



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL (1/21/25 MEETING)

Monday, January 27, 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 - 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 Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adjust the agenda with the following additions and corrections:

Resolutions:

**5 a. 2025-022:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-005 thereby encouraging the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to assist the City of Diamondhead by preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds by supporting and ensuring the protection of federal tax exemption of municipal bonds and for other related purposes.

Consent Agenda:

**19 a. 2025-021:** Motion to ratify the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency for the Winter Weather Event January 19-23, 2025.

Claims Payable:

**21 a.** Motion to approve Docket of Claims DKT232480 in the amount of \$3,139.46.

Correction:

**14. 2025-014:** Motion to approve payment to Digital Engineering in the amount of \$2,795.00 for the Beaux Vue Phase 2 Drainage Improvements.

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, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

City Manager's Report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

January 27, 2025

1. MDOT Projects – Two of the four ramps have been widened, and the I-10 W exit ramp is currently closed to traffic while crews widen it. The north roundabout is nearing completion, and caps have been formed to support the widened overpass. Widening operations are ongoing on the westbound side as crews work in the median to construct the new lane. Near the Diamondhead exit, westbound traffic has been shifted to the newly constructed inside lanes to allow for construction to begin on the noise barrier wall.
2. Park Ten Road – The documents for substantial completion will be on the next agenda. A walkthrough will be scheduled this week.
3. Kaleki Way – The new completion date for this project is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The contractor is scheduled to begin the final phase of this project this week.
4. Kalae Street & Turnberry Way – The contractor has submitted substantial completion documents. A punch list has been issued.
5. Ahuli Place Drainage – The new completion date for this project is February 8<sup>th</sup>. An additional change order is going to be issued to change from seed to sod and additional asphalt. This change order will be on the next agenda.
6. Hilo Master Drainage – The contractor is working on final ditch clearing and jobsite cleanup on all sites. They will schedule paving of the roadway this month.
7. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The pre-construction meeting was held last week. A notice to proceed is scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>.
8. Dog Park – Ochsner is completing the lease agreement. Once we have the lease agreement from Ochsner, I will submit it for approval.
9. Coon Branch – Meeting with the engineer this week to review the final design on this project. Once complete, they will issue the advertisement request.
10. Canal Dredging – The addendum to the advertisement was sent to DEQ to update their documents. Currently working on environmental checklists and permits. The project still has an expected start date of March/April 2025.
11. Noma Drive Phase 1b – The contractor has submitted substantial completion documents for your approval on tonight's agenda. A walkthrough will be conducted, and a punch list will be issued.

12. Unit Price Projects – The Kiko Street project is 2/3 of the way complete. About 3 more days are needed to finish. The Kipapa Way project design has been given to public works, two major projects are ahead of this project.
13. Jourdan River Boardwalk – MDEQ is reviewing the plans from the engineer. Any changes needed will be addressed. We are continuing with the monthly meetings with MDEQ.
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. 6813 Oahu Court – Councilmember asked to check on this address due to a PODS storage container that has been there for at least two months. **I will have the compliance officer contact the homeowner.**
4. 1088 Haena Court – Councilmember asked to check on this address due to water storage containers. **I asked code enforcement to check on this address.**
5. 6657 Golf Club Drive – Councilmember asked to check on this address due to non-compliant signs. **I asked code enforcement to check on this address.**
6. 6534 Alakoko Drive – Councilmember asked to check on this address due to amount of traffic and numerous boats and trucks. **I asked code enforcement to check on this address.**

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

Council Comments.

#### **Policy Agenda.**

#### **Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Ordinances:**

2. **2025-004:** Motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-001 thereby establishing compensation for Election Commissioners, Poll Managers/Workers, Resolution Board and Clerks.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adopt Ordinance 2025-001 thereby establishing compensation for Election Commissioners, Poll Managers/Workers, Resolution Board and Clerks.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolutions:**

3. **2025-003:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-002 thereby reappointing Julie Boudreaux, Sue Favre and Ronald Loyal to serve as Election Commissioners for the City of Diamondhead.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2025-002 thereby reappointing Julie Boudreaux, Sue Favre and Ronald Loyal to serve as Election Commissioners for the City of Diamondhead.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **2025-009:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-003 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 26 and 27, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 11, Block 3. The parcel numbers are 068J-1-41-058.000 and 068J-1-41-057.000. The physical street address is 84111 Op La Way.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2025-003 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 26 and 27, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 11, Block 3. The parcel numbers are 068J-1-41-058.000 and 068J-1-41-057.000. The physical street address is 84111 Op La Way.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **2025-018:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-004 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 70 and 71, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 10, Block 3. The parcel number is 132A-1-03-041.000. The physical street address is 647 Apelehama Rd.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to adopt Resolution 2025-004 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between lots 70 and 71, Diamondhead Phase 2, Unit 10, Block 3. The parcel number is 132A-1-03-041.000. The physical street address is 647 Apelehama Rd.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 5a. **2025-022:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-005 thereby encouraging the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to assist the City of Diamondhead by preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds by supporting and ensuring the protection of federal tax exemption of municipal bonds and for other related purposes.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2025-005 thereby encouraging the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to assist the City of Diamondhead by preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds by supporting and ensuring the protection of federal tax exemption of municipal bonds 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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve the following consent items:

6. **2025-005:** Motion to enter into an agreement with Taylor Sudden Service Inc. for basic annual service and inspection in the amount of \$1,105.00 for the Taylor generator at City Hall.
7. **2025-006:** Motion to approve final payment in the amount of \$5,053.52 to LJ Construction Inc. for the Kolo Court Drainage Project.
8. **2024-007:** Motion to approve Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$76,870.23 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Turnberry Drainage Project.
9. **2025-008:** Motion to approve Pay Application 3 in the amount of \$57,105.32 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Kalae Street Drainage Project.
10. **2025-010:** Motion to approve Pay Application 4 in the amount of \$57,009.50 to Gill's Crane & Dozer Services Inc. for the Noma Drive Waterfront Improvements Project.
11. **2025-011:** Motion to accept substantial completion of the Noma Drive Waterfront Improvements Project as of January 7, 2025.
12. **2025-012:** Motion to approve payment to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$3,365.00 for Coon Branch Drainage, in the amount of 2,016.25 for Pond 6 Improvements, in the amount of \$807.50 for Jourdan River Boardwalk, in the amount of \$1,565.00 for Canal Dredging Project and in the amount of \$1,088.00 for Noma Drive Nature Trail.
13. **2025-013:** Motion to approve Pay Application 1 in the amount of \$221,359.02 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Hilo Way Master Drainage Improvements Project.
14. **2025-014:** Motion to approve payment to Digital Engineering in the amount of \$2,795.00 for the Beaux Vue Phase 2 Drainage Improvements.
15. **2025-015:** Motion to approve Pay Application 16 in the amount of \$340,988.18 to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC for the Commercial District Transformation Project Phase I.

16. **2025-016:** Motion to approve Pay Application 2 in the amount of \$254,463.98 to LJ Construction Inc., for the Ahuli Drainage Project.
17. **20245-017:** 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 \$1,000,000 for the Commercial District Transformation Project as specified in Section 10 of Senate Bill 2468 2024 Regular Legislative Session and authorize the City Manager to execute same.
18. **2025-019:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$2,122.83 for Site Development Plan Review FY24, in the amount of \$12,800.00 for Ahuli Drainage Project, in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Kome Dr and Fairway Dr Drainage Project, and in the amount of \$2,600.00 for Turnberry Drainage Project.
19. **2025-020:** Motion to declare surplus computers for all departments and proceed with proper disposal.
- 19 a. **2025-021:** Motion to ratify the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency for the Winter Weather Event January 19-23, 2025.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

20. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232443- DKT232479) in the amount of \$1,183,178.68.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232443- DKT232479) in the amount of \$1,183,178.68.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

21. Motion to approve Payroll Payables DKT232434-DKT232442 in the amount of \$42,383.38, PRCLAIM10222 in the amount of \$27,517.58, PRCLAIM10223 in the amount of \$28,073.84 and PRCLAIM10224 in the amount of \$3,055.04 for December 2024.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve Payroll Payables DKT232434-DKT232442 in the amount of \$42,383.38, PRCLAIM10222 in the amount of \$27,517.58, PRCLAIM10223 in the amount of \$28,073.84 and PRCLAIM10224 in the amount of \$3,055.04 for December 2024.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**21a.** Motion to approve Docket of Claims DKT232480 in the amount of \$3,139.46.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Docket of Claims DKT232480 in the amount of \$3,139.46.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Department Reports**

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve

a. December 2024 Financials

b. Court

Police

Building

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.**

**Council Closing Comments**

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 6:21 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 3 Cumberland, Ward 4 Clark

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
Nancy Depreo  
Mayor



  
Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk