



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order.

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

Invocation - Mayor Liese

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Anna Liese

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Ricky Sheppard

Ward 3 Jessie Harwood

Ward 4 Austin Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Liese, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adjust the agenda adding:

Consent Agenda:

4a. 2026-097: Motion to authorize City Manager to execute a release related to the opioid litigation previously authorized by the City Council.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday June 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. 2026 Mississippi Regular Legislative Session Update
 - Trey Bobinger
 - Jay McKnight
 - Philman Ladner

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

May 19, 2026

1. Canal Dredging – The contract is for 240 days with the current end date of October 24th. The contractor has had some issues with the material being dredged. The contractor is reporting that the dredged spoils have excessive clay material in it and is causing delays in depositing it into the BU site. A meeting with the contractor and engineer is set for this week to discuss the issues and determining the path forward.
2. Paving 2026 – The contract is for 120 days with a current completion date of June 18, 2026. The contractor has completed the base repair on Aulena Place and has started paving this week.
3. Jourdan River Boardwalk – The contract is for 180 days with the current end date of October 17th. The contractor has installed over 1/3 of the pilings as last week. The engineer has made a minor adjustment to the drawing to start the ramp sooner to allow more of the boardwalk to be above the water during high tides.
4. Montjoy Creek Nature Trail – The contract is 180 calendar days with a current end date of October 10th. The contractor is continuing to install the pilings for the raised boardwalk area.
5. Community Center – The architect firm was on site last week to start the evaluation. They will provide several repair options to the city with a cost estimate for each option.
6. Rain Event – The city experienced a major rain event last Saturday with straight line winds that took down several trees and blocked roadways. The city has received 22 reports from the survey that was set up on our website. Of the 22, half reported receiving water. Seven had water in their garage, and four reported water in their home. The most concentrated area was Anahola Place. I am working with our city engineers and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program. They have already determined a qualifying storm event occurred in our area.

No additional updates on remaining projects.

7. Fitness Park – The city received the exercise equipment. Public Works will start working on installing everything this month.
8. Pelican Cove – The engineers have applied for the nationwide permit from USACE. There have been several follow up questions that the engineers have answered. Once the permit is approved, I will ask for permission to advertise.
9. East Aloha Drive – The engineers are finishing the sidewalk designs and right-of-way acquisition process with MDOT. The electrical engineering sub-contractor is completing the design and layout for the streetlights. The engineers expect to be able to advertise as soon as the MDOT requirements are completed.
10. West Aloha Drive – I am working with American Towers to finalize the egress into the driveway access to North Bay Auto and AutoZone.
11. Commercial District – The engineer is completing the final design. Additional sewer realignment is needed to finish the project.
12. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Received notification on Monday that FEMA has approved our Outdoor Emergency Siren System. The required documents will be presented on the next agenda. MEMA is currently asking for a period of performance extension on this project.

13. Bank Stabilization – Received notification from MDMR that the project is not under the Coastal Zone Management Act. Also, a non-reporting Nationwide Permit is all that is needed for this project. This will allow the engineers to move forward with final design. The next step for this project will be to work on easement acquisition. Once complete, the engineers can finalize the design.
14. MDOT Projects – The contractor installed the signage last week. Once the engineers update the drawings for the railing along the multimodal path, the contractor will be back out to install and complete the project.
15. Landscaping Project – Keep Diamondhead Beautiful and their landscape architect company are working on the project scope. The city has expressed that the landscaping cannot obstruct driver's view.
16. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – The engineer has presented the new preliminary design for this project. They will start the survey work to determine layout and the required permitting from the USACE. The funding is currently out for public comment. Once completed, a meeting with MDEQ will be scheduled to discuss the project and receive paperwork for the council to review and approve.
17. Unit Price Contracts
 - Crooked Stick – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Mauna Loa Drive – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Ewa St @ Hilo Way – A design has been created. A work directive will be submitted.
 - Koula Drive – A design has been created. An OPC has been issued for budget needs.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - Susan Duffy - Drainage

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Harwood, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

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Resolutions:

2. **2026-095:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-014 thereby appointing Mayor Liese as Voting Delegate, Mayor Pro Tem Finley as First Alternate and Councilmember At Large Maher as Second Alternate to serve as Mississippi Municipal League 2026 Voting Delegates.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to adopt Resolution 2026-014 thereby appointing Mayor Liese as Voting Delegate, Mayor Pro Tem Finley as First Alternate and Councilmember At Large Maher as Second Alternate to serve as Mississippi Municipal League 2026 Voting Delegates.

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

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Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve the following consent items:

3. **2026-094:** Motion to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for FY26 GOMESA funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Drainage, Flood Prevention and Water Quality Improvement Project Phase 3 (Bank Stabilization).
4. **2026-096:** Motion to approve Pay Application 1 to MP Design Group in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Diamondhead Town Green Pavilion.
- 4a. **2026-097:** Motion to authorize City Manager to execute a release related to the opioid litigation previously authorized by the City Council

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

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

5. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT233742- DKT233780) in the amount of \$190,379.18.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Docket of Claims (DKT233742- DKT233780) in the amount of \$190,379.18.

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6. Motion to approve Payroll Payables DKT233629 in the amount of \$90.72, DKT233679 in the amount of \$90.72, DKT233715 in the amount of \$90.72, DKT233788-DKT233799 in the amount of \$70,642.61, PRCLAIM0000264 in the amount of \$29,909.99, PRCLAIM000265 in the amount of \$3,028.37, and PRCLAIM000266 in the amount of \$30.024.77.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve Payroll Payables DKT233629 in the amount of \$90.72, DKT233679 in the amount of \$90.72, DKT233715 in the amount of \$90.72, DKT233788-DKT233799 in the amount of \$70,642.61, PRCLAIM0000264 in the amount of \$29,909.99, PRCLAIM000265 in the amount of \$3,028.37, and PRCLAIM000266 in the amount of \$30.024.77.

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Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to approve

- a. Financial Statements

March 2026

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None

Council Closing Comments

Adjourn/Recess.

At 6:24 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to adjourn.

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

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Anna Liese
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk