

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, May 02, 2023**  
**6:00 PM CST**

**Call to Order.**

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

Invocation

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 Charles Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to adjust the agenda to table Item **2023-229**:  
Motion to deny the appeal of the Stormwater Ordinance (Section 24-10) by Phil Latapie owner of property at 98190 Golf Club Drive.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to add Docket of Claims (DKT230711) in the amount of \$182.00.

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 May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.
- b. Legislative Activities Update - Trey Bobinger, Point One Strategies, LLC
- c. Open Mic Music Update - Councilmember- At-Large Maher
- d. A Prayer Service will be held Friday, May 5, 2023 on the Town Green for the Hancock High School students that lost their lives.

## Council Comments.

## City Manager's Report.

1. Lily Pond and I-10 Pond – The contractor has completed the dredging of Lily Pond. They have started the dredging of the I-10 pond. The current end date for the contract is July 17, 2023.
2. Park Ten Road – The City is still finalizing easements needed and MDEQ permits. Once everything is in order, the engineer will advertise the project.
3. Phase 4 paving – The paving project is currently demobilized until the area around Bayou Circle is available to complete the project. The current end date of the project is June 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. Diamondhead Drive Paving – The city met with the engineering firm, Orion Planning, and the city engineer to discuss the current drawings. The engineering firm stated that 90% drawings should be produced within the next two weeks.
5. HMGP Update – Outdoor Emergency Siren, FEMA is currently asking for additional information that we are collecting to submit. I have a scheduled meeting with Rostan to discuss the items needed.
6. HMGP Update – Generator and Light Towers, FEMA requested additional information that was sent to them on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Pending additional FEMA review
7. HMGP Update – Residential Acquisition Program, 5 properties have been submitted by MEMA to FEMA for review. FEMA has requested appraisals on the properties. The city has contacted the homeowners for appraisals. Once completed, it will be submitted to FEMA.
8. HMGP Update – Residential Acquisition Program, the second group of homeowners is currently on hold due to limited funding.
9. Coon Branch/Koloa/Lots 7 & 8 Drainage Projects – The engineer has started survey work on these three projects in the area. GOMESA funds are being used for this project.
10. Drainage Projects – At least 15 additional drainage projects have been funded with GOMESA and ARPA funds. The city is currently waiting on grant agreements for these funds to start these projects.
11. Re-subdivision Properties – The state is purchasing land from the Purcell Company. Carl Joffe, and the State's attorney are here tonight to answer any questions that you may have regarding this re-subdivision of the property on the south side of Diamondhead.
12. Makiki Drive – The city attorney provided an update on this project to the City Council.

## Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Durell Pellegrin - Drainage

**Policy Agenda.****Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the April 18, 2023 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**

**TABLED**

- 2. **2023-202:** Motion to authorize City Manager to advertise to bid the Twin Lakes Fishing Pier and Walking Trail Project as per completed construction plans dated August 2022 with entry building as Bid Alternate No. 1.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 20. **2023-229:** Motion to deny the appeal of the Stormwater Ordinance (Section 24-10) by Phil Latapie owner of property at 98190 Golf Club Drive.

**Resolutions:**

- 3. **2023-213:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-019 establishing compensation for certain positions for the City of Diamondhead.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2023-019 establishing compensation for certain positions 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. **2023-018:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-020 thereby appointing Jessie Harwood to serve as Planning & Zoning Commissioner effective immediately for a 3-year term expiring March 2026. (Cumberland)

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 2 Liese to adopt Resolution 2023-020 thereby appointing Jessie Harwood to serve as Planning & Zoning Commissioner effective immediately for a 3-year term expiring March 2026.

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

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**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve the following consent items:

- 5. **2023-214:** Motion to approve the Budget Adoption Calendar for FY24.
- 6. **2023-215:** Motion to approve amended application for FY21 Tideland for the Fishing Pier and Walking Trial Projects at Twin Lakes.
- 7. **2023-219:** Motion to approve amended contract agreement with Rostan Solutions, LLC to extend current contract for one(1) year expiring March 25, 2024.
- 8. **2023-221:** Motion to approve Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 for Standard Specifications and Drawings.
- 9. **2023.028:** Motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023-008.
- 10. **2023-230:** Motion to approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$4,140.85 to Fair Tide Marine & Construction, LLC for the Bayou Drive Kayak Launch Repair.



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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Action Agenda.**

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

14. **2023-222:** Motion to approve the re-subdivision of tax parcel number 132-0-04-003.000 owned by Purcell Company, Inc. (Exhibit parcel number 3). This property will be sold to the State of MS for wetland restoration.
15. **2023-223:** Motion to approve the re-subdivision of property tax parcel number 068-0-41-001.000 (Exhibit Parcel 1) owned by Purcel Co., Inc. This property will be sold to the State of MS for wetland restoration.
16. **2023-224:** Motion to approve the re-subdivision of tax parcel number 132-0-09-001.000 (Exhibit parcel number 5) owned by Purcel Co. This property will be sold to the State of MS for wetland restoration.
17. **2023-225:** Motion to approve the re-subdivision of property tax parcel number 131-0-11-001.000 (Exhibit parcel number 8) owned by Purcel Co. This property will be sold to the State of MS for wetland restoration.
18. **2023-226:** Motion to approve the re-subdivision of tax parcel number 132-0-3-001.000 (Exhibit parcel number 11) owned by Purcell Co. This property will be sold to the State of MS for wetland restoration.
19. **2023-227:** Motion to approve the re-subdivision of property tax parcel number 132-0-09-002.000 (Exhibit parcel number 12) owned by Purcel Co. This property will be sold to the State of MS for wetland restoration.

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

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11. **2023-216:** Motion for discussion on ways to improve ARTICLE 14. -LAND ALTERATIONS AND DISTURBANCES 14.1.4Filling.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher for discussion on ways to improve ARTICLE 14. -LAND ALTERATIONS AND DISTURBANCES 14.1.4Filling.

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

Ronald Jones, Building Official, discussed proposed amendments.

Also discussed was agenda item **2023-217:** Motion for discussion ARTICLE 9. - FENCES.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 13. **2023-220:** Motion to approve a Steering Committee to work on updating the Tree Ordinance. The committee of residents with assistance from professional experts shall meet as follows:  
 Thursday 6:00pm – May 4, 2023 – Kick off meeting. Assign agencies to reach out to for professional advice.  
 Thursday 6:00pm – May 11, 2023 – All suggestions compiled into one document, reviewed, revised, and selected for final draft.  
 Thursday 6:00pm – May 18, 2023 – final draft reviewed and emailed to P&Z Official by May 26, 2026.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Mayor Depreo for discussion to approve a Steering Committee to work on updating the Tree Ordinance. The committee of residents with assistance from professional experts shall meet as follows:

Thursday 6:00pm – May 4, 2023 – Kick off meeting. Assign agencies to reach out to for professional advice.

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Thursday 6:00pm – May 18, 2023 – final draft reviewed and emailed to P&Z Official by May 26, 2026.

Ronald Jones, Building Director, discussed Tree Ordinance Proposal.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

- 21. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230673-DKT230710) in the amount of \$123,842.79.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230673-DKT230710) in the amount of \$123,842.79.

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

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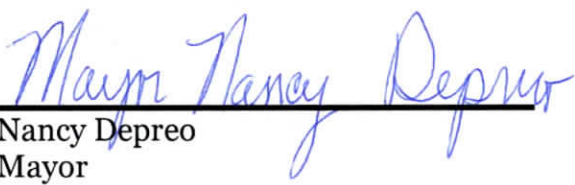
**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None**

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 7:55 p.m. with no further business to come before the Council, motion made by Ward 1 Finley, 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

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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

  
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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk



