

RESOLUTION TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO INCLUDE ON THE JUNE 8, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT TWO (2) SEPARATE NON-BINDING REFERENDUMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD TO DETERMINE CERTAIN ACTION, IF ANY, REGARDING CONSOLIDATING SERVICES OF THE DIAMONDHEAD WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT AND THE DIAMONDHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead has within the municipal corporate limits the Diamondhead Fire District and the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District, operating separately and independent of each other and the City, hereinafter referred to as the “Districts”;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council for the City of Diamondhead retained the services of Necaise & Company to conduct a financial analysis of the Districts and to provide a Comprehensive Financial Report, hereinafter referred to as the “CFR”, to relay findings to the City; and;

WHEREAS, an initial presentation of the CFR indicates that a savings to the City of Diamondhead taxpayers could be realized if both Districts no longer operated as separately and independent of the City but rather functioned as departments within the governance of City of Diamondhead; and

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead will hold its General Election on June 8, 2021 and the City of Diamondhead governing body deem it both appropriate and necessary to utilize the General Election as no-cost opportunity to raise the question on both matters to the electorates for the purpose of obtaining a non-binding response.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council for the City of Diamondhead do hereby direct the Diamondhead Election Commissioners and City Clerk to include on the June 8, 2021 General Election Ballot the following styled referendum and to process, tabulate and maintain the non-binding results in the same manner as would be for any matter placed upon the ballot for the electors of the City of Diamondhead:

- Do you favor the consolidation of the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District into city government by combining the operations of the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District to become a department within the City of Diamondhead and thereby eliminating the need for a separate water and sewer district within the City of Diamondhead?
- Do you favor the consolidation of the Diamondhead Fire Department into city government by combining the operations of the Diamondhead Fire Department to become a department within the City of Diamondhead and thereby eliminating the need for a fire district within the City of Diamondhead?

COUNCILMEMBER _____ MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ AND THE MATTER BEING PUT TO VOTE, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Councilmember Finley	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Moran	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Morgan	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Clark	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember L'Ecuyer	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Depreo	_____	_____	_____

NANCY DEPREO, MAYOR

Attest:

Jeannie Klein, City Clerk