



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

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 07, 2020
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order.

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

Invocation - Councilmember Morgan

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Ward 1 Nancy Depreo

Ward 2 Alan Moran

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 2 Moran, to amend the agenda as follows:

add: Authorize the City Manager to enter into agreement with Morreale Construction, LLC for Tropical Storm Debris Removal.

hold : 2020-179: Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter in contract(s) with private land owner(s) for the use of property for hosting the 2020 Cruisin the Coast "Blessing of the Classics."

hold: 2020-182: Motion to authorize work assignment for with James J. Chiniche for engineering services relating to leke Dr. drainage in the amount of \$4,500.00.

table: 2020-183: Motion to authorize the administration to modify the path to the kayak launch on Bayou Drive to accommodate vehicular traffic for drop-off and pick-up activities only.

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

Presentation Agenda.

- a. Hancock Library System Presentation by Amber Stephenson
- b. Regional Retention Pond Analysis for Twin Lakes: Covington Engineering - John

Council Comments.

- a. The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. CST in Council Chambers located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.

City Manager's Report.

1. Debris Clean Up from Tropical Storm Cristobal – We opened quotes from 5 contractors last Thursday. The lowest quote was Morrealle Construction. We have a contract on the agenda for council approval tonight. They will start working tomorrow once the contract is signed and notice to proceed is issued. They indicated it would take them 5 days to complete.
2. Debris Monitoring Contract – I am still waiting to hear back from the MEMA review of the RFQ for debris monitoring for Diamondhead. As soon as we have it back, we will present this to council for consideration.
3. Diamondhead Water & Sewerage District – I am asking the council to request that the board for the DWSD waives the fees for financial records we have requested to complete the consolidated financial statements.
4. Grant Awarded to City – The city has been awarded a grant from the Emergency Watershed Protection Program for \$90K. This does have a 20% local match. The city applied for this grant in June 2019 to improve erosion in the ditch along Alkii Way.
5. GRPC Grant Application – The city applied for a TIP grant from GRPC for the sidewalks on E. Aloha. This grant was not funded, but GRPC has informed me that they could consider funding this application through the TAP funds. No new application is required. Our original application will be considered for this funding source.
6. GCRF Grant – Last week, it was announced that MS State Legislature has awarded Diamondhead \$1.5 million for our Diamondhead Commercial District Transformational Project. This is to start developing new roads to provide access to undeveloped land along I-10. This is the largest grant the city has ever received. We need to thank Senator Philip Moran, Representative Jay McKnight and our lobbyist, Trey Bobinger, for the work in Jackson to get this awarded.
7. Police and Security Policy – In order to control the cost of providing security for special events, I am asking the council to approve a new Police and Security Policy. This will identify which events the city provides security using general funds. If someone requests security for another event, they would need council approval to have the city fund the security. In addition, this policy explains the process for someone requesting security for their event at their own expense.
8. Ieke Drainage – We are still getting complaints from two residents on Ieke Drive for drainage problems. Rick and Jason have reviewed the area and are recommending that we redirect the drainage to the east. This work assignment will allow Jason to design drainage plans to help with this problem. Jason is not able to be with us tonight since he had to be at another meeting that was previously scheduled.
9. Kayak Launch – Several residents have requested that we open the path at the Bayou Drive Kayak Launch to allow vehicle traffic to the bottom to drop off and pick up kayaks. The steep hill makes it very difficult to get the kayaks to the launch. Rick and Jason have looked at this and determined that we could increase the width of the path by 3-4 ft using limestone for about \$6K. This project can be completed by our staff. There would be no parking at the bottom.
10. Cruisin the Coast Update from Mark Duffy

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to approve the June 16, 2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolutions:

3. **2020-178:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-040 requesting the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commissioners waive the \$919.80 fee for providing financial documents to assist the City with the preparation of a consolidated financial statement for the purpose of forecasting future financial operations of government in the City of Diamondhead.

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2020-040 requesting the Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commissioners waive the \$919.80 fee for providing financial documents to assist the City with the preparation of a consolidated financial statement for the purpose of forecasting future financial operations of government in the City of Diamondhead.

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 2 Moran consent agenda items 3 - 6, 8 and 9.

3. **2020-175:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract in the amount of \$457,056.13 with Warren Paving for the Roadway Improvements Project Phase 2.
4. **2020-176:** Motion to approve the Police/Security Detail Policy.
5. **2020-177:** Motion to approve payment to Linfield, Hunter, Junius in the amount of \$652.50 for professional services relating to the Master Plan for Undeveloped Areas.
6. **2020-180:** Motion to approve Budget Amendments 2020-026, 2020-027, 2020-028 and 2020-032.
8. **2020-181:** Motion to authorize the administration to pursue early payment in-full of Series 2017 Lease Purchase, proceed with new Series 2020 Lease Purchase not to exceed \$320,000 and approve Budget Amendments 2020-029 and 2020-030 related to same.
9. **2020-184:** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$28,575.25 to Moran Hauling, Inc. for slab removals.

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

Action Agenda.

7. **2020-179:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract(s) with private land owner(s) for the use property for hosting the 2020 Cruisin the Coast.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 1 Depreo to authorize the City Manager to enter into contract(s) with private land owner(s) for the use property for hosting the 2020 Cruisin the Coast "Blessing of the Classics" to assess and determine suitability for the event.

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

10. **2020-182:** Motion to authorize work assignment with James J. Chiniche for engineering services relating to leke Dr. drainage in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 1 Depreo to authorize work assignment with James J. Chiniche for engineering services relating to leke Dr. drainage in the amount of \$4,500.00.

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

Councilmember Clark exited chambers and was recused from the meeting proceedings.

14. Motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 2 Moran to enter into contract with Morealle Construction, LLC for Tropical Storm Cristobal debris removal at the rate of \$7.50 per cubic yard and further to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract for same.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Clark returned to chambers and resumed in The meeting proceedings.

Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

13. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (Claims DKT157238- DKT157267) in the amount of \$120,675.34.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 1 Depreo to approve Docket of Claims (Claims DKT157238- DKT157267) in the amount of \$120,675.34.

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

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

Nazim B. Ray addressed the council regarding stormwater runoff related to new construction adjacent to his home.

Executive Session

At 7:36 p.m motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to enter closed session to determine the need for an executive session.

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

At 7:41 p.m. , motion was made by Ward 1 Depreo, seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to enter executive session pursuant to MS Code 25-41-7 (d) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law.

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

City Attorney Cusick announced to the public that the Council had entered executive session pursuant MS Code 25-41-7 (d) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law.

Ward 3 Morgan moved, seconded by Ward 2 Moran, to exit executive session.

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

AT 8:08 p.m., Ward 1 Depreo moved, seconded Ward 3 Morgan to exit closed session.

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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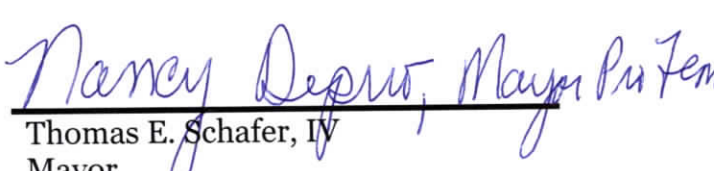
City Attorney Cusick announced that while in executive session no official action of record was taken.

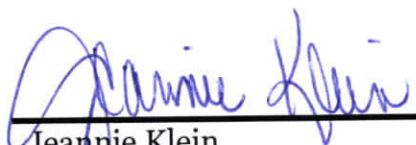
Adjourn/Recess.

At 8:10 p.m. motion made by Ward 1 Depreo, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adjourn.

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


Thomas E. Schafer, IV
Mayor


Jeannie Klein
City Clerk