



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
6:00 PM CST

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

Invocation - Clark

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 Ward 3 Cumberland, 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, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Proclamation - Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month
- c. Light of Hope Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Community Event - Wednesday, April 16, 2025 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Diamondhead City Hall Grounds

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT
April 15, 2025

1. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The project is for 120 days with a current end date of June 10th. The contractor is completing the installation of landscape culverts, drain inlets, and roadway culverts. They are working on Saturday to make up for the missed time due to the weather.

2. MDOT Projects – The final ramp headed East out of Diamondhead is now closed. All high mast lights and low mast lights on the North side ramps are back online. The subcontractor is waiting for the ramp work to be completed before the South low mast lights are reconnected.
3. Dog Park – The engineering firm needs to do some topographical work on the site to insure proper drainage. This will be conducted after public works has completed the initial mulch cut of the property.
4. Paving 2025 – The project is currently out to bid. Bids are due May 1st. A pre-bid conference will be held on April 17, 2025.
5. Noma Drive Phase 1b – Coast Electric is installing the parking lot lights. The contractor is completing the parking lot curbing and all punch list items. A ribbon cutting will be held in the first week of May.
6. Noma Drive Dredging – The project is for 90 days with a current end date of May 25th. The contractor has been on-site dredging the waterway, he expects to be completed by May.
7. Park Ten Road – The ribbon cutting ceremony was held last week with everyone in attendance enjoying a look at the new roadway. I again want to thank Covington Engineering and Bottom 2 Top for the design and construction of this new roadway.
8. Traffic Study – The traffic engineer has submitted the Golf Club Drive at Diamondhead Drive East all-way stop study. The engineer has determined that the traffic warrants an all-way stop at this intersection based on the traffic count. The city will notify residents and install a new stop sign at this intersection to become operational on May 5th.
9. Unit Price Projects
 - i) Laa La Way – DNA was on-site Monday to adjust a waterline. Today they have closed the roadway and are installing the culvert.
 - ii) The Kipapa Way – Public Works is starting on this project on Wednesday.
 - iii) Lanai Place – Engineers have provided the design for this project.
 - iv) Koko Court – Engineers have completed the design. They are currently working on a work assignment.
10. Coon Branch – The bids are on this agenda for approval. The budget for this project will cover the base bid only. The alternates were roadside ditch cleaning. This work will be completed by the Public Works department.
11. Jourdan River Boardwalk – The city has received permissions from the Coastal Preserves Program to access the SOS land as needed. We are still holding our monthly meeting with MDEQ to keep this project moving forward.
12. Bank Stabilization – 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. Canal Dredging – The bids received were well over budget. MDEQ is requesting additional survey information to determine the best route for dredging equipment. An updated OPC has been sent to MDEQ for review and determination of additional funding is needed.
14. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – 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.

15. Montjoy Creek – 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.
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.

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Molly Kooney - Kalipekona Pond

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve April 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve April 1, 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. **2025-081:** Motion to award Lease Purchase Financing up to an amount not to exceed \$350,000 to Cadence Equipment Finance at a rate of 5.08% APR for 5 years for trucks and other equipment for the Public Works Department and further to adopt Resolution 2025-009 thereby authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement and to carryout things all necessary in furtherance of the obligations of the Lessee pursuant to the agreement and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to award Lease Purchase Financing up to an amount not to exceed \$350,000 to Cadence Equipment Finance at a rate of 5.08% APR for 5 years for trucks and other equipment for the Public Works Department and further to adopt Resolution 2025-009 thereby authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement and to carryout things all necessary in furtherance of the obligations of the Lessee pursuant to the agreement 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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3. **2025-078:** Motion to approve Res 2025-010 appointing Diana Sutherland to the position of Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Ward 2 for a four (4) year term, effectively immediately. (Liese)

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve Res 2025-010 appointing Diana Sutherland to the position of Planning and Zoning Commissioner, Ward 2 for a four (4) year term, effectively immediately.

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

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4. **2025-079:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-011 appointing Renee Lawson to fill the position of Planning and Zoning Commissioner representing Ward 3. Ms. Lawson will be replacing Diamondhead's Ward 3 Elect councilwoman Jessie Harwood. (Cumberland)

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adopt Resolution 2025-011 appointing Renee Lawson to fill the position of Planning and Zoning Commissioner representing Ward 3. Ms. Lawson will be replacing Diamondhead's Ward 3 Elect councilwoman Jessie Harwood.

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 2 Liese to approve the following consent items:

5. **2025-070:** Motion to approve First Amendment to the Sublease agreement made effective as of March 17, 2025 for the Dog Park Property with Ochsner Medical Center - Hancock, LLC (Sublandlord).
6. **2025-072:** Motion to approve Work Assignment No. 2 (Amendment 1) under the Master Service Agreement with Machado Patano, PLLC in the amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for Dog Park Professional Services.
7. **2025-083:** Motion to accept and award low bid received from SCI, LLC in the amount of \$1,259,468.20 for Coon Branch Drainage Improvements - Phase I and 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

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

8. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232681 - DKT232738) in the amount of \$219,447.22.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232681 - DKT232738) in the amount of \$219,447.22.

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

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9. Motion to approve Payroll Payables PRCLAIM000232 in the amount of \$28,809.29, PRCLAIM000233 in the amount of \$3,058.37, PRCLAIM000234 in the amount of \$28,499.15 and DKT232668-DKT232680 in the amount of \$48,422.99.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Payroll Payables PRCLAIM000232 in the amount of \$28,809.29, PRCLAIM000233 in the amount of \$3,058.37, PRCLAIM000234 in the amount of \$28,499.15 and DKT232668-DKT232680 in the amount of \$48,422.99.

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

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Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Department Reports.

a. Court

Police

Building

Code Enforcement

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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 4 Clark, Seconded by Mayor Depreo to recess until Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

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