



Mayor Depreo	
Councilmember Maher	At-Large
Councilmember Finley	Ward 1
Councilmember Liese	Ward 2
Councilmember Cumberland	Ward 3
Councilmember Clark	Ward 4

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**  
**6:00 PM CST**  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
and via teleconference, if necessary

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**Call to Order.**

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

Invocation

Councilmember Finley

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Anna Liese

Ward 3 John Cumberland

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to amend the agenda with following addition and to approve as amended:

13. a. **2022-182:** Motion to approve Work Assignment with Digital Engineering for Beau Vue Phase II in the amount of \$1,845.00 for additional topographical survey related to drainage improvements.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation Agenda.**

Council Comments.

1. The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held June 7, 2022 in Council Chambers at City Hall 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
2. The City will be hosting Senior Fair to be held May 20, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## City Manager's Report.

1. Digital Engineering Work Assignment – I am asking for authorization to sign a new work assignment with Digital for additional topographical survey work for the Beau Vue II drainage project.
2. Deed of Dedication of Easement – I am asking for authorization to sign the deed of dedication with Rouses and GEM City Properties for an easement on E. Aloha Drive to create a public driveway into the north shopping center.
3. RESTORE Projects in MS DEQ Portal – This agenda item is simply having the council ratify the existing projects that are submitted to the RESTORE project portal on behalf of the City of Diamondhead.
4. Hilo Way Drainage Project – There is a resolution on the agenda for this drainage project to simply have the council authorize the removal of landscape and driveway culverts on Hilo Way as part of this drainage project. This is needed to upsize the culvert size to increase capacity to prevent flooding. The city will be replacing the driveway culverts and driveways. However, the landscape culverts will not be replaced. This drainage easement will be returned to an open ditch with sod. The administration will be notifying resident impacted by this work.
5. Drainage Projects - As of now, it is looking like the city will have about \$8 million to spend on drainage projects. This includes \$2 million from ARPA (city funds); \$2 million from Hancock County matching funds; \$495K from GOMESA for the two ponds from FY21 legislative session; \$1.6 million for GOMESA for drainage from FY22 legislative session; and potentially \$2 million from State ARPA matching funds. We have engaged engineers for many of our projects, but we still have 7 projects that have not yet been assigned to an engineer to begin working on analysis, modeling, recommendation and cost estimates. I would like to recommend to the council at the next meeting 7 new work assignments to get our engineers working on the beginning phases of these drainage projects. This will allow us to identify the problems and solutions with a cost estimate. Then, the council can determine if we want to proceed with the permitting process, which is taking almost a year at this time. By doing this, it will give us shovel ready projects for future funding and will allow the council to prioritize the projects using the funds available. These funds must be spent by 2026 and projects must be identified by 2024. We know the problem areas in the city, and this gets us started on each of these. This does not include sub-basin A projects since Covington has that list included in their scope. That will come shortly when Covington presents a list of projects for that area of the city.
6. Paving on Diamondhead Drive – Over the last several years, the administration has tried to find a way to pave the 7-mile loop of Diamondhead Drive. This is a major connector street in the city, and it is also two lanes and a boulevard, which means it requires about 86K feet of paving. This is estimated to cost about \$5.5 million. The city has been receiving a new stream of income from the internet sales tax and is required to spend this on infrastructure improvements, such as street paving. Many cities have leveraged this new income to use a bond to complete much needed work. Our income is projected to be about \$550K annually from this source. I would like to bring in some advisors to the next meeting to talk with the council about potentially using this internet sales tax for a bond payment to pave Diamondhead Drive loop, Bayou Drive and Gex Drive and to add a protected bike lane on Diamondhead Drive. Working with advisors does not obligate the

city to any fees unless the city actually secures a bond. I distributed a map to the council, so you can see the roads in question.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None.

### **Policy Agenda.**

#### **Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the April 28, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the April 28, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

Voting Abstaining: Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Motion to approve the May 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the May 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

Voting Abstaining: Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Resolutions:**

3. **2022-171:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-037 thereby appointing Mayor Depreo - Voting Delegate and Councilmember Clark - First Alternate for the 2022 Mississippi Municipal League.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adopt Resolution 2022-037 thereby appointing Mayor Depreo - Voting Delegate and Councilmember Clark - First Alternate for the 2022 Mississippi Municipal League.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **2022-076:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-038 regarding the removal of landscape culverts and driveway culverts on Hilo Way as part of drainage improvement project and for other related matters.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adopt Resolution 2022-038 regarding the removal of landscape culverts and driveway culverts on Hilo Way as part of drainage improvement project and for other related matters.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

At 6:21 p.m. Councilmember Clark exited Council Chambers and was recused from the meeting proceedings.

5. **2022-177:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-039 thereby accepting Deeds of Dedication granting easements associated with the East Aloha Improvement Project from Rouse Land Company, LLC and GEM City Properties and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adopt Resolution 2022-039 thereby accepting Deeds of Dedication granting easements associated with the East Aloha Improvement Project from Rouse Land Company, LLC and GEM City Properties and for other related purposes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland. Recusal: Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED**

At 6:22 p.m. Councilmember Clark reentered Council Chambers and resumed participation in the meeting proceedings.

6. **2022-178:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-040 thereby appointing Mike Bennett (Ward 1) to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring March 2024.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adopt Resolution 2022-040 thereby appointing Mike Bennett (Ward 1) to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring March 2024.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve the following agenda items by consent:

7. **2022-170:** Motion to approve payments to Digital Engineering for Paving Phase 4 in the amount of \$15,375.00, Beau Vue Phase 2 in the amount of \$4,278.75 and GIS Maintenance in the amount of \$290.00.
8. **2022-172:** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$11,200 to Rostan Solutions for Phase 2 of the Community Rating System.
9. **2022-173:** Motion to authorize compensation for three (3) additional days at \$85 per day (total eight (8) days each for Election Commissioners Boudreaux, Favre and Layel for services rendered relating to the May 10, 2022 Special Election.
10. **2022-174:** Motion to approve Budget Amendments 2022-034 thru 2022-38.
11. **2020-175:** Motion to approve to Machado Patano in the amount of \$471.25 and \$1,950. plan review services and \$1,366.25 for Hilo Way Drainage Project.
12. **2022-179:** Motion to approve the projects submitted to the Restoration Project Portal with Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on behalf of the City of Diamondhead.

**13. 2022-080:** Motion to approve to advertise for Hilo Way Drainage Project.

**13 a. 2022-182:** Motion to approve Work Assignment with Digital Engineering for Beau Vue Phase II in the amount of \$1,845.00 for additional topographical survey related to drainage improvements.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Agenda.**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

14. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT159582-DKT159630) in the amount of \$132,973.45.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT159582-DKT159630) in the amount of \$132,973.45.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15. Motion to approve Payroll Payables DKT159567-DKT159581 in the amount of \$53,887.71, PRCLAIM000120 in the amount of \$2,606.08, PRCLAIM000121 in the amount of \$33,392.25 and PRCLAIM000122 in the amount of \$32,200.65.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Payroll Payables DKT159567-DKT159581 in the amount of \$53,887.71, PRCLAIM000120 in the amount of \$2,606.08, PRCLAIM000121 in the amount of \$33,392.25 and PRCLAIM000122 in the amount of \$32,200.65.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Department Reports**

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to accept the following reports.

- a. Police Department  
Code Enforcement  
Privilege License  
Building Department
- b. April 2022 Financials

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Bill Atkinson - Traffic control and stop signs.

**Adjourn.**

At 6:28 p.m. and with no further business to come before the Council, motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk