 06, 2020**  
**6:00 PM CST**  
Council Chambers, City Hall

**Call to Order.**

Invocation- Mayor Pro Tem Depreo.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Depreo

Ward 2 Alan Moran

Ward 3 Jamie Morgan

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Councilmember-At-Large Lindsay L'Ecuyer

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to amend the agenda follows:

Add:

Resolutions:

5. a. **2020-065:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-065 thereby proclaiming the existence of a local emergency commencing October 7, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

Claims Payable:

17. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT157641) in the amount of \$3,000.00

Delete:

4. 2020-267 Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-063 thereby declaring property at 62714 Diamondhead Drive North a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Diamondhead and to authorize for for bids or obtain quotes to remove structures and clean the property. (James E. North)

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation Agenda.**

## Council Comments.

- a. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. CST in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
- b. Cruisin the Coast "Blessing of the Classics" will be October 7th from 3-6 p.m.
- c. Proclaim October 2020 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**City Manager's Report.**

1. Land Purchase – Several months ago, the council instructed me to get appraisals for a 2-acre parcel on Twin Lakes. The appraised value is \$75K. On the agenda, the council is requested to authorize the purchase of this property, so this land will remain greenspace and drainage as part of Twin Lakes.
2. Comprehensive Plan – Work continues on the comprehensive plan. The urban planners are excited about the number of residents who are signed up for the eblast to stay informed and how many have completed the online survey. The next community meetings will be next week. There will be 2 separate meetings for residents to attend on Monday and Thursday. Because of COVID restrictions, residents will be asked to register to attend the meetings since there is limited seating. The meetings will also be live streamed.
3. Kayak Event – The city's kayak event is Saturday, September 26. Registration starts at 8am and the paddle will begin at 9:30am. There will be a party after the event at the Lazy Gator with a band. Food and drinks are available for purchase at the restaurant. This is a free event and an open everyone. The first 100 participants to sign up that morning will receive a free t-shirt and goody bag. There will be educational booths as well. We hope our residents will come out for this event.
4. E. Aloha Drive Improvements – We are currently advertising for bids for the E. Aloha Drive Improvement Phase 1 Project. We will open bids on October 13.
5. Cruisin the Coast – Cruisin the Coast will be in Diamondhead on Wednesday, October 7. The parade for the Blessing of the Classics begins at 3pm from the southside and follows the same route that has been used in the past. The only change this year will be the location of the cars after the parade. We have moved this from the shopping center to City Hall and the church parking lots. Our residents are invited to come out to see the cars and enjoy the music. We have food trucks that will be here selling food and drinks. We hope to see you on the parade route enjoying this city sponsored event.
6. Capital Projects:
  - a. Road Paving – Phase 2 of our road paving project is completed. I am starting to work on our street paving project for next fiscal year. As we look to future paving projects, the big question is how the city pays for Diamondhead Drive East and other high traffic roads to be paved. This is long and wide boulevard, and this is a main street in our city that is traveled by many residents. It is going to be expensive to complete with an estimated cost of about \$2 million. We budget about \$400K annually for street paving. If we pay from our current budget each year, it will take about 4 years to pave this one street, and we will not be able to pave any other street. We may need to consider other options for paying to complete this project.
  - b. Drainage Projects – We have identified 16 major drainage projects in the city through the Hancock County Watershed-Based Stormwater Assessment and Management Plan prepared by Waggoner Engineering in December 2019. The total cost for all drainage projects is \$11 million.

We budget about \$300K annually for drainage projects. If we only use the general fund to pay for these projects, it will take a very long time to complete. The city recently hired Pickering Engineering to help secure grant funding for some of our drainage projects. But the city will need to develop a plan to pay for some of these major infrastructure improvements for drainage since grants often require a 25% local match.

- c. Funding Options - The city really has 3 options for funding these capital projects:
- i. Use general funds and pay over a long period of time with each fiscal year.
  - ii. secure grant funding for each project with 25% local matching funds.
  - iii. Request funding from Hancock Board of Supervisors with local matching funds.
  - iv. Secure a general obligation bond that would be paid over 10-20 years.
    1. It will require a combination of using all four options to pay for these major infrastructure projects. I will be working over the next few months to evaluate all options to present to the council for your consideration.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

### **Policy Agenda.**

### **Minutes:**

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following Minutes as presentes:

1. Motion to approve the September 14, 2020 Emergency Meeting Minutes
2. Motion to approve the September 18, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Motion to approve September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Resolutions:**

5. **2020-263:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-061 thereby abandoning the 5' drainage and utility easements on each side of the common lot line between lots 63 and 64 as well as lots 64 and 65, Diamondhead Subdivision, Phase 2, Unit 5, Block 9. The street address is 9812 Aupuni Place.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2020-061 thereby abandoning the 5' drainage and utility easements on each side of the common lot line between lots 63 and 64 as well as lots 64 and 65, Diamondhead Subdivision, Phase 2, Unit 5, Block 9. The street address is 9812 Aupuni Place.

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

### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 5. a. **2020-276:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-065 thereby proclaiming the existence of local emergency commencing at 7:00 a.m. on October 7, 2020 due to Hurricane Delta.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L’Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2020-065 thereby proclaiming the existence of local emergency commencing at 7:00 a.m. on October 7, 2020 due to Hurricane Delta.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L’Ecuyer

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L’Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following the agenda items by consent:

- 6. **2020-261:** Motion to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report FY19 (Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019)
- 7. **2020-262:** Motion to approve Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$456,807.43 to Warren Paving for Roadway Improvements - Phase 2
- 8. **2020-264:** Motion to approve payments to James J. Chiniche for Ease Aloha Drive Widening in the amount of \$1,398.67, Montjoy Creek Improvements in the amount of \$1,117.50, Ieke Drainage in the amount of \$2,500.00 and Bayou Drive Kayak Launch Path in the amount of \$740.00.
- 9. **2020-265:** Motion to approve Master Agreement Work Assignment with Pickering Firm in the amount not to exceed \$50,600 for services related to NRCS Grant.
- 10. **2020-266:** Motion to approve Master Service Agreement Work Assignment with Digital Engineering in the amount of \$42,240 for professional services relating to the FY21 Roadway Improvements (Phase 3).
- 11. **2020-269:** Motion to accept and incorporate in the official minutes the FY20 Municipal compliance Questionnaire.
- 12. **2020-268:** Motion to authorize expenditures for City-sponsored and/or hosted events as follows:
 

POA Halloween Trunk or Treat (Oct 2020)	\$ 350
Christmas on the Green (Dec 3, 2020)	\$ 2,850
National Night Out	\$ 750
Rotary Club Annual Chili Cook-off	\$ 250
- 13. **2020-270:** Motion to create Development Coordinator position in the Building Department and approve the job description for same.
- 14. **2020-271:** Motion to approve compensation for personnel for the October 20, 2020 Mayoral Special Election
- 15. **2020-272:** Motion to establish the FY21 salary for public works director to be \$58,000.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L’Ecuyer

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

16. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (Claim DKT157578 - DKT157627) in the amount of \$745,801.16.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 2 Moran to approve the Docket of Claims (Claim DKT157578 - DKT157627) in the amount of \$745,801.16.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (Claim DKT157641) in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Motion made by At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the Docket of Claims (Claim DKT157641) in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Penny Crawford addressed the Council regarding her proposal to consider pursuing "Live Oak Tree City" designation for Diamondhead.

State Representative Angela Hill addressed the Council regarding Initiative 65 on the November 3, 2020 ballot. She asked the Council to consider not supporting the initiative and provided a summary of the initiative.

**Adjourn.**

At 6:47 p.m. and with no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion was made by At-Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor Pro Tem

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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk