



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**  
**6:00 PM CST**  
Council Chambers, City Hall

**Call to Order.**

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

Invocation - Councilmember Maher

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**PRESENT**

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Anna Liese

Ward 4 Austin Clark

**ABSENT**

Ward 3 John Cumberland

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adjust the agenda.

Adding-

Resolutions:

1. 2025-045: Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-006 to purchase easements for the Bank Stabilization from Frederick Pillot in the amount of \$5000.00.

Claims Payable:

17. Motion to approve Docket of Claims DKT232551 in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Moving from Consent Agenda to Action Agenda-

**2025-042:** Motion to enter into a Sublease Agreement with Ochsner Medical Center and The City of Diamondhead for approximately 1.3 acres for a period not to exceed the duration of the prime lease in the amount of \$1 per year for non medical use as a Dog Park to the Action Agenda.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation Agenda.**

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. City Hall will be closed Tuesday, March 4, 2025 in observance of Mardi Gras.
- c. Frank Bordeaux-Property Insurance Presentation

City Manager's Report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

February 18, 2025

1. Dog Park – The lease is on this agenda for your approval. The engineering firm is currently working on the redesign of the park and OPC. The engineer will include all elements of the original design in the updated drawing. Unless additional fencing is required due to the larger size of the park, the estimated budget of ~\$70,000 will be needed to build the park. Once I have the updated OPC, I will ask for the budget amendment for the needed \$40,000 on the next agenda.
2. Paving 2025 – The work assignment for this design and report phase for this project is on tonight's agenda for your approval. The estimated cost is \$1.4 million. The project includes paving and base repair of Bayou Drive, Lola Drive, Turnberry Drive, Way and Court. The Civil-Link Road survey rated the roadway between three and four. These roads have recently had additional drainage work done on them with patch repairs. This paving project will complete the road paving on these streets.
3. MDOT Projects – The I-10 Westbound ramp work is continuing. The walking trail and soundwall portion of the widening project is also progressing. The contractor will be installing three additional culverts on the West end of the trail to allow better drainage. They will also remove three trees withing the drainage ditch to be able to improve the site grade. This work should be completed this week.
4. Park Ten Road – The weather delayed the walkthrough and striping for this project. The striping started on Monday and will be finished this week. The walkthrough will be held later this week.
5. Kaleki Way – The new completion date for this project is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The base repair has been completed. Paving will be completed in the next two weeks.
6. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The project is for 120 days with a current end date of June 10<sup>th</sup>. The contractor has completed all driveway repairs and will begin working on the landscape culvert replacements. Once completed, the contractor will begin the pond dredging.
7. Coon Branch – Bids are due March 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.
8. Canal Dredging – The bids were opened on February 10<sup>th</sup>. All documents will be sent to MDEQ for the Bid Package Review.
9. Jourdan River Boardwalk – The Secretary of State Tidelands lease has been filed. We are continuing with the monthly meetings with MDEQ.

10. Bank Stabilization – 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 for all properties.
11. Noma Drive Phase 1b – **No update on this meeting.** We will set up a walkthrough next week, and a punch list will be issued.
12. Unit Price Projects – **No update on this meeting.** The Kipapa Way project design has been given to public works, one major project is currently ahead of this project.
13. 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.
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. Maui Circle – I noticed two weeks ago the debris on the side of the road. I gave our grapple service time to clean up the debris. As it is not in front of a resident, it was not picked up. I asked code enforcement to contact the property owner regarding the debris. **The property owner was notified by code enforcement last week to remove the debris left in vacant lot on Maui Circle.**
4. 69243 Diamondhead Drive East – Resident contacted a councilmember about the backyard of this home. **Code enforcement has contacted the homeowner. The resident is cleaning out the newly acquired property. He was given 10 days to clean up the area. Code enforcement will follow up on the clean-up progress.**

7855 Hilo Way – Councilmember asked about adding a streetlight in this area as it is very dark. **I will contact Coast Electric to install any streetlights needed in that area**

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Bill Atkinson - Dog Park

John Hurley - Dog Park

Gene Peters - Dog Park

Council Comments.

### Policy Agenda.

#### Minutes:

1. Motion to approve February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve February 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Resolutions:

**2025-045:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-006 to purchase easements for the Bank Stabilization from Frederick Pillot in the amount of \$5000.00.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adopt Resolution 2025-006 to purchase easements for the Bank Stabilization from Frederick Pillot in the amount of \$5000.00.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following consent items:

2. **2025-032:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$8,975.00 for Kaleki Way Drainage Project, in the amount of \$1,758.80 for Site Development Plan Review, in the amount of \$6,030.00 for On-Call Survey Services, in the amount of \$1,986.35 for Annual Unit Price Contract, in the amount of \$6,400.00 for Ahuli Drainage Project, in the amount of \$4,250.00 for Kome Drive and Fairway Drive Drainage Project, in the amount of \$2,160.00 for Highpoint Signage Review, in the amount of \$3,750.00 for DH Drive East/Golf Club Drive Intersection Review and in the amount of \$8,156.79 for the Commercial District Transformation Project.
3. **2025-033:** Motion to authorize the administration to enter an agreement with J & M Displays, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000 for 4th of July firework display on Thursday, July 3, 2025.
4. **2025-034:** Motion to approve Pay Application 5 in the amount of \$10,255.05 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Turnberry Drainage Project.
5. **2025-035:** Motion to approve Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$1,530.75 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Kalae Street Drainage Project.
6. **2025-036:** Motion to accept substantial completion of the Ahuli Drainage Project as of February 5, 2025.
7. **2025-037:** Motion to approve Pay Application 3 in the amount of \$162,437.42 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Ahuli Drainage Project.

8. **2025-038:** Motion to approve Pay Application 2 in the amount of \$172,880.52 to LJ Construction, Inc., for the Hilo Way Master Drainage Improvements Project.
9. **2025-039:** Motion to accept substantial completion of the Hilo Way Master Drainage Project as of January 24, 2025.
10. **2025-040:** Motion to approve Pay Application 7 in the amount of \$58,531.20 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Kaleki Way Drainage Project.
11. **2025-041:** Motion to approve Pay Application 17 in the amount of \$115,191.60 to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC for the Commercial District Transformation Project Phase I.
13. **2025-044:** Motion to approve Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$99,500.00 for Diamondhead Paving 2025.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Agenda.**

14. **2025-043:** Motion to authorize city clerk to publish the qualification period for municipal elections on the city's Facebook page in addition to required locations. (Depreo)

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to authorize city clerk to publish the qualification period for municipal elections on the city's Facebook page in addition to required locations.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to enter into a Sublease Agreement with Ochsner Medical Center and The City of Diamondhead for approximately 1.3 acres for a period not to exceed the duration of the prime lease in the amount of \$1 per year for non medical use as a Dog Park.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

15. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232515 - DKT232549) in the amount of \$714,337.03.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232515 - DKT232549) in the amount of \$714,337.03.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 16. Motion to approve Payroll Payables PRCLAIM000225 in the amount of \$26,337.48, PRCLAIM000226 in the amount of \$25,335.19, PRCLAIM in the amount of \$3,055.04, PRCLAIM000228 in the amount of \$27,727.45 and DKT232504-DKT232514 in the amount of \$40,382.65.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Payroll Payables PRCLAIM000225 in the amount of \$26,337.48, PRCLAIM000226 in the amount of \$25,335.19, PRCLAIM in the amount of \$3,055.04, PRCLAIM000228 in the amount of \$27,727.45 and DKT232504-DKT232514 in the amount of \$40,382.65.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to approve Docket of Claims DKT232551 in the amount of \$5000.00.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve Docket of Claims DKT232551 in the amount of \$5000.00.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Department Reports**

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following reports:

- a. Court
- Police
- Building
- Code Enforcement
- b. January 2025 Financial Report

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None**

**Council Closing Comments**

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 7:28 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 1 Finley, Ward 2 Liese, Ward 4 Clark

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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk