



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 06, 2025
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall
and via teleconference, if necessary

Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Shane Finley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Invocation - Councilmember Maher

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher
Ward 1 Shane Finley - via teleconference
Ward 2 Anna Liese
Ward 3 John Cumberland
Ward 4 Austin Clark

ABSENT

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland for Councilmember Liese to chair the meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to confirm the agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

City Manager's Report

CITY MANAGER REPORT

May 06, 2025

1. VFW Post 2880 and Scout Troup 210 – I want to thank both organizations for the day of service performed at the city's community garden. Volunteers spent Saturday cleaning the sidewalks, weeding the flower beds, trimmed bushes, replacing bridge planks, and repairing the gazebo.
2. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The project is for 120 days with a current end date of June 10th. The engineer and contractor are currently working on a change order to add additional support to the landscape culverts. This change order may also include additional days due to the weather.
3. MDOT Projects – The ramp headed East out of Diamondhead is coming along. All roadway material has been removed, and new base material has been installed.
4. Dog Park – The engineering firm has been delayed on getting the survey work completed due to other projects. They are scheduled to be out this week.
5. Paving 2025 – The bids are on this agenda for your approval. The bids came in well under the estimate and current budget. I will work with the city engineer to determine if additional work can be performed under this contract.
6. Noma Drive Phase 1b – Coast Electric has installed the parking lot lights. The sub-contractor needs to install the conduit and wiring. The contractor is completing the remaining punch list items. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 14th.
7. Noma Drive Dredging – The project is for 90 days with a current end date of May 25th. The contractor is near completion.
8. Unit Price
 - a. Laa La Way – Project is complete.
 - b. The Kipapa Way – Public Works has placed this project on hold.
 - c. Lanai Place – Engineers have provided the design for this project.
 - d. Koko Court – Waiting on a work assignment from the contractor.
9. Coon Branch – The contractor is working on all bonds and insurance documents needed for this project. A pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for May 12th.
10. Canal Dredging – The bids are on this agenda to be rejected. MDEQ received the additional survey information to determine the best route for dredging equipment and the updated OPC.
11. FEMA/MEMA
 - a. Siren System – There is no funding in the current disaster, it will have to be moved to another disaster. MEMA is checking in to which disaster it can be moved to cover the total cost.
 - b. Generators – The generators have been approved, but all Federal awards are paused pending review. There is not a timeline on when or if the pause/additional review will be lifted.
 - c. Acquisitions – This is currently still under Tech and EHP Review. No RFI has been received, but they heard that reviews have been paused while FEMA sorts itself out.
12. Jourdan River Boardwalk – **No update on this meeting.** The city has received permissions from the Coastal Preserves Program to access the SOS land as needed. We are still holding our monthly meeting with MDEQ to keep this project moving forward.

13. Bank Stabilization – **No update on this meeting.** The engineers are finalizing the analysis on the Phase 1 design. Phase one will cover the area from Diamondhead Drive North to Kalipekona Pond. The rear ditch will require additional easement for access.
14. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has redesigned this project into five phases. The funding is already secured for phase 1. The engineer is working on the phase 1 design.
15. Montjoy Creek – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer is working on redesigning the current sediment trap along the waterway. If approved, additional permitting will not be required from USACE. Once approved, the project can be sent out for bid.
16. Detention Pond – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer will be completing the plans for this area by the end of the year. Public works will dredge this pond once plans are provided to the city.
17. Pelican Cove Drainage Project – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has additional surveying to complete and will finalize the drawing for this project.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

Council Comments - None

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

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2. Motion to approve April 28, 2025 Recess Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve April 28, 2025 Recess Meeting Minutes.

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

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Resolutions:

3. **2025-092:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-013 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 11 and 12, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 10, Block 20. The parcel number is 067N-2-35-123.000. The physical street address is 6411 Iona St.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adopt Resolution 2025-013 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 11 and 12, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 10, Block 20. The parcel number is 067N-2-35-123.000. The physical street address is 6411 Iona St.

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

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Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the following consent items:

4. **2025-084:** Motion to approve Pay Application 19 in the amount of \$3,509.54 to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC for the Commercial District Transformation Project Phase I.
5. **2025-085:** Motion to approve Pay Application 2 in the amount of \$139,583.50 to JLB Contractors, LLC., for the Kome Drive and Kalipekona Pond Drainage Project.
6. **2025-086:** Motion to approve change order #7 in the amount of -\$26,821.47, final pay application 9 in the amount of \$28,238.08 to LJ Construction Inc., and close out documents for the Kaleki Way Drainage Project.
7. **2025-087:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$4,487.50 for Kaleki Way Drainage Project, in the amount of \$21,300.00 for Diamondhead Paving 2025, in the amount of \$5,885.00 for On-Call Survey Services, in the amount of \$8,500.00 for Kome Drive and Fairway Drive Drainage Project, in the amount of \$3,990.00 for WA #30 Traffic Engineering, in the amount of \$2,084.20 for the Commercial District Transformation Project, in the amount of \$1,300.95 for Annual Unit Price Contract, in the amount of \$1,600.00 for Ahuli Drainage Project and in the amount of \$4,571.20 for the Site Development Plan Review.
8. **2025-088:** Motion to approve payment to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$16,458.00 for Coon Branch Drainage, in the amount of \$6,304.50 for Jourdan River Boardwalk, in the amount of \$8,999.50 for Canal Dredging Project and in the amount of \$6,047.25 for Noma Dredging and in the amount of \$3,041.50.
9. **2025-090:** Motion to approve pay application 5 in the amount of \$13,771.16 to LJ Construction Inc., and close out documents for the Ahuli Drainage Project.
10. **2025-096:** Motion to approve change order to the contract with Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC for the Commercial District Transformation Project Phase I in the amount of -\$55,168.99 and to approve final pay application 20 to the contractor in the amount of \$169,745.51 subject to the submittal of closeout documents and punch list completion.
11. **2025-097:** Motion to reject bids received for the Canal Dredging.
12. **2025-098:** Motion to approve Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$168,000.00 for West Aloha Roadway Improvements Project.
13. **2025-099:** Motion to accept and award low bid received from Gulf Pride Paving, LLC in the amount of \$710,377.50 for Diamondhead Paving Project 2025 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for same and to issue the notice to proceed as appropriate.

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

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Action Agenda.

- 14. 2025-093:** Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to allow a residence within 15'6" of the front yard setback on a lot with 2 front yard setbacks. The property address is 10860 Ala Moana St. The tax parcel number is 067H-2-25-087.001. The property is in an R-6 zoning district. It is a corner lot which requires 2 front yard setbacks of 20'. The variance requested is 4'6". The Case File Number is 202500134.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to allow a residence within 15'6" of the front yard setback on a lot with 2 front yard setbacks. The property address is 10860 Ala Moana St. The tax parcel number is 067H-2-25-087.001. The property is in an R-6 zoning district. It is a corner lot which requires 2 front yard setbacks of 20'. The variance requested is 4'6". The Case File Number is 202500134.

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

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- 15. 2025-094:** Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to allow an accessory structure (screened porch) within 1" of the residence. The property address is 6417 Kome Dr. The tax parcel number is 068R-2-41-097.000. The property is in an R-6 zoning district and flood zone AE. The setback for an accessory structure is 10' from the residence. The variance requested is 9'11". The Case File Number is 202500140.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to allow an accessory structure (screened porch) within 1" of the residence. The property address is 6417 Kome Dr. The tax parcel number is 068R-2-41-097.000. The property is in an R-6 zoning district and flood zone AE. The setback for an accessory structure is 10' from the residence. The variance requested is 9'11". The Case File Number is 202500140.

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

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- 16. 2025-095:** Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for a re-subdivision of tax parcel number 131E-1-13-006.009 to create 2 parcels. The property is located on Veterans Dr. and is in the C1 – General Commercial District. The parcel is owned by CAYO HUESO, LLC, represented by Michael Casano. The Case File Number is 202500167.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the Planning Commission recommendation for a re-subdivision of tax parcel number 131E-1-13-006.009 to create 2 parcels. The property is located on Veterans Dr. and is in the C1 – General Commercial District. The parcel is owned by CAYO HUESO, LLC, represented by Michael Casano. The Case File Number is 202500167.

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

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

17. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232739 - DKT232794) in the amount of \$618,857.91.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232739 - DKT232794) in the amount of \$618,857.91.

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

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None

Council Closing Comments - None

Adjourn/Recess.

At 6:24 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adjourn.

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

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Nancy Depreo
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk