



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**

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

**(September 15, 2020 Regular Meeting-rescheduled due to Hurricane Sally)**

**6:00 PM CST**

**Council Chambers, City Hall**

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#### **Call to Order.**

Invocation -Councilmember Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**PRESENT**

Ward 1 Nancy Depreo

Ward 3 Jamie Morgan

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Councilmember-At-Large Lindsay L'Ecuyer

Ward 2 Alan Moran attended the meeting via teleconference @ 6:29 p.m.

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to confirm the agenda with the following additions:

2020-259: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-060 thereby authorizing the purchase of certain real property located within the City from Purcell Co., Inc. at the appraised value of \$75,000 and for other related purposes.

Consent Agenda Item 2020-260 Budget Amendment Twin Lakes Land Purchase.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

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

Absent: Ward 2 Moran

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Presentation Agenda.**

b. FY19 Audit Presentation - Ty Necaise

Ward 2 Councilmember Alan Moran joined the meeting via teleconference @ 6:29 p.m.

#### **Council Comments.**

- c. a. The next Regular Scheduled meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. CST in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
- b. Paddle Paradise, the City's first kayak event, will be held September 26, 2020 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Vaught Circle Kayak Launch

- c. 25-Year Comprehensive Plan Community Meetings will be held Monday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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:**

1. Motion to approve September 1, 2020 Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the September 1, 2020 Minutes as amended.

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

## **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Resolutions:**

2. **2020-251:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-256 Authorizing signatories of 2020 Series Lease Purchase Financing and for other related matters.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2020-256 Authorizing signatories of 2020 Series Lease Purchase Financing and for other related matters.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

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

## **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2.a. 2020-259: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-060 thereby authorizing the purchase of certain real property located within the City from Purcell Co., Inc. at the appraised value of \$75,000 and for other related purposes.

Motion was made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution adopt Resolution 2020-060 thereby authorizing the purchase of certain real property located within the City from Purcell Co., Inc. at the appraised value of \$75,000 and for other related purposes.

A roll call vote was held as follows:

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 Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve consent agenda items 3 - 11.

3. **2020-247:** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$22,494.47 to Orion Planning + Design professional services related to the 25-Year Comprehensive Plan.
4. **2020-249:** Motion to approve Budget Amendments 2020-045, 2020-046, 2020-048 and 2020-049.
5. **2020-252:** Motion to accept US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Grant in the amount of \$376,250 (federal \$315,000, local share \$61,250) for the Streambank Stabilization on Diamondhead Drive East at Alkii Way.
6. **2020-248:** Motion to approve transfer of funds in the amount of \$61,250 for NRCS grant local match.
7. **2020-250:** Motion to approve payments to Digital Engineering in the total amount of \$31,270.56 for MDOT Feasibility Study in the amount of \$12,787.56, Roadway Improvement Phase 2 in the amount of \$10,660, Roadway Improvements Phase in the amount of \$3,630, Plan and Spec Review Services in the amount of \$2,835, and GIS Maintenance in the amount \$1,358.
8. **2020-253:** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$3,698.50 to Machado-Patano for plan/spec review services.
9. **2020-057:** Motion to approve Work Assignment with Linfield Hunter Junius in the amount of \$11,230 to update the Master Plan for Town Center District based on wetlands delineation.
10. **2020-255:** Motion to approve Master Service Agreement Work Assignment with Machado Patano in the amount of \$22,000 for civil and surveying design services for the design work to be performed on a new parking lot and roadway improvements for a new parking lot located at City Hall.
11. **2020-260:** Motion to approve budget amendment 2020-050 for the purpose of funding property acquisition – 2.0 acre Twin Lakes Parcel.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Action Agenda.**

12. **2020-245:** Motion to concur with the Planning Commission and thereby approve the variance to allow the construction of a roof over a patio within 9.7' of the rear property line at 7321 Analii Street. Case file number 202000277.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to concur with the Planning Commission and thereby approve the variance to allow the construction of a roof over a patio within 9.7' of the rear property line at 7321 Analii Street. Case file number 202000277.

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

Voting Nay: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

13. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (Claims DKT157534- DKT157577) in the amount of \$236,068.56.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the Docket of Claims (Claims DKT157534- DKT157577) in the amount of \$236,068.56.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14. Motion to approve Payroll Payables (DKT157523 - DKT157532) in the amount of \$32,544.61, DKT15733 in the amount of \$5,202, PRCLAIM057 in the amount of \$1,194 and PRCLAIM058 in the amount of \$28,723.65.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the Payroll Payables (DKT157523 - DKT157532) in the amount of \$32,544.61, DKT15733 in the amount of \$5,202, PRCLAIM057 in the amount of \$1,194 and PRCLAIM058 in the amount of \$28,723.65.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Department Reports**

- a. August 2020 Financials

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the August 2020 Financials.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

- b.
  - a. Solid Waste Report
  - b. Police Department Report
  - c. Building Department Report
  - d. Privilege License Reports
  - e. Code Enforcement Report
  - f. Fire Department Report

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to accept Department Reports as presented.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items. None.**

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 6:55 p.m. and with further business to come before the Council, motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 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