



Mayor Liese	
Councilmember Maher	At-Large
Councilmember Finley	Ward 1
Councilmember Sheppard	Ward 2
Councilmember Harwood	Ward 3
Councilmember Clark	Ward 4

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 01, 2026
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall
and via teleconference, if necessary

Call to Order.

Invocation - Councilmember Maher
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Presentation Agenda.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday September 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Proclamation - National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

City Manager's Report.

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Council Comments.

- a. The proposed FY27 Budget adoption will be at the next Regular Meeting of the City Council to be held on September 15, 2026.

Policy Agenda.

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING FY27 BUDGET 6:30 P.M**

Minutes:

3. Motion to approve August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Resolutions:

4. **2026-170:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-025 thereby setting the tax levy for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2027 at a rate of 29.5 mills and for other related purposes.
5. **2026-177:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-026 to accept by donation an easement which is part of Lot 81, Glen Eagle at Diamondhead Phase 1 for drainage and utility purposes from Kim S. Zimmerman.
6. **2026-183:** Motion to adopt resolution 2026-027 appointing Trey McKnight to fill the vacant position of Planning and Zoning Commissioner representing Ward 4 effective immediately. (Clark)

Consent Agenda:

7. **2026-169:** Motion to approve the Grant Agreement with Department of Marine Resources for the Rotten Bayou Nature Trail Project FY27-P510-10 with funding in the amount of \$500,000.
8. **2026-171:** Motion to authorize the release of annual fire rebate funds in the amount of \$67,957.91 to Hancock County Board of Supervisors for expenses relating to support, operation, maintenance and equipment for the Diamondhead Fire Department for fire protection services pursuant to the agreement entered into on May 5, 2026.
9. **2026-172:** Motion to approve Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$245,622.50 to Gill's Crane & Dozer Services, for the Jourdan River Boardwalk Project.
10. **2026-173:** Motion to approve Pay Application 3 in the amount of \$136,677.30 to Holliday Construction, for the Montjoy Creek Nature Trail.
11. **2026-174:** Motion to approve amendment to Work Assignment with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC adding Bidding in the amount of \$9,750.00, Construction Inspection and Oversight Services in the amount of \$92,000.00 and in the amount of (\$101,750.00) for a reduction of the cost for the Engineering and Design and Permitting Tasks for the Bank Stabilization Project. The Work Assignment remains at the amount not to exceed \$430,000.00
12. **2026-175:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$1,315.00 for On-Call Survey Services, in the amount of \$350.00 for Annual Unit Price Contract, in the amount of \$5,850.00 for Site Development Plan Review FY26, and in the amount of \$16,800.00 for West Aloha Roadway Improvements Project.
13. **2026-176:** Motion to approve payment to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$12,570.50 for Rotten Bayou Nature Trail, in the amount of \$7,891.50 for Montjoy Creek Nature Trail, in the amount of \$7,353.50 for Montjoy Creek Trailhead Project, in the amount of \$25,258.00 for Jourdan River Boardwalk, in the amount of \$10,195.75 for Pond 6 Remediation and in the amount of \$5,420.25 for Canal Dredging.
14. **2026-180:** Motion of approval of support letter for the Hancock Resource Center application to the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.
15. **2026-181:** Motion to accept and award low bid received from LJ Construction Inc. in the amount of \$311,059.69 for the Pond 6 Remediation at Pine Golf Course and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for same and to issue the notice to proceed as appropriate.
16. **2026-182:** Motion to accept and approve the resignation of Michael (Gene) Peters as Planning and Zoning Commissioner Ward 4 effective immediately.
17. **2026-184:** Motion to approve amendment to Work Assignment with Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of -\$5,628.82 for a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the Montjoy Creek Trailhead Improvements Project.
18. **2026-185:** Motion to approve and amend Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC from \$30,000.00 to \$0.00 for Traffic Engineer Services for FY26.
19. **2026-186:** Motion to approve amendment #1 to the Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the Support for 2025 Annual Unit Price Contract.

Action Agenda.

- 20. 2026-178:** Motion to approve the application from Kirk and Darla Hartsell thereby granting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 3.4.8 to allow a covered patio within 18' of a rear property line. The property address is 756 Cherryhill Drive. The tax parcel number is 067P-0-35-055.000. The property is in a R-10 zoning district. The setback for a residence from the rear property line is 20'. The variance requested is 2'. The Case File Number is 202600579.
- 21. 2026-179:** Motion to approve the application from Greenscape Brothers Inc., represented by Kirk Edrington, on behalf of Nathan Hopper, thereby granting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance Article 3.4.8 to allow a covered patio within 15' of a rear property line. The property address is 646 Apelehama Court. The tax parcel number is 132A-1-03-010.000. The property is in a R-6 zoning district. The setback for a residence from the rear property line is 20'. The variance requested is 5'. The Case File Number is 202600586.

Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

22. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT234036-DKT234068) in the amount of \$673,778.16.

Department Reports

- a. Court
Police
Code Enforcement
Building

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

Council Closing Comments

Executive Session - If Necessary

Adjourn/Recess.

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