



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, January 07, 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 - Councilman Cumberland

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 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese 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, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

City Manager's Report.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

January 07, 2025

1. MDOT Projects - The Westbound deceleration ramp is closed. The demo work was completed in December. The contractor is currently working on the roadway base and paving the ramp.
2. Park Ten Road - The contractor has reached substantial completion. The paving subcontractor has completed all paving for this project. The stripping is scheduled for next Wednesday. All additional sod needed will be installed next week.
3. Kaleki Way - The new completion date for this project is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The contractor is going to remobilize to this site once they finish the other drainage projects.

4. Kalae Street – The new completion date for this project is January 24<sup>th</sup>. The contractor has completed the additional work on this project. A walkthrough will be scheduled this week.
5. Turnberry Way – The new completion date for this project is January 26<sup>th</sup>. The project ended with a total cost underrun of \$30,999.60. The contractor has installed the additional drainage pipe. A walkthrough will be scheduled this week.
6. Ahuli Place Drainage – The new completion date for this project is February 8<sup>th</sup>. The contractor has installed an additional roadside culvert and the two roadway culverts. The final four conflict/junction boxes are being completed.
7. Hilo Master Drainage – The contractor has installed the culverts on Sites “A, C, and D.” They will schedule paving of the roadway this month. The contractor will need to dress up the site and install sod/seed where required. The contractor has started working on Site “B” with the new roadway culverts being installed.
8. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The engineer is currently waiting on insurance and bond documents from the contractor. Once received, a pre-construction meeting will be held and a notice to proceed will be issued.
9. Dog Park – Ochsner is completing the lease agreement. Hancock County approved the sublease requirement on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. Once we have the lease agreement from Ochsner, I will submit it for approval.
10. Coon Branch – Met with the engineer on Monday regarding this project. They are finalizing the design and will have the advertisement request on the January 21<sup>st</sup> agenda.
11. Canal Dredging – DEQ has asked for additional documents from the engineer regarding an environmental review. The engineer is working on the review and will provide it back to DEQ this month. The bid due date will be moved to accommodate the additional information request. The project still has an expected start date of March/April 2025.
12. Noma Drive Phase 1b – The contract is for 180 Calendar Days with a current end date of January 7<sup>th</sup>. The engineer will issue the substantial completion on this project. The contractor will do a final walk through and any punch list items that are required.
13. Unit Price Projects – Three of the projects, DH Drive East, Koko Court, Lanai Place, were reviewed on site today with the city engineer. The Kiko Street project will get underway this week by public works. The Kipapa Way project design has been given to public works as well. A work assignment is being prepared for the Laa La Way project.
14. Jourdan River Boardwalk – No update on this meeting. We are continuing with the monthly meetings with MDEQ to move the project forward.
15. 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.
16. Noma Drive Nature Trail – No update on this meeting. The engineer has determined the phase 1 site and will start the design and layout.
17. 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.
18. Pelican Cove Drainage Project – No update on this meeting. The engineer has additional surveying to complete and will finalize the drawing for this project.

19. Montjoy Creek – No update on this meeting. USACE needed additional information from the engineer. That has been provided to them, and we are waiting for 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. 5618 Ahuli Place – Councilmember and resident contacted me about their driveway drain was not working due to the drainage project. Public works located the end of the drain pipe the resident added an extension to the pipe to allow it to reach the new junction box being installed.
4. Lakeside Villa – Councilmember asked about the flooding behind the newer condos. I met Ty onsite last week and discussed the issue and what the city can do to prevent the water from collecting on the Lakeside property. A work order has been issued for Public Works.
5. 8826 Malino Way – Councilmember asked about a Facebook post regarding the appearance of the residence. I had already driven past the home and observed the condition of the property. I then had code enforcement reach out to the resident. The resident has cleaned up the front yard and is building a fence to enclose the backyard. I have asked code enforcement to follow up this week.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

Council Comments.

### **Policy Agenda.**

#### **Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve December 17, 2024 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**

2. Motion to approve December 23, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to approve December 23, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

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

Voting Abstaining: Mayor Depreo, Ward 3 Cumberland

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolutions:**

3. **PUBLIC HEARING- 2025-002:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-001 thereby finding, determining and adjudicating that the swimming pool at 8314 Maunalani Place, Diamondhead, Mississippi is a menace to the public safety and welfare of the citizenry, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids, obtain quotes or utilize city resources to bring property into compliance with city ordinances and for other related purposes. The property is located at 8314 Maunalani Place, Parcel No. 068J-3- 41-001.000 and the property owner is Patrick Murphy.

PUBLIC HEARING - Mayor Depreo opened the Public Hearing in the matter of property located at 8314 Maunalani Place, Diamondhead, Mississippi, Parcel No. 068J-3-41-001-000 and called for property owner Patrick Murphy who was present and addressed the council.

Michael White also addressed the council about his concerns as a neighbor of the property.

Mayor Depreo called on two additional occasions for any others who would like to address the council with no response. The PUBLIC HEARING was closed.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adopt Resolution 2025-001 as amended, thereby finding, determining and adjudicating that the swimming pool at 8314 Maunalani Place, Diamondhead, Mississippi is a menace to the public safety and welfare of the citizenry, that the property owner is hereby given a minimum of 14 days to cure the menace on said property. If the property owner fails to cure the menace, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids, obtain quotes or utilize city resources to bring property into compliance with city ordinances and for other related purposes. The property is located at 8314 Maunalani Place, Parcel No. 068J-3- 41-001.000 and the property owner is Patrick Murphy.

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 4 Clark to approve the following consent item:

4. **2025-001:** Motion to authorize application for Standard Lease of Public Trust Tidelands from the Secretary of State for the Jourdan River Boardwalk Project.

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**

5. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232407 - DKT232433) in the amount of \$229,989.35.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 3 Cumberland to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232407 - DKT232433) in the amount of \$229,989.35.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Council Closing Comments**

**Adjourn/Recess.**

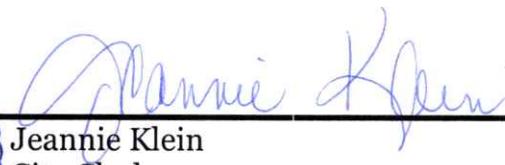
At 6:27 p.m. with no further business to come before the council, motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland,  
Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn.

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