



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall
and via teleconference, if necessary

Mayor Schafer IV	
Councilmember L'Ecuyer	At-Large
Councilmember Depreo	Ward 1
Councilmember Moran	Ward 2
Councilmember Morgan	Ward 3
Councilmember Clark	Ward 4

Call to Order.

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

Invocation - Councilmember L'Ecuyer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Ward 1 Nancy Depreo

Ward 2 Alan Moran - via teleconference

Ward 3 Jamie Morgan

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Councilmember-At-Large Lindsay L'Ecuyer

Mayor Thomas E. Schafer, IV

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to add the following agenda item:

2020-157 Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-030A determining that Public Hearing be conducted in connection with the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Schafer, IV

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Comments.

- a. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle. Social distancing recommendations from federal and state officials in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control will limit attendees at this and future meetings. Residents are encouraged to view the meeting live stream via the city's website at www.diamondhead.ms.gov. Any resident wishing to address the council may do so in writing in advance by hand-delivery, mail or email to jklein@diamondhead.ms.gov.

Presentation Agenda.

- a. Hotel Feasibility Study - Dr. Sungsoo Kim, University of Southern Mississippi
- b. Bridge Assessment - Michael Costelli, Digital Engineering
- c. GIS Software - Bruce Newton, Digital Engineering
- d. Montjoy Creek Improvements - Jason Chiniche, Engineer

City Manager's Report.

1. Slab Removal Project – The contractor has completed the work on the southside as of last Friday. This week they are working on the parcels located north of I-10. They should be completed by Friday.
2. Police Cars – I am asking for authorization to cancel the previous order for 2 police cars that the council approved. These are Dodge Chargers. We are being told that they are not able to deliver these cars since there is no inventory in this type of car. Our police chief with the help of our finance department have identified two other vehicles to purchase and that we can get delivered using the State Contract. We would like to order these other vehicles.
3. Greenways and Blueways Committee – I am working to create a new Greenways and Blueways Committee to help advise the city on ways to improve outdoor activities, such as walking, hiking, biking, kayaking, boating, and birding. I have several people who have already agreed to participate who are active in these types of activities. I look forward to hearing their ideas to help me make future recommendations to the council.
4. Master Plan for I-10 Frontage Roads – We are about 90% completed on the master plan for the frontage roads, which would provide access to land that is currently not developed. Our next step is to determine the wetlands delineation to finalize the location of roads for the acquisition of right of way and to confirm the feasibility of this project. The wetlands delineation is part of our due diligence as a city before spending funds on new roads and right of way. We do have signed memorandum of understanding agreements with the property owners that gives us right of entry for survey and wetlands delineation as previously approved by this council. I have talked with representatives from MDOT, GRPC, several engineering firms, the executive director of the Hancock Port and Harbor Commission and our legal counsel, and all have agreed that the city is able to proceed with this step in our planning as part of our due diligence process. At our next meeting, I have asked the landscape architect to present their master plan to the council as we have it developed thus far. I will also ask Bob Barber from Orion Planning to participate since they are working on the interim overlay district for this master planned area. This way the council can provide input as the plans move forward. You will recall that the city has applied for a BUILD grant and the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Grant to help fund this new road project.

Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Ronald Jones read aloud a letter received from Penny Crawford objecting to the variance request for a fence 45 feet beyond the front of the home.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

1. Motion to approve May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2020.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuier. Abstained: Mayor Schafer, IV

MOTION CARRIED

2. Motion to approve May 15, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2020.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuier, Mayor Schafer, IV

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tabled/Postponed Items:

3. **2020-134:** Motion to approve a variance filed by Timothy and Gina Stockstill to construct a 4' in height wrought iron fence extending 45' beyond the façade of their house fronting on Oahu Street having a gate to meet the front fence of their neighbor, Mark Oster, at 6813 Oahu Court. The condition is that the neighbor's fence (Mark Oster) has to be installed first. The case file number is 202000115.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuier, Seconded by Councilmember Clark to remove from the table the matter the variance request from Timothy and Gina Stockstill for a fence extending 45' feet beyond the facade of the home.

Voting Yea: Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuier, Mayor Schafer, IV, Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuier, Seconded by Mayor Schafer, IV approve a variance filed by Timothy and Gina Stockstill to construct a 4' in height wrought iron fence extending 45' beyond the façade of their house fronting on Oahu Street having a gate to meet the front fence of their neighbor, Mark Oster, at 6813 Oahu Court. The condition is that the neighbor's fence (Mark Oster) has to be installed first. The case file number is 202000115.

Voting Yea: Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuier, Mayor Schafer, IV. Voting Nay: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark

MOTION FAILED

4. **2020-120:** Motion to approve as presented conceptual drawing of Montjoy Creek Improvements by Jason Chinche and to authorize the city manager and engineer to submit permitting application and request necessary easements/deeds of dedication from private property owners.

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan, to approve as presented the conceptual drawing of Montjoy Creek Improvements by Jason Chinche and to authorize the city manager and engineer to submit permitting application and request necessary easements/deeds of dedication from private property owners.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Schafer, IV

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolutions:

5. **2020-152:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-027 to authorize City Manager to expend funds for surveying, wetlands delineation and other due diligence purposes for the potential purchase or acquisition of property related to the master plan for the proposed I-10 frontage roads and surrounding new commercial district development.

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2020-027 to authorize City Manager to expend funds for surveying, wetlands delineation and other due diligence purposes for the potential purchase or acquisition of property related to the master plan for the proposed I-10 frontage roads and surrounding new commercial district development.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer. Abstained: Mayor Schafer, IV

MOTION CARRIED

- 5a. **2020-157:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-030 determining the necessity for and invoking the authority granted to municipalities by legislature with respect to tax increment financing as set forth in Chapter 45 of Title 21 and the Regional Economic Development Act (Section 57-64-1, determining that a public hearing be conducted in connection with the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan.

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Clark to adopt Resolution 2020-030 determining the necessity for and invoking the authority granted to municipalities by legislature with respect to tax increment financing as set forth in Chapter 45 of Title 21 and the Regional Economic Development Act (Section 57-64-1, determining that a public hearing be conducted in connection with the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan .

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer and Mayor Schafer, IV

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve items 6-15 by consent:

6. **2020-117:** Motion to accept the Bridge Assessment prepared by Digital Engineering

7. **2020-121:** Motion to accept the Hotel Feasibility Study prepared by the University of Southern Mississippi Trent Lott National Center and further to authorize payment to USM in the amount of \$14,037.79 for the study.
8. **2020-143:** Motion to approve payment requests from Digital Engineering & Imaging, Inc. for professional services relating to Developer Plan and Spec Review in the amount of \$682.50; Bridge Assessment in the amount of \$6,765.00; Roadway Improvements Project Phase 2 in the amount of \$2,545.00; and Roadway Improvements Project Phase 1 in the amount of \$3,485.00.
9. **2020-146:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to request the MS Department of Marine Resources reallocate remaining FY18 Tidelands funds in the amount of \$44,517.12 to the FY19 Tidelands Project.
10. **2020-148:** Motion to approve Budget Amendments 2020-019 A and 2020-019 B reallocating funds.
11. **2020-149:** Motion to approve payment to Linfield Hunter & Junius, Inc. in the amount of \$1,740.00 for the Master Plan for Undeveloped Areas.
12. **2020-150:** Motion to approve Pay Application #4 to Huey P. Stockstill, LLC in the amount of \$20,414.55 for Diamondhead Roadway Improvements Phase 1.
13. **2020-151:** Motion to approve payment to Orion Planning in the amount of \$827.50 for the 25-Year Comprehensive Plan.
14. **2020-154:** Motion to accept the E. Aloha Widening Project and approve Final Maintenance Release effective May 11, 2020.
15. **2020-156:** Motion to cancel previously authroized purchase of police units form Landers Dodge due to non-performance and to approve the purchase of 1 unit from Rogers Dabbs Chevrolet State Contract #8200048076 in the amount of \$26,307.50 and one unit from Jackson Mac Haik Dodge through State Contract #8200048070 and further to accept the low quote received from Mac Haik Dodge in the amount of \$5,625 for the Durango police package.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Schafer, IV

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the following:

16. Motion to approve Payroll Payables PRCLAIM 044 and PRCLAIM 045.
17. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (Claims DKT157120 - DKT157159) in the amount of \$124,087.40.

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Schafer, IV

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to accept the following Department Reports:.

- a. April 2020 Financial Reports
- b. Solid Waste
- c. Building Department
- d. Privilege License
- e. Police Department

Voting Yea: Ward 1 Depreo, Ward 2 Moran, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Mayor Schafer, IV


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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

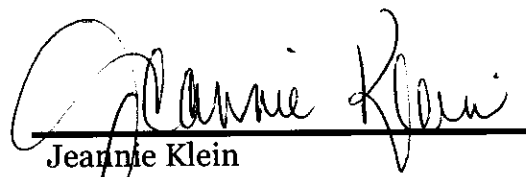
None.

Adjourn/Recess.

At 7:30 p.m. and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Depreo moved, seconded by Councilmember Clark to adjourn.



Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor



Jeannie Klein
City Clerk