



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall
and via teleconference, if necessary

Call to Order.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Depreo called the meeting to order via teleconference.

Invocation - Councilmember Cumberland

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Nancy Depreo - Via teleconference

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 3 John Cumberland

Ward 4 Austin Clark

ABSENT

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Anna Liese

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adjust the agenda by adding the following under Resolutions:

4. Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Ronald Lee Rech.

5. 2025-105: Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration with Assurances and contacts for funding in the amount of \$50,000 for a police vehicle for the Diamondhead Police Department as specified in Section 10 of Senate Bill 2468 2024 Regular Legislative Session (amended HB1131) and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Proclamation - National Safe Boating Week
- 4.** Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Ronald Lee Rech.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to move Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Ronald Lee Rech to the Presentation Agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Ronald Lee Rech.

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

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City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

May 20, 2025

1. Noma Drive Phase 1b – The ribbon cutting was a wonderful event. I want to thank everyone that attended. The contractor will be completing any additional punch list items by the end of the month.
2. Noma Drive Dredging – The contractor is completing the hydro-survey today and will install channel markers by the end of the month.
3. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The project is for 120 days with a current end date of June 10th. The change order on the agenda for tonight will reduce the total contract price but is asking to extend the time due to weather delays. The change order will have the contractor install additional anchors to the culverts to prevent them from floating up.
4. MDOT Projects – The ramp headed East has a current end date of May 23. The bridge deck is currently being installed.
5. Dog Park – The engineering firm has completed the survey work. Once they are able to process the data, they will let the city know if any additional clearing is needed.
6. Paving 2025 – The pre-construction meeting will be held on Friday. The city is currently waiting on bonds and insurance before a notice to proceed is issued.
7. Unit Price
 - a. The Kipapa Way – Public Works has placed this project on hold.
 - b. Koko Court – Waiting on a work assignment from the contractor.
 - c. Mauna Loa – Additional survey work needed from engineer.
 - d. Makiki Drive – Public Works has placed this project on hold.
8. Coon Branch – The notice to proceed has been set for June 16th. Project is 180 days with an expected end date of December 13th.
9. Canal Dredging – MDEQ has all additional information requested. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to discuss the next steps.
10. Jourdan River Boardwalk – The monthly meeting with MDEQ is scheduled for Wednesday. The final drawings are expected to be completed and sent to MDEQ for review.

11. Detention Pond – The engineer provided their initial design to the city. The POA did not like the increase in the fairway. The engineer is redesigning the pond to prevent fairway encroachment. Public works will dredge this pond once plans are provided to the city.
12. Bank Stabilization – **No update on this meeting.** The engineers are finalizing the analysis on the Phase 1 design. Phase one will cover the area from Diamondhead Drive North to Kalipekona Pond. The rear ditch will require additional easement for access.
13. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has redesigned this project into five phases. The funding is already secured for phase 1. The engineer is working on the phase 1 design.
14. Montjoy Creek – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer is working on redesigning the current sediment trap along the waterway. If approved, additional permitting will not be required from USACE. Once approved, the project can be sent out for bid.
15. Pelican Cove Drainage Project – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has additional surveying to complete and will finalize the drawing for this project.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

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Resolutions:

2. **2025-101:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-014 authorizing the Mayor and City Council to Quitclaim Certain Real Property located within the city to the rightful owner, Gilberto Pavon.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2025-014 authorizing the Mayor and City Council to Quitclaim Certain Real Property located within the city to the rightful owner, Gilberto Pavon.

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

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3. **2025-103:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-015 for the purpose of establishing two (2) new depository accounts for capital expenditure funds, authorizing signers for said accounts and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2025-015 for the purpose of establishing two (2) new depository accounts for capital expenditure funds, authorizing signers for said accounts and for other related purposes.

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

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Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration with Assurances and contacts for funding in the amount of \$50,000 for a police vehicle for the Diamondhead Police Department as specified in Section 10 of Senate Bill 2468 2024 Regular Legislative Session (amended HB1131) and authorize the City Manager to execute same.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Consent Agenda:**

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

6. **2025-100:** Motion to accept Audit Engagement Correspondence with Wright Ward Hatten Guel outlining FY24 audit services and objectives.
7. **2025-102:** Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Kome Drive and Kalipekona Pond Drainage Project contract with JLB Contractors, LLC in the net amount of -\$10,377.07 for a total contract amount of \$1,226,017.93 and to increase the contract for an additional 37 calendar days, making the new Substantial Completion date July 17, 2025.
8. **2025-104:** Motion to accept low quotes for the purchase of equipment for public works under the Lease Purchase with Cadence Equipment Finance.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Routine Agenda.****Claims Payable**

9. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232796 - DKT232821) in the amount of \$142,653.58.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232796 - DKT232821) in the amount of \$142,653.58.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Department Reports**

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following department reports:

a. Court

Police

Building

Code Enforcement

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

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None

Council Closing Comments

Adjourn/Recess.

At 6:28 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adjourn.

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

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Nancy Depreo
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk