



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 15, 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 - Councilmember Finley

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Anna Liese

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 4 Austin Clark

ABSENT

Ward 2 Ricky Sheppard

Ward 3 Jessie Harwood

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Liese, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adjust the agenda removing from Claims Payable - DKT234086 in the amount of 7,353.50.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday October 6, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

September 15, 2026

1. MDOT Projects – The low mast lights have been repaired by MDOT along with the roundabout border. I want to thank MDOT for getting these items repaired so quickly. Last week I was informed that the on/off ramps and Interstate lanes are going to experience temporary closures this week 14th – 17th while new signs and signs structures are installed. MDOT asks motorists as

they encounter I-10 shutdowns to remain in the travel lanes as these shutdowns are temporary and traffic will be released as soon as possible.

2. East Rec Playground – The playground equipment at the East Rec facility has been replaced by the Public Works Department. There will be some additional work and cleaning of the play equipment in the coming weeks.
3. Gazebo – The town green gazebo repairs are nearing completion. Public Works has installed the new flooring and will be working on the stairs and railing tomorrow.
4. Golf Cart Registration – The new ordinance takes effect October 1st. As of this afternoon, 181 residents have registered their golf carts or LSVs. If anyone has any questions, they can come to city hall for more information when they register. The website has also been updated with the most current information.
5. Bank Stabilization – The notice to proceed date has been set for October 12, 2026. This will allow the contractor to start working after the Blessing of the Classics event. The proposed schedule is to drain the pond starting the week of the 12th. The contract is for 180 days with a current end date of April 10th, 2027.
6. Pelican Cove – The contractor is working on contracts and insurance for this project. Once completed, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled. This project will clean the detention pond to allow for more capacity and reconfigure the weir to allow better regulate the release of stormwater during a rain event.
7. Canal Dredging – The contract is for 240 days with the current end date of October 24th. The city has received a response back from MDEQ requesting additional information and justification of the change order per the contract. We spoke with the engineer, and he is working with the contractor on the supplementation.
8. Jourdan River Boardwalk – The contract is for 180 days with the current end date of October 17th. The contractor is working on the remaining section of the boardwalk and will start on the observation deck.
9. Montjoy Creek Nature Trail – The contract is 210 calendar days with a current end date of November 09th. The contractor is working on the grass portion of the trail and will install the sod on the trail in the next few weeks. Once again, all residents need to stay off the trail while construction is being performed.

10. Unit Price Contracts

Ewa St @ Hilo Way – The work directive for this project is on tonight's agenda for your review.

No additional updates on remaining projects.

11. Fitness Park – The city received the exercise equipment. Public Works will start working on installing everything.
12. East Aloha Drive – The MDOT meeting scheduled for August 19th is usually the final step before bidding/construction can begin. The design is complete and ready to be submitted for advertisement.
13. West Aloha Drive – I am working with American Towers to finalize the egress into the driveway access to North Bay Auto and AutoZone.

14. Commercial District – The engineer is completing the final design. Additional sewer realignment is needed to finish 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. 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.
 Koula Drive – A design has been created. An OPC has been issued for budget needs.
17. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – The kickoff meeting with FEMA was held two weeks ago for the Outdoor Emergency Siren System. The project is waiting on a period of performance extension from FEMA. The bid advertisement and specifications will be on the agenda at the next council meeting for your review and approval.
18. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – The engineer is working on final design and permitting. I have moved the expected advertisement for bids on this project to October. This agenda includes a request to extend the grant from MOSTF for six months due to the permitting process not being completed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.
 Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.
 Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark

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Resolutions:

2. **2026-190:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-028 thereby establishing salaries and rates effective October 5, 2026 for Fiscal Year 2027.
 Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2026-028 thereby establishing salaries and rates effective October 5, 2026 for Fiscal Year 2027.
 Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark
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3. **2026-195:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-029 thereby adopting the FY2027 Budget as finally determined by the City Council.
 Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adopt Resolution 2026-029 thereby adopting the FY2027 Budget as finally determined by the City Council.

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

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4. **2026-197:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-030 to authorize grant application to Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for Diamondhead Ballfields Upgrades.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2026-030 to authorize grant application to Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund in the amount of \$500,000 for Diamondhead Ballfields Upgrades.

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

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Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher the following consent items:

5. **2026-188:** Motion to approve Work Order with Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$48,982.05 for Hilo Way and Ewa Street - 2025 Unit Price Contract.
6. **2026-189:** Motion to approve amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for FY23 GOMESA Funding Award.
7. **2026-191:** Motion to approve and amend Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for the Bank Stabilization Project - Apelehama Tributary.
8. **2026-192:** Motion to approve amended application for the FY27 Tidelands Funds, Project #FY27-P510-10.
9. **2026-193:** Motion to approve purchase of a portion of land (10,372 square feet or 0.24 acres) from Michael Casano for the appraised value amount of \$7,200.00 for the completion of the Rotten Bayou Nature Trail. The Parcel Number is 132-0-09-001.002.
10. **2026-194:** Motion to declare surplus equipment and proceed with proper disposal.
11. **2026-196:** Motion to approve Budget Amendment 2026-006.

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

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

12. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT234070-DKT234085 and DKT234087-DKT234100) in the amount of \$153,896.98.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Docket of Claims (DKT234070-DKT234085 and DKT234087-DKT234100) in the amount of \$153,896.98.

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

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items. - None

Council Closing Comments

Adjourn/Recess.

At 6:22 p.m. with no further business to come before the council motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adjourn.

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

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Anna Liese
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk