



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 04, 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 - Councilmember Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Anna Liese

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Ricky Sheppard

Ward 3 Jessie Harwood

Ward 4 Austin Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to confirm the agenda.

Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, 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 September 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT
August 04, 2026

1. Board of Supervisors – I updated the Board of Supervisors yesterday during their meeting regarding the Bank Stabilization project. They asked some additional questions regarding the Noma Drive boat launch area, and the police department.
2. Canal Dredging – The contract is for 240 days with the current end date of October 24th. The project is currently on hold as the contractor is unable to access the BU site. I had a long phone discussion with DEQ regarding the project. The city, the engineer and DEQ are working together to determine the correct actions. The contractor is working to provide backup documentation

regarding cost changes, and time changes needed to continue this project. All parties will review the documents provided and make the best decision possible.

3. Jourdan River Boardwalk – The contract is for 180 days with the current end date of October 17th. MDEQ will be performing an onsite review and update tomorrow on this project. The contractor is making great progress and should be able to finish the project on time. Concerns that the material being used was not pressure treated lumber. As per the specification, all permanent building material is treated or marine grade CCA Type-C wood. The marine use wood is designed for specific applications involving exposure to saltwater. It is particularly effective in protecting wood structures from decay and damage caused by marine environments.
4. Montjoy Creek Nature Trail – The contract is 180 calendar days with a current end date of October 10th. The contractor is completing the parking area and the raised boardwalk area. They have also started working on the beginning grass area leveling the path to install the sod. Residents need to remain off the trail until all work is completed.
5. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – The engineer is working on final design and permitting. I have moved the expected advertisement for bids on this project to October.
6. Bank Stabilization – The bids for this project were opened on Friday. The city received five bids. Two bidders came in under budget or right at it. The engineer provided the certified bid tab late yesterday. I will have it on the next agenda for your review and approval. The remaining easements needed for this project are on tonight's agenda for your approval.
7. Pelican Cove – The project is out for bid with an opening date of August 26th. This project will clean the detention pond to allow for more capacity and reconfigure the weir to allow better regulate the release of stormwater during a rain event.
8. East Aloha Drive – The MDOT meeting scheduled for August 19th is usually the final step before bidding/construction can begin. The design is complete and ready to be submitted for advertisement.

No additional updates on remaining projects.

9. Fitness Park – The city received the exercise equipment. Public Works will start working on installing everything.
10. West Aloha Drive – I am working with American Towers to finalize the egress into the driveway access to North Bay Auto and AutoZone.
11. Commercial District – The engineer is completing the final design. Additional sewer realignment is needed to finish the project.
12. Landscaping Project – 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.
13. Unit Price Contracts
 - Crooked Stick – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Mauna Loa Drive – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Ewa St @ Hilo Way – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Koula Drive – A design has been created. An OPC has been issued for budget needs.
14. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – The kickoff meeting with FEMA was held two weeks ago for the Outdoor Emergency Siren System. The project is waiting on a period of performance

extension from FEMA. The bid advertisement and specifications will be on the agenda at the next council meeting for your review and approval.

15. MDOT Projects – The contractor is currently paving the multimodal path and the expansion of the Interstate to six lanes. Lane shifts are expected, so drivers need to use caution.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve August 4, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to approve August 4, 2026 Recess Meeting Minutes.

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

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2. Motion to approve August 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Harwood, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve August 4, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

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Resolutions:

3. **2026-148:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-022 thereby establishing the Utility Cut Ordinance Fee Schedule.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to adopt Resolution 2026-022 thereby establishing the Utility Cut Ordinance Fee Schedule.

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

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4. **2026-149:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-021 to accept by donation an easement which is part of Lot 82, Block 3, Diamondhead Unit 10, Phase 2, from Janice Spreng, part of Lot 92, Block 3, Diamondhead Unit 10, Phase 2 from Diamondhead Corporation and part of Lot 66, Block 3, Diamondhead Unit 10, Phase 2 for drainage and utility purposes.

Motion made by Mayor Liese, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to adopt Resolution 2026-021 to accept by donation an easement which is part of Lot 82, Block 3, Diamondhead Unit 10, Phase 2, from Janice Spreng, part of Lot 92, Block 3, Diamondhead Unit 10, Phase 2 from Diamondhead Corporation and part of Lot 66, Block 3, Diamondhead Unit 10, Phase 2 for drainage and utility purposes.

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

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Consent Agenda:

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

5. **2026-150:** Motion to approve Pay Application 2 in the amount of \$37,140.63 to Holliday Construction, for the Montjoy Creek Nature Trail.
6. **2026-151:** Motion to approve Pay Application 3 in the amount of \$163,875.00 to Gill's Crane & Dozer Services, for the Jourdan River Boardwalk Project.
7. **2026-152:** Motion to approve payment to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$2,635.00 for Rotten Bayou Nature Trail, in the amount of \$4,801.25 for Montjoy Creek, in the amount of \$4,272.50 for Jourdan River Boardwalk and in the amount of \$14,974.50 for Canal Dredging.
8. **2026-153:** Motion to enter into the 3rd Amended Grant Agreement for GCRF 23-05 Commercial District Transformation Project thereby extending the grant period to June 30, 2027.
9. **2026-157:** Motion to approve payment to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$9,300.00 for Diamondhead Paving 2026.
10. **2026-158:** Motion to approve Pay Application 5 in the amount of \$22,614.51 to Gulf Pride Paving, LLC, for the 2026 Diamondhead Paving Project.

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

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Action Agenda.

11. Fred and Sandra Walters have filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.3.10 to allow a fence within 10' of the property line adjoining the golf course. The property address is 5626 Ahuli Place. The tax parcel number is 131C-1-13-136.000. The property is in a R-10 zoning district. The setback for a fence from the golf course is 10'. The variance requested is 10'. The Case File Number is 202600509.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve an application filed by Fred and Sandra Walters requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 4.3.10 to allow a fence within 10' of the property line adjoining the golf course. The property address is 5626 Ahuli Place. The tax parcel number is 131C-1-13-136.000. The property is in a R-10 zoning district. The setback for a fence from the golf course is 10'. The variance requested is 10'. The Case File Number is 202600509.

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12. **2026-155:** A Plus Patio & Screen, LLC, on behalf of Raeana and Joe Yawn, has filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 3.4.8 to allow a residence within 16' of a

rear property line. The property address is 6624 Ahiahi Place. The tax parcel number is 131C-2-13-015.000. The property is in a R-6 zoning district. The setback for a residence from the rear property line is 20'. The variance requested is 4'. The Case File Number is 202600510.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve an application filed by A Plus Patio & Screen, LLC, on behalf of Raeana and Joe Yawn, requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 3.4.8 to allow a residence within 16' of a rear property line. The property address is 6624 Ahiahi Place. The tax parcel number is 131C-2-13-015.000. The property is in a R-6 zoning district. The setback for a residence from the rear property line is 20'. The variance requested is 4'. The Case File Number is 202600510.

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- 13. 2026-156:** CAYO HUESO, LLC, represented by Michael Casano, has filed an application requesting a re-plat of 131E-1-13-006.009 to create two separate parcels. The property is located Veterans Dr. and is in the C1 – General Commercial District. The Case File Number is 202600521.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve an application for CAYO HUESO, LLC, represented by Michael Casano, requesting a re-plat of 131E-1-13-006.009 to create two separate parcels. The property is located Veterans Dr. and is in the C1 – General Commercial District. The Case File Number is 202600521.

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

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

14. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT-DKT) in the amount of \$354,084.23.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve Docket of Claims (DKT233955-DKT233983) in the amount of \$354,084.23.

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Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve the following department reports:

a. Court

Police

Code Enforcement

Building

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - Henry Foreman- Safety

Council Closing Comments

Adjourn/Recess.

At 6:25 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn.

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

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Anna Liese
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk