



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 05, 2025
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. via teleconference.

Invocation - Councilman Finley

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 Councilmember-At-Large Maher Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to confirm the 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, March 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

March 05, 2025

1. Contractor Notification – At the request of Councilman Maher, I have asked all engineers to add to all future contracts and bid documents the stipulation that notification must be given to residents by the contractor before work can begin in the area. The city will also continue to notify residents about projects in their area.
2. Dog Park – The engineering firm has provided the current draft design and the initial OPC for the dog park layout. All desired elements of the original design are included in the updated drawing. The new layout will be approximately 31,000 square feet.

3. Paving 2025 – The engineer is working on a bid/start date schedule for this project. The engineers are currently expected to present to the council on the 18th of March with a request to advertise at the first meeting in April. We are aware of end-of-term requirements and are factoring those into the schedule.
4. MDOT Projects – The I-10 Westbound ramp work is continuing. I spoke with the engineer from Neal-Schaffer this morning. He has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow and will provide me with an update afterwards. The contractor installed the additional culverts on the West end of the trail to allow better drainage. The engineer is meeting with the contractor today to observe the walking track area and make any additional adjustments needed.
5. Park Ten Road – The contractor is still working on items that were to be fixed before the walkthrough was conducted. The engineer has discussed and submitted in writing the remaining items that needed to be addressed. We will schedule ribbon cutting for April.
6. Kaleki Way – All base repair and milling has been completed. The contractor is on site today to start paving the roadway. A change order is needed to extend the time of this contract.
7. 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. Once completed, the contractor will begin the pond dredging.
8. 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 – public works has moved this project ahead of Kipapa Way. A swale will be installed between homes to convey water to roadside ditch.
 - iv) Koko Court – Engineer working on design.
9. Coon Branch – **No update on this meeting.** Bids are due March 26th. This drainage project will increase the size of the driveway culverts on Kahana Street, and a portion of Ana Hula Street. The project will also address the rear drainage ditch at the intersection of Ana Hula and Kaloa Street to Kahana Street.
10. 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.
11. Jourdan River Boardwalk – **No update on this meeting.** The Secretary of State Tidelands lease has been filed. We are continuing with the monthly meetings with MDEQ.
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. Noma Drive Phase 1b – **No update on this meeting.** We will set up a walkthrough next week, and a punch list will be issued.
14. Noma Drive Dredging – **No update on this meeting.** The notice to proceed will be issued around the first of February with the schedule of work to be completed within that month.
15. Noma Drive Nature Trail – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has determined the phase 1 site and will start the design and layout.

- 16. 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.
- 17. Pelican Cove Drainage Project – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has additional surveying to complete and will finalize the drawing for this project.
- 18. 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. 8512 Op La Way – Councilmember asked about road damage in this area. **A work order has been issued to patch this area.**

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None
 Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

- 1. Motion to approve February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.
 Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.
 Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 4 Clark
 Abstain: Ward 3 Cumberland

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve the following consent items:

- 2. **2025-046:** Motion to approve payment to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$20,214.25 for Coon Branch Drainage, in the amount of \$5,073.25 for Jourdan River Boardwalk, in the amount of \$4,300.00 for Canal Dredging Project and in the amount of \$2,205.00 for Noma Dredging.
- 3. **2025-047:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$23,825.00 for Diamondhead Paving Project.
- 4. **2025-050:** Motion to surplus property Asset ID 560, proceed with decommission and proper disposal.
- 5. **2025-051:** Motion to authorize the use of a city-owned event tent, 6 tables and 30 chairs to CASA Hancock County for an event to be held April 5, 2025.

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.

- 6. **2025-048:** Request to change sign ordinance for temporary signs such as election signs so that they be placed on private property on city right of way as long as at least 2 feet from City Street. Election signs are still to follow the 60 days prior to election to be put up, and within 7 days after election to come down. (Maher)

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to refer the request to change sign ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and public hearing. The request is related to temporary signs such as election signs so that they be placed on private property on city right of way as long as at least 2 feet from City Street. Election signs are still to follow the 60 days prior to election to be put up, and within 7 days after election to come down.

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

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- 7. **2025-049:** Motion to request P&Z's recommendation for the following ordinance change: "**Sec. 4-36, - Livestock and fowl.** Livestock and fowl are not permitted in the city limits."

Recommendation requested: Whether or not to allow residents to obtain a limited amount of chickens for the purpose of harvesting eggs and any stipulations that may be needed. (Clark)

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to request P&Z's recommendation for the following ordinance change: "**Sec. 4-36, - Livestock and fowl.** Livestock and fowl are not permitted in the city limits."

Recommendation requested: Whether or not to allow residents to obtain a limited amount of chickens for the purpose of harvesting eggs and any stipulations that may be needed.

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

MOTION FAILED

Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

- 8. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232552 - DKT232586) in the amount of \$136,547.43.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232552 - DKT232586) in the amount of \$136,547.43.

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 6:32 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn.

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