



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
**6:00 PM CST**  
Council Chambers, City Hall

**Call to Order.**

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

Invocation-Councilmember Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Anna Liese - Via Teleconference

Ward 3 John Cumberland

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to confirm the Agenda.

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.**

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held July 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. City Hall will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.
- c. The City's July 4th celebration will be held on Saturday, July 1st from 5:30-10:00 p.m. located on the South Side at Harbor Circle. Fireworks Display will begin at 9:00 p.m.
- d. A Golf Cart Safety Training to be held June 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

## City Manager's Report.

1. Lily Pond and I-10 Pond – The city completed a punch-list walkthrough with the engineer and the contractor last week at Lily Pond. The I-10 pond dredging will continue until the end of the month. The end date for the contract is July 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Park Ten Road – The city has advertised this project. A pre-construction meeting was held last week. Bids are due June 30<sup>th</sup>. I expect to have a recommendation before the council on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. Phase 4 paving – The paving project is currently demobilized. A time change order is on this agenda for your approval. This will extend the contract to a new end date of July 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. Diamondhead Drive Paving – Bids are due July 18<sup>th</sup>. After engineering review, I expect to have this on the August council meeting to award.
5. Montjoy Creek Kayak Launch – The engineer completed the survey last week to determine the final location of the walking path and kayak launch. This information will be provided to USACE for final permitting.
6. Noma Drive Boat Launch – Approval of Phase 1a, utilities, is on the agenda for approval. This will provide water, sewer and replace electrical service to the boat launch area. The bids received were ~\$40,000 below the OPC.
7. Makiki Drive – A work assignment for the City Engineer is on the agenda for developing the specifications to complete the project and provide oversight during construction.
8. Stormwater Projects – The state ARPA matching funds grant agreements are on the agenda for approval. These funds will be used to complete 12 to 14 drainage projects with the city.
9. Redistricting – At the July 5<sup>th</sup> agenda, a presentation will be made by GRPC regarding redistricting our election boundaries.

Ben Benvenuti, Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC discussed the Makiki Drive Project.

Public Comments on Agenda Items-None

**Policy Agenda.****Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Tabled:** 2023-202: Motion to authorize City Manager to advertise to bid the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Walking Trail Project as per completed construction plans dated August 2022 with entry building as Bid Alternate No. 1.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to move from the table motion to authorize City Manager to advertise to bid the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Walking Trail Project as per completed construction plans dated August 2022 with entry building as Bid Alternate No. 1.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to authorize City Manager to advertise to bid the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Walking Trail Project as per completed construction plans dated August 2022 with entry building as Bid Alternate No. 1.

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

Voting No: Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolutions:**

2. 2023-251: Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-024 thereby acquiring by donation certain real property for drainage and/or green space from Piji White.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2023-024 thereby acquiring by donation certain real property for drainage and/or green space from Piji White.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **PUBLIC HEARING - 2023-258:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-025 to adjudicate that the abandoned gooseneck trailer (VIN 5J2GS332XBE010639) and yellow JCB 214E backhoe (Vin SLP214TCXE0466041) at 6435 Kalipekona Way (parcel numbers 131A-1-03-053.000 thru 131A-1-03-057.000) are a menace to the public health, safety and general welfare of the community. Authorization to advertise for bids and/or obtain quotes to perform the necessary services to remove the trailer and backhoe from the property and assess the costs to said property and for other related **purposes**. Property owner is Bonnie F. Geerts.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2023-025 to adjudicate that the abandoned gooseneck trailer (VIN 5J2GS332XBE010639) and yellow JCB 214E backhoe (Vin SLP214TCXE0466041) at 6435 Kalipekona Way (parcel numbers 131A-1-03-053.000 thru 131A-1-03-057.000) are a menace to the public health, safety and general welfare of the community. Authorization to advertise for bids and/or obtain quotes to perform the necessary services to remove the trailer and backhoe from the property and assess the costs to said property and for other related **purposes**. Property owner is Bonnie F. Geerts.

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**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following consent items:

4. **2023-249:** Motion to approve Pay Application Three (3) to JLB Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$149,132.14 for Diamondhead Drive East and Lily Pond Dredging.
5. **2023-250:** Motion to approve payments in the amount of \$1,123.75 to Digital Engineering for Beaux Vue Phase 2 Drainage Improvements and \$15,000.00 for the Bond Paving Project.
6. **2023-252:** Motion to approve payments to Pickering Firm, Inc. in the amount of \$5,065.00 for Lily Pond Dredging.
7. **2023-253:** Motion to declare surplus the following three(3) Diamondhead Police Units - 2014 Ford Explorer Vin#1FM5K8AR1EGA14642, 2014 Ford Explorer VIN#1FM58AR2EG25538 and 2016 Ford Explorer VIN#1FM5K8ARGGA97109, establish the value of \$1.00 and proceed with sale of same to Hancock County.
8. **2023-254:** Motion to enter into a new commercial lease agreement for the Noma Drive Ballfield property with Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owners Association Inc. for ten (10) years and for additional one (1) year terms thereafter in the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year.
9. **2023-256:** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$5,607.50 to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC for Site Development Reviews, in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Standard Specifications and Drawings, in the amount of \$20,323.80 for Commercial District Transformation Project and in the amount of \$42,285.00 for Commercial District Noma Drive Improvements.
10. **2023-257:** Motion to approve Change Order No. 3 for sixty (31) additional days to the contract with Huey P. Stockstill, LLC. for the Roadway Improvements Phase 4 with no change to contract price.
11. **2023-259:** Motion to approve amendment to work assignment with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC for the commercial transformation project to include roadway improvements on Noma Drive from Diamondhead Circle until the end of Noma Drive in the amount of \$19,500.00 for a total engineering cost of \$829,200.00.
12. **2023-260:** Motion to approve repayment of interfund loan and transfer of fund in the amount of \$155,455.60 from reserve to close Fund 117 East Aloha Improvements Project and to transfer local grant match in the amount of \$300,000 from General Fund to Fund 163 GCRF22-05 Commercial District Transformation.
13. **2023-261:** Motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023-010.
14. **2023-262:** Motion to approve to enter in agreement with Adela, Inc. for delinquent account collections for a initial term of 3 years with auto renewals.
15. **2023-263:** Motion to approve to ARPA Agreements (State Match).
16. **2023-264:** Motion to approve Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$23,000.00 for Makiki Drive Project Support.

- 17. **2023-265:** Motion to approve to advertise for bids for Noma Drive Paving.
- 18. **2023-266:** Motion to accept and award low bid received from Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$345,964.22 for the Noma Drive Waterfront Site, Utility and Drainage Improvements, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for same and to issue the notice to proceed as appropriate.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

- 19. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230799-DKT230838) in the amount of \$545,400.62.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230799-DKT230838) in the amount of \$545,400.62.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 20. Motion to approve Payroll Payables DKT230789-DKT230798 in the amount of \$52,183.57, PKPKT01364 in the amount of \$2,523.58, PYPKT01365 in the amount of \$26,860.60, PYPKT01371 in the amount of \$30,994.19 and PYPKT01374 in the amount of \$30,484.97.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Payroll Payables DKT230789-DKT230798 in the amount of \$52,183.57, PKPKT01364 in the amount of \$2,523.58, PYPKT01365 in the amount of \$26,860.60, PYPKT01371 in the amount of \$30,994.19 and PYPKT01374 in the amount of \$30,484.97.

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

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**Department Reports**

- a. May 2023 Financials
- b. Building

Court

Police

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve May 2023 Financials and Department Reports.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, 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**

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 6:48 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Councilmember Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember Ward 4 Clark to recess until Tuesday, July 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk