



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
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 Liese

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 Austin Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adjust the agenda adding Penny Crawford with the Diamondhead Garden Club to the Presentation 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 Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Penny Crawford – Diamondhead Garden Club

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

March 18, 2025

1. Dog Park – The engineering firm is finalizing the dog park plans. All desired elements of the original design are included in the design. Public works will start clearing the property.
2. Paving 2025 – The permission to advertise this project is on tonight's agenda. We are aware of end-of-term requirements. A pre-bid conference will be held on April 17, 2025.

3. MDOT Projects – All ramps are currently open. T.L. Wallace is working on completing the North roundabout. The Interstate widening project is continuing. The current completion date is March 30, 2027. This project includes the walking track and sound wall.
4. Park Ten Road – The contractor is completing the punch list items that the engineering firm is requesting. The city has not conducted a walkthrough on this project. We are working on the ribbon cutting for April 10th.
5. Kaleki Way – Project is complete. The engineer has scheduled a walkthrough for this week to close out the project.
6. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The project is for 120 days with a current end date of June 10th. The contractor is on site installing the landscape culverts and drain inlets. They worked this past Saturday to make up for some lost time on the project. Once completed, the contractor will begin the pond dredging.
7. Unit Price Projects –
 - i) Laa La Way – DNA has ordered materials and will provide schedule when work will start. The roadway will be closed for an expected one day of work. We will notify all residents affected.
 - ii) The Kipapa Way project design has been given to public works, expect to begin after Lanai Place.
 - iii) Lanai Place – Engineers have provided the design for this project. Public Works will start this project within the next two weeks.
 - iv) Koko Court – Engineers are working on design.
8. Coon Branch – Bids are due March 26th. Meeting with DWSD this week to review the plans to ensure all underground utilities are accounted for.
9. Jourdan River Boardwalk – Received the recorded Secretary of State Tidelands lease last week. I had a meeting with MDEQ this afternoon to discuss final steps.
10. Noma Drive Phase 1b – Public Works has completed the parking lot. Coast Electric is working on installing the parking lot lights. The contractor is onsite completing the punch list items.
11. Noma Drive Dredging – The project is for 90 days with a current end date of May 25th. The contractor has the boat on site and will begin the dredging process.
12. Bank Stabilization – **No update on this meeting.** The project has been divided into three phases. Phase one will cover the area from Diamondhead Drive North to Kalipekona Pond. The rear ditch will require additional easement for access. The engineer is currently working on final drawing.
13. Canal Dredging – **No update on this meeting.** The bids were opened on February 10th. All documents will be sent to MDEQ for the Bid Package Review.
14. Noma Drive Nature Trail – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has determined the phase 1 site and will start the design and layout.
15. Detention Pond – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer will be completing the plans for this area by the end of the year. Public works will dredge this pond once plans are provided to the city.
16. Pelican Cove Drainage Project – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has additional surveying to complete and will finalize the drawing for this project.
17. Montjoy Creek – **No update on this meeting.** USACE needed additional information from the engineer. That has been provided to them, and we are waiting on final permits to be issued. The project is being separated into three phases to ensure funding.

Email Request Received

1. 698 / 6910 Aukai Place – Councilmember asked about the drainage ditch in this area needing to be addressed. A work order has been issued.
2. 9951 Hamakua St – Resident is requesting ditch to be cleaned. A work order has been issued.
3. Bayou Circle – Councilmember asked about deep ruts in the green space on Bayou Circle. A work order has been issued.
4. 8434 Amoka Place – Councilmember asked for the ditch on the side of the resident be cleaned to prevent flooding issues at this address. An additional request to add a culvert across Lola Drive.
5. 8428 Amoka Place – Councilmember asked to repair pavement in front of this resident due to ponding of the road.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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. **2025-064:** Motion to adopt resolution 2025-007 authorizing a grant application to the MS Department of Wildlife & Fisheries for a Recreation Trails Program Grant in the amount of \$120,000 for the Noma Drive Nature Trail Project and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt resolution 2025-007 authorizing a grant application to the MS Department of Wildlife & Fisheries for a Recreation Trails Program Grant in the amount of \$120,000 for the Noma Drive Nature Trail Project 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

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Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve the following consent items:

3. **2025-052:** Motion to approve change order in the amount of -\$33,358.35, final pay application 5 in the amount of \$6,583.61 to LJ Construction Inc., and close out documents for the Kalae Street Drainage Project.

4. **2025-053:** Motion to approve change order in the amount of -\$106,233.60, final pay application 6 in the amount of \$28,148.60 to LJ Construction Inc., and close out documents for the Turnberry Drainage Project.
5. **2025-054:** Motion to approve final pay application 3 in the amount of \$10,108.71 to LJ Construction Inc., and close out documents for the Hilo Way Master Drainage Improvements.
6. **2025-055:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$13,462.50 for Kaleki Way Drainage Project, in the amount of \$1,300.00 for Turnberry Drainage Project, in the amount of \$21,300.00 for Diamondhead Paving 2025, in the amount of \$4,800.00 for Ahuli Drainage Project, in the amount of \$17,000.00 for Kome Drive and Fairway Drive Drainage Project, and in the amount of \$2,973.15 for the Commercial District Transformation Project.
7. **2025-056:** Motion to approve Change Order No. 6 for twenty (20) additional days to the contract with LJ Construction Inc., for the Kaleki Way Drainage Project for a completion date of March 23, 2025 with no change to contract price.
8. **2025-057:** Motion to advertise for bids for Diamondhead Paving 2025.
9. **2025-058:** Motion to accept substantial completion of the Commercial District Transformation Project Phase I as of December 31, 2024.
10. **2025-059:** Motion to approve Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$21,360.26 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Ahuli Drainage Project.
11. **2025-060:** Motion to approve payments to MP Design Group in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Diamondhead Dr E & Aukai Pl, in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Hilo Way at Koko St, in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Hilo Way to Hapuna Pl, and in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Hilo Way West.
12. **2025-061:** Motion to approve to enter into agreement with South Mississippi Planning and Development District for Economic Development Support and Grant Procurement and Administration for FY25 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.
13. **2025-062:** Motion to approve Pay Application 18 in the amount of \$34,204.18 to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC for the Commercial District Transformation Project Phase I.
14. **2025-063:** Motion to approve Pay Application 8 in the amount of \$367,456.05 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Kaleki Way Drainage Project.

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

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Action Agenda.

15. **2025-065:** Motion to mandate that all requests for quotes FOR PURCHASES OVER \$5,000.00 BUT NOT OVER \$75,000.00 be placed on the agenda for approval and sealed quotes shall be received on a specific date and time as stated on the request for quotes and opened by the city manager and received quotes shall be placed on the agenda with recommendation for approval by the staff. This will achieve higher purchasing standards, a tighter oversee of tax spending and make certain proper procurement is being followed by the City of Diamondhead FOR PURCHASES OVER \$5,000.00 BUT NOT OVER \$75,000.00. (Depreo)

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to mandate that all requests for quotes FOR PURCHASES OVER \$5,000.00 BUT NOT OVER \$75,000.00 be placed on the agenda for approval and sealed quotes shall be received on a specific date and time as stated on the request for quotes and opened by the city manager and received quotes shall be placed on the agenda with recommendation for approval by the staff. This will achieve higher purchasing standards, a tighter oversee of tax spending and make certain proper procurement is being followed by the City of Diamondhead FOR PURCHASES OVER \$5,000.00 BUT NOT OVER \$75,000.00.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo

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

MOTION FAILED

- 16. **2025-066:** Motion to allow donations made for the Original Diamondhead Dog Park to be returned to the rightful donor upon their request between the dates of March 19, 2025, and June 30, 2025, and to authorize the city clerk to notify the public about this opportunity to allow donations to be returned. (Depreo)

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to allow donations made for the Original Diamondhead Dog Park to be returned to the rightful donor upon their request between the dates of March 19, 2025, and June 30, 2025, and to authorize the city clerk to notify the public about this opportunity to allow donations to be returned.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo

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

MOTION FAILED

- 17. **2025-067:** Motion to discuss rental of the activity room. (Depreo)

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to discuss rental of the activity room.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to amend the agenda to add a motion to the action agenda for The Planning and Zoning Commission to hold a public hearing to revisit the Peddlers/Solicitation Ordinance.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 17a. Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher for Planning and Zoning Commission to hold a public hearing to revisit the Peddlers/Solicitation Ordinance.

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

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

- 18. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232598 - DKT232637) in the amount of \$688,294.57.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232598 - DKT232637) in the amount of \$688,294.57.

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

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- 19. Motion to approve Payroll Payables PRCLAIM000229 in the amount of \$27,911.61, PRCLAIM000230 in the amount of \$3,058.37, PRCLAIM000231 in the amount of \$27,528.77 and Docket of Claims 232588-232597 in the amount of \$41,909.91.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Payroll Payables PRCLAIM000229 in the amount of \$27,911.61, PRCLAIM000230 in the amount of \$3,058.37, PRCLAIM000231 in the amount of \$27,528.77 and Docket of Claims 232588-232597 in the amount of \$41,909.91.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 20. February 2025 Financials

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve February 2025 Financials.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve the Department Reports.

- a. Court
 - Police
 - Building
 - Code Enforcement

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

Council Closing Comments

Adjourn/Recess.

At 7:12 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland 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