



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 07, 2023
6:00 PM CST

Call to Order.

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

Invocation-Councilmember Cumberland

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley - Via Teleconference

Ward 2 Anna Liese

Ward 3 John Cumberland

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to confirm 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 November 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. The Diamondhead BBQ and Brews will be held Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- c. Town Green Christmas Festival Saturday, December 9, 2023. Parade 4 - 5 p.m. Festival 5 - 8 p.m.
- d. City Hall will be closed Friday, November 10, 2023 in observance of Veterans Day.
- e. Proclamation - Mrs. June Duffour 2023 (AARP) Andrus Award Recipient for the State of Mississippi
- f. Proclamation - Diamondhead Youth Athletic Association

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

November 07, 2023

1. Makiki Drive – Notice to Proceed has been issued to contractor. The contract is for 60 days. The contractor is about 75% done with this project. The project should be completed before the December 17th contract end date.
2. Park Ten Road –The contract is for 270 Calendar Days with an end date of June 1, 2024. Currently on schedule. The contractor is continuing with installation of utilities. This includes the water, sewer, and electrical conduit. Currently temporary culverts are being used onsite.
3. Noma Drive Restoration –The contract is for 150 Calendar Days with an end date of February 7th. Currently on schedule. The contractor has completed the base installation for the new roadbed and is currently waiting for asphalt scheduling.
4. Phase 4 paving – All of the punch list items have been completed except for the adjustment of the pavement around the manhole on Bayou Dr. and the bird bath on Haleiwa Pl. HPS are scheduled to be onsite 11/6 to make those repairs.
5. Bond Paving Diamondhead Drive – The contract is for 150 Calendar Days with an end date of March 6th. The contractor has completed all milling for the project. Currently paving DH Drive North/West from the community center to the water tower. They will start paving the crossovers and roundabouts next week.
6. Kaleki Way – Project is still with the engineer to complete design.
7. Bayou Drive – Received 60% drawing from engineer last week. They will be reviewed and returned to the engineer for continued design.
8. Montjoy Creek – Engineer is working on the legal description for the 15-foot easement so a deed can be created. Final design is being completed.
9. Noma Drive Walking Trail – The city has applied for additional funding for this project with the MS Outdoor Stewardship Grant. This project will create a walking path from Noma Drive to Montjoy Creek.
10. Canal Dredging – The city has received a permit from USACE to allow for the canal dredging on the south side. The required workplan was generated by Covington Civil and submitted to MDEQ for their review in late August. MDEQ will in turn submit it to the RESTORE Council for final approval.

11. ARPA/GOMESA Projects – The following projects have been assigned to an engineering firm and are currently in the design phase.

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| a. Coon Branch – Chiniche | b. Koloa Steet @ Ala Moana – Chiniche |
| c. Lots 7 & 8 – Chiniche | d. Kolo Court – Covington |
| e. Turnberry – Covington | f. Ahuli Place – Covington |
| g. Kome Drive – Covington | h. Kalae Street – Covington |
| i. Hilo Way – West – MP Design | j. Hilo Way to Hapuna Place – MP Design |
| k. Hilo Way at Koko Street – MP Design | l. Aukai Place/DH Dr East – MP Design |
| m. DH Drive East/Kalani – Covington | n. Veterans/Substation – Covington |
| o. Fairway Drive – Covington | p. Anahola Place – Covington |

Public Comments on Agenda Items -None

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

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

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the October 17, 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:

2. **2023-274:** Motion to contribute up to \$40,000.00 for the Dog Park from the General Fund Balance. (Finley)

NO ACTION TAKEN

3. **2023-350:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-041 thereby concurring with the Planning Commission recommendation for the rezoning of tax parcel number 132A-2-03-028.000 owned by Cure Land Company, LLC, from the current zoning from C-1 (General Commercial District) to TCMU (Town Center Mixed Use). The physical address is 5410 Gex Drive. The Case File Number is 202300417. The purpose of the zoning change is for condominium development. **(Tabled until December 19, 2023 per request of applicant)**

NO ACTION TAKEN

4. **2023-367:** Motion to purchase 2575 sq. ft. of Part of Lot 7, Blk. 6, First Addition, Unit 6, Phase 1 (Makiki Drive) in the amount of \$1.25 per sq. ft. for a total purchase price of \$3,218.75 from Zachary and Callie Bunter for a Permanent Drainage Easement. **(To Be Amended-See Attached)**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to remove from the table motion to purchase 2575 sq. ft. of Part of Lot 7, Blk. 6, First Addition, Unit 6, Phase 1 (Makiki Drive) in the amount of \$1.25 per sq. ft. for a total purchase price of \$3,218.75 from Zachary and Callie Bunter for a Permanent Drainage Easement.

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 Ward 4 Clark to amend motion to purchase 3165 sq. ft. of Part of Lot 7, Blk. 6, First Addition, Unit 6, Phase 1 (Makiki Drive) in the amount of \$1.25 per sq. ft. for a total purchase price of \$3,956.20 from Zachary and Callie Bunter for a Permanent Drainage Easement.

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 Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to purchase 3165 sq. ft. of Part of Lot 7, Blk. 6, First Addition, Unit 6, Phase 1 (Makiki Drive) in the amount of \$1.25 per sq. ft. for a total purchase price of \$3,956.20 from Zachary and Callie Bunter for a Permanent Drainage Easement.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolutions:

5. **2023-383:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-044 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 22 and 23, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 9, Block 2. The parcel number is 067D-0-26-010.000. The physical street address is 11444 Haleiwa Place. (Bryne)

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adopt Resolution 2023-044 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 22 and 23, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 9, Block 2. The parcel number is 067D-0-26-010.000. The physical street address is 11444 Haleiwa Place. (Bryne)

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **2023-384:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-045 thereby extending the current Interlocal Agreement between Hancock County and the City of Diamondhead for police protection services and for other related purposes through September 30, 2025.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2023-045 thereby extending the current Interlocal Agreement between Hancock County and the City of Diamondhead for police protection services and for other related purposes through September 30, 2025.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **2023-387:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-346 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 175A and 176A, Glen Eagle Phase 1 Replat. The parcel number is 067N-1-35-088.000. The physical street address is 7416 Turnberry Way.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2023-346 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 175A and 176A, Glen Eagle Phase 1 Replat. The parcel number is 067N-1-35-088.000. The physical street address is 7416 Turnberry Way.

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 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the following consent items:

8. **2023-378:** Motion to authorize payroll expenses for the Employee Incentive Plan for FY24 in the amount of \$250 each for eligible employees for the second payroll periods in November 2023 and May 2024 to be determined by the City Manager.
9. **2023-379:** Motion to accept and approve existing renewals from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi(2.3% reduction), Morgan White (major medical and deductible buy back) and Guardian (life, dental and vision) and employee benefits insurance renewals for calendar year 2024.
10. **2023-380:** Motion to approve FY24 appropriations totaling \$45,200 to CASA of Hancock County in the amount of \$5,200, East Hancock Library in the amount of \$30,000, Hancock Human Resource Center in the amount of \$2,000, Hancock County Sheriff's Camp in the amount of \$500, Hancock County Tourism in the amount of \$1,000, American Red Cross in the amount of \$500, Magdelene House in the amount of \$1,000, Pearl River Community College Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 and to authorize lump-sum disbursements.
11. **2023-381:** Motion to approve events hosted and/or sponsored by the City.
12. **2023-382:** Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding Between The City of Diamondhead and Hancock County Board of Supervisors to construct a connector road that will be located between Bayou Place and Kapalama Drive.

13. **2023-385:** Motion to approve the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources FY23 Tidelands Grant Agreement in the amount of \$300,000 for the Dredging Project for Noma Drive Boat Ramp and for other related purposes.
14. **2023-385:** Motion to approve the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources FY23 Tidelands Grant Agreement in the amount of \$100,000 for the Nature Trail and Nature Education Center Planning Project and for other related purposes.
15. **2023-389:** Motion to approve Budget Amendments for FY2023.
16. **2023-390:** Motion to approve FY2023 Interfund Loans and Interfund Transfers.

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.

17. **2023-388:** Motion to reconsider allowing anyone that had a permit for a landscape culvert that expired during the moratorium on Landscape Culverts, to request during moratorium time period a new permit and they be allowed to do a landscape culvert according to the present permit and building review requirements for culvert size and other requirements set forth by building officials. (Finley)

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to reconsider allowing anyone that had a permit for a landscape culvert that expired during the moratorium on Landscape Culverts, to request during moratorium time period a new permit and they be allowed to do a landscape culvert according to the present permit and building review requirements for culvert size and other requirements set forth by building officials. (Finley)

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

MOTION CARRIED

Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

18. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT231183- DKT231226) in the amount of \$193,738.56.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Docket of Claims (DKT231183- DKT231226) in the amount of \$193,738.56.

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.

Harry Cagle - Paving, Gex Drive Lighting, Yellow House

Adjourn/Recess.

At 7:00 p.m. with no further business to come before the council motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Mayor Depreo to adjourn.

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

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk