



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, April 20, 2021
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order.

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

Invocation

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 At-Large L'Ecuyer, seconded by Ward 1 Finley to Amend Agenda to Add Item to Presentation Agenda to allow DWSD to make Bond Issue Presentation.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

Council Comments.

1. The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on May 4, 2021 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
2. Dog Park Day will be held at Twin Lakes on Sunday, May 2, 2021 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
3. CASA Red Beans & Rice Cook-off will be held Saturday, May 8th on the City Hall Town Green.
4. Senator Philip Moran and Representative Jay McKnight - Legislative Update.
Trey Bobinger, Senator Moran and Representative McKnight provided legislative updates.
5. Cruisin' The Coast "Blessing of the Classics" - Mark Duffy

Mark Duffy presented information on the 9th Annual Cruisin' The Coast event to be held in Diamondhead on October 6, 2021.

6. Proclaim April 2021 Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Diamondhead
Mayor Depreo presented the Hancock County CASA organization with a proclamation making April, 2021 "Child Abuse Prevention" Month in Diamondhead, MS.
7. John Kirschenbaum and Bryan Griffith made a presentation on behalf of DWSD.

City Manager's Report.

1. CASA Red Beans and Rice Cookoff – On Saturday, May 8, the city will co-sponsor the red beans and rice cookoff for CASA on the city hall grounds. There will be a live band, the David Mayley Band, and amazing food. We hope our residents will come out to enjoy the food, music, and community event. Local businesses and residents are encouraged to sponsor a team and compete to see if you have the best red beans in town. All are welcome!
2. Comprehensive Plan – The draft of the new comprehensive plan is now available online on the Envision Diamondhead 2040 Website for residents to review. We have scheduled a presentation to the public on April 29th at 6pm at City Hall. This will provide time for public comments before the final version goes to council for approval.
3. Heritage Grant – DMR has asked the city to submit a different grant application for the \$150K that will be used to fund part of the dog park at Twin Lakes. Basically, there are different buckets of funds that are available at DMR, and this is the grant funds that they would like to use to help on this project.
4. Dog Park Grants – There are 4 grants applications on the agenda tonight. All of these grants will be used to help fund the dog park project. We will continue to identify other potential funding sources to get this project completed for our residents.
5. Rostan Solutions – There are two items on the agenda for our new Disaster Recovery Consultant. The first designates two of their staff as additional MEMA applicant's agents, so they can communicate for Diamondhead for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The second is their first task order to assist the City with Hurricane Zeta project worksheets. This expense is 100% reimbursable by FEMA.
6. Main Street Association – For many years, there has been talk about creating a Main Street Association in Diamondhead. I have met with the Biloxi Main Street director as well as representatives from Mississippi Main Street, and I feel this could benefit our businesses and residents. We would like to set up a committee to begin working to create the Diamondhead Main Street organization.
7. Stop Signs – Councilman Moran asked that the city administration look at adding new stop signs in his ward because of speeding. I met with our police chief and public works director to review the locations, which have been provided to the council on a map. I am concerned about adding the stop signs on Kapalama at the intersection of Koloa Street. This is a high traffic area since all traffic leaving the rear of Diamondhead passes this intersection. It may slow vehicles down making it safer, but it will also back up traffic causing other problems.
8. COVID Vaccine Shots – I wanted to thank Memorial Hospital for arranging 4 days to provide COVID vaccines at City Hall. They distributed 1,988 doses of the vaccine in those 4 days.
9. April Showers – As everyone knows, the gulf coast has received a great amount of rain in April. Diamondhead is reported to have received 14.7 inches of rain in the first 18 days of this month, and most of that was last week. Even with all this rain, no streets were closed in our city because of

flooding. The ditches and culverts worked as designed, but it did get backed up a bit with the amount of rain we received at times. Once the rain stops, the drainage system flows and empties most ditches. With this amount of rain, we will see ponding of water in places that we do not normally see water. This was the case at my home which is at 85 ft elevation. Residents are asked to please remove leaves, sticks or anything that can block the ditches in front of their homes before a storm. This really helps.

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Bill Atkinson spoke in opposition to the stop signs on Kapalama Drive.

Peter Yanez spoke in favor of the DWSD bond.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council.

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

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Resolutions:

2. **2021-115:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-019 thereby authorizing a grant application for funding in the amount \$150,000 to the Mississippi Coast National Heritage Area Program through the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for \$150,000 for the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Boardwalk and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Moran, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2021-019 thereby authorizing a grant application for funding in the amount \$150,000 to the Mississippi Coast National Heritage Area Program through the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for \$150,000 for the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Boardwalk 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

3. **2021-116:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-020 thereby authorizing the preparation and submittal of a 2021 AARP Community Challenge Grant Application in the amount of \$52,000 for the dog park and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Moran, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2021-020 thereby authorizing the preparation and submittal of a 2021 AARP Community Challenge Grant Application in the amount of \$52,000 for the dog park 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

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4. **2021-118:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-021 thereby authorizing the preparation and submittal of the PetSafe Bark For Your Park Grant Application in the amount of \$25,000 and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Moran, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2021-021 thereby authorizing the preparation and submittal of the PetSafe Bark For Your Park Grant Application in the amount of \$25,000 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

5. **2021-128:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-022 authorize the preparation and submittal of the Raising Cane's Community Program in the amount of \$100,000 and for other related matters.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2021-022 authorize the preparation and submittal of the Raising Cane's Community Program in the amount of \$100,000 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. **2021-131:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-023 thereby designating Kyle Jones and Jamie Welsh both of Rostan Solutions, Inc. to serve as additional MEMA Applicant's Agent for the City of Diamondhead for Hazard Mitigation and other related purposes.

Motion made by At-Large L'Ecuyer, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2021-023 thereby designating Kyle Jones and Jamie Welsh both of Rostan Solutions, Inc. to serve as additional MEMA Applicant's Agent for the City of Diamondhead for Hazard Mitigation and other related purposes.

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

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Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 2 Moran, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to Move Item #13 from Consent Agenda to Action Agenda.

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

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7. **2021-112:** Motion to approve payment of Digital Engineering invoices for professional services between February 28, 2021 to April 3, 2021 for GIS maintenance in the amount of \$630.50 and Plan Reviews in the amount of 2336.50.

8. **2021-113:** Motion to authorize payment of the Pickering Firm Invoice #88913 for \$1140 and Invoice #88914 for \$3462.50 for professional services relating to NRCS Grants and NFWF appropriations for 2022.
9. **2021-114:** Motion to approve payment to Environmental Management Services, Inc. in the amount of \$9,647 for hydrographic survey of the Diamondhead canals.
10. **2021-117:** Motion to approve Task Order No. 1 with Rostan Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$115,000 for Hurricane Zeta administration services.
11. 2021-119 Motion to pay Machado Patano in the amount of \$1,015.50 for Memorial Diagnostic Clinic Plan Review.
12. **2021-123:** Motion to create a committee to review forming a Main Street Association in the City of Diamondhead.
14. **2021-130:** Motion to accept and award the low quote received from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$13,579.98 for the purchase of various equipment and supplies to outfit the three (3) Chevy Silverado units for the Police Department.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve Items 7-12 and Item 14 by Consent. 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.

13. **2021-129:** Motion to approve request for roadway traffic signage (STOP signs) at specified intersections.

Motion made by Ward 2 Moran, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to place stop signs for Items 3, 4, 5, 6 which include intersections at Koloa Street & Kalae Street, Koloa Street & Ana Hulu Street, Koloa Street & Honalo Place and Ana Hulu Street & Ala Moana Street and to exclude placement of stop signs described in Items 1, 2 & 7, for intersections of Kapalama Drive & Kino Street, Kapalama Drive & Koloa Street and Kapalama Drive & Golf Club Drive.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. **2021-126:** Motion to approve the resubdivision of Glen Eagle Phase 1, Lots 64 and 65. The property owners are John and Susan McDonough. The property address is 7516 Turnberry Drive. The tax parcel numbers are 067N-1-35-036.000 and 067N-1-35-037.000

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve the re-subdivision of Glen Eagle Phase 1, Lots 64 and 65. The property owners are John and Susan McDonough. The property address is 7516 Turnberry Drive. The tax parcel numbers are 067N-1-35-036.000 and 067N-1-35-037.000.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. **2021-127:** Motion to approve the resubdivision of Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 7A, Tract A. The property owner is Elliott Homes, LLC. The property address is 8919 Maili Way. The Tax Parcel number is 067J-3-36-001.000.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the re-subdivision of Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 7A, Tract A. The property owner is Elliott Homes, LLC. The property address is 8919 Maili Way. The Tax Parcel number is 067J-3-36-001.000.

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

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17. **2021-120:** Motion to approve statement of support for the petition requesting an election on Diamondhead Water Sewer District's \$12.5 million dollar bond.

DIED FOR LACK OF MOTION

18. **2021-121:** Motion for discussion and possible action regarding non-bonding referenda regarding consolidation.

DIED FOR LACK OF MOTION

19. **2021-124:** Motion to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to attend all meetings of the Diamondhead Fire District and Diamondhead Water and Sewer Commission and to report on status to council.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to attend all meetings of the Diamondhead Fire District and Diamondhead Water and Sewer Commission and to report on status to Council.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. **2021-125:** Motion to extend invitation the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commissioners and Diamondhead Fire Department District Commissioner to resume holding its meetings at Diamondhead City Hall in Council Chambers in order to promote social distancing and to utilize the City's live streaming technology at no charge.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to extend invitation the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commissioners and Diamondhead Fire Department District Commissioner to resume holding its meetings at Diamondhead City Hall in Council Chambers to promote social distancing and to utilize the City's live streaming technology at no charge.

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

21. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT158329-DKT158372) in the amount of \$194,689.37.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT158329-DKT158372) in the amount of \$194,689.37.

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

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22. Motion to approve Payroll Payables APPKT01442 in the amount of \$9,319.28, APPKT01460 in the amount of \$37,699.96, PRCLAIM080 in the amount of \$29,795.63, PRCLAIM081 in the amount of \$2,720.31 and PRCLAIM082 in the amount of \$30,363.83 for the month of March, 2021.

Motion made by Ward 2 Moran, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to to approve Payroll Payables APPKT01442 in the amount of \$9,319.28, APPKT01460 in the amount of \$37,699.96, PRCLAIM080 in the amount of \$29,795.63, PRCLAIM081 in the amount of \$2,720.31 and PRCLAIM082 in the amount of \$30,363.83 for the month of March, 2021.

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

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Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to accept the Department Reports by consent.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. March 2021 Financials
- b. Police Dept. Report
- c. Building Dept. Report
- d. Privilege License Report
- e. Code Enforcement Report
- f. Solid Waste Report
- g. AMR Response Report

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

Bryan Griffith spoke on Rip Rap hazards.

Executive Session - None

City Attorney, Derek Cusick updated Council on the suit filed by several Mississippi coastal counties and cities relating to the opening of the Bonne Carre Spillway.

Adjourn/Recess.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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

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Nancy Depreo
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk