



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 07, 2023
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall
and via teleconference, if necessary

Call to Order.

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

Invocation - Councilmember Maher

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 Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adjust the agenda to amend Consent Agenda Item #5 – 2023-120: by removing payment to Pickering Firm, Inc. in the amount of \$8,000.00 for Makiki Drive and Dui Place Culvert Rehabilitation, remove Consent Agenda Item #7 – 2023-123: Motion to approve Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$38,418.95 to J&A Excavation for Makiki Drive Drainage and to add a Presentation from the Senior Center Officers for an update on the Senior Center.

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.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of President's Day and Tuesday, February 21, 2023 in observance of Mardi Gras.

City Manager's Report.

1. Makiki Drive – The CM and City Engineer are meeting with the engineer and contractor tomorrow.
2. Hilo Way – The work has been completed by the contractor. The engineering firm conducted a final walkthrough this morning. Once all punch list items are corrected, a final payment request will be submitted. The current substantial completion date was set for May 16, 2023.
3. Traffic Study – I meet with the POA and with the City Engineer to discuss the additional roads that are currently projected to end on Golf Club Drive near the Highpoint and Country Club Drive intersection. The city is currently reviewing the overall area and will provide the council with different options.
4. Phase 4 paving – The paving project is currently demobilized until the area around Bayou Circle is available to complete the project. The current end date of the project is February 15th.
5. Park Ten Road – The engineering firm is finishing final adjusted that are needed. Covington will have final drawing, and advertisement ready for review. I am asking for your permission to add the advertisement to the agenda on Tuesday. The firm will be here to answer any questions.
6. Stormwater Master Plan – I provided the council with the current outstanding work assignments and will provide the current project list with expected funding source and timeline at the meeting. I will be meeting with Covington to address areas outside the current identified projects.
7. Bond Paving Project – Below is the current schedule provided by Digital Engineering.
 - March 17th – 50% drawings are due.
 - March 24th – City Review
 - April 14th – 90% drawings are due.
 - April 21st – City Review
 - May 12th – 100% drawings are due.
 - May 16th – Request advertisement to bid project.
 - June 22nd – Bid's Due
 - July 5th – Award Bids
 - August 7th – Notice to Proceed issued.
 - January 31, 2024 – Substantial Completion

Ben Benvenuti, Covington Civil and Environmental gave an update on the Commercial District and requested the Council approve to advertise for the project.

Andrew Levens, Covington Civil and Environmental gave an update on the Stormwater Master Drainage Project.

Public Comments on Agenda Items- None

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve the January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to amend the January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes to reflect the Proclamation for National Human Trafficking Prevention in the City of Diamondhead for the month of January and the PowerPoint Presentation by Mayor Depreo with area drainage concerns.

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

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Resolutions:

2. **2023-122:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-010 thereby authorizing the City Clerk to submit listing of debtors to the Mississippi Intercept Company, LLC for debt offset through the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adopt Resolution 2023-010 thereby authorizing the City Clerk to submit listing of debtors to the Mississippi Intercept Company, LLC for debt offset through the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

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

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3. **2023-132:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-011 thereby authorizing the submittal of application to the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration for MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for a boardwalk project in conjunction with the Noma Drive Improvements Project, authorize the City Manager to execute necessary documents and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2023-011 thereby authorizing the submittal of application to the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration for MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for a boardwalk project in conjunction with the Noma Drive Improvements Project, authorize the City Manager to execute necessary documents and for other related purposes.

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

4. **2023-119:** Motion to approve payments to Digital Engineering in the amount of \$2,117.50 for Beau Vue Phase 2 Drainage Improvements and in the amount of \$825.00 for Roadway Improvements Phase 4.
5. **2023-120:** Motion to approve payment to Pickering Firm, Inc. in the amount of \$4,220.00 for Ahuli Drainage Improvements.
6. **2023-121:** Motion to approve Agreement between Owner and Contractor with Fair Tide Marine & Construction for the Bayou Drive Kayak Launch Improvement Project, authorize the City Manager to execute same and to issue the Notice to Proceed as appropriate.
8. **2023-125:** Motion to approve payments to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$6,898.00 for the Canal Dredging Project, in the amount of \$4,924.00 for Drainage Pond Remediation Project, in the amount of \$3,647.50 for Noma Drive Dredging and in the amount of \$2,255.50 for Noma Drive Improvements Project.
9. **2023-126:** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$2,378.50 to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC for Site Development Plan Review.
10. **2023-127:** Motion to approve the Grant Agreement with Gulf Coast Restoration Fund.
11. **2023-129:** Motion to approve Pay Application 1 in the amount of \$81,413.01 to Moran Hauling for Hilo Way Drainage Improvements.
12. **2023-131:** Motion to accept and award low bid received from JLB Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$579,322.00 for the Diamondhead Drive East and Lily Pond Dredging, 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**Action Agenda.**

13. **2023-118:** Motion to authorize the CM to modify the DH Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Park as the admin sees necessary for budgeting of Tidelands portion and advertise as modified.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to authorize the CM to modify the DH Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Park as the admin sees necessary for budgeting of Tidelands portion and advertise as modified.

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

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- 14. 2023-124:** Motion for discussion and possible action to implement Development Review Committee (DRC) meetings for projects as determined within the city limits of Diamondhead.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher for discussion and possible action to implement Development Review Committee (DRC) meetings for projects as determined within the city limits of Diamondhead.

NO ACTION TAKEN

- 15. 2023-128:** Motion to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to deny the proposed Text Amendment to allow the option for commercial businesses impacted by MDOT's Exit 16 improvements to either replace signage per updated sign ordinance, relocate existing signage or replace signage with signage similar to existing. The case file number is 202200581.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation to deny the proposed Text Amendment to allow the option for commercial businesses impacted by MDOT's Exit 16 improvements to either replace signage per updated sign ordinance, relocate existing signage or replace signage with signage similar to existing. The case file number is 202200581.

Voting No: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley

Voting Yea: Ward 2 Liese, Ward 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

MOTION FAILED

- 16. 2023-130:** Motion to schedule a performance review of the City Manager and to make this an annual review performed during the month of March.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to schedule a performance review of the City Manager and to make this an annual review performed during the month of March.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to amend motion to schedule a performance review of all City Employees under the direction of the City Council annually in July.

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

17. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230419-DKT230437 & DKT230439-DKT230460) in the amount of \$266,384.59.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley To approve Docket of Claims (DKT230419-DKT230437 & DKT230439-DKT230460) in the amount of \$266,384.59.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to approve to advertise for bids for the Commercial District Transformation Phase I.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve to advertise for bids for the Commercial District Transformation Phase I.

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.

Felecia Klockow spoke in reference to the Waggoner Drainage Report Projects.

Adjourn/Recess.

At 8:05 p.m. with no further business to come before the Council, Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nancy Depreo
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk