



Mayor Depreo  
Councilmember Maher At-Large  
Councilmember Finley Ward 1  
Ward 2-Vacant Ward 2  
Ward 3-Vacant Ward 3  
Councilmember Clark Ward 4

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, May 03, 2022**  
**6:00 PM CST**  
Council Chambers, City Hall

**Call to Order.**

At 6:01 p.m. Mayor Depreo called the meeting to order.

Invocation - Councilmember Maher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**PRESENT**

Mayor Nancy Depreo

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley - present via teleconference at 6:21 p.m.

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to amend and approve the agenda as follows:

Remove: D. Town Center Update - Ben Benvenuti of Covington Civil & Environmental

Table: Consent Agenda Item 5 - Motion to advertise for bids for the Aloha District Town Center Phase 1.

Add: Consent Agenda 18 a. - Motion to approve payments to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$10,935.50 for East Aloha Improvements Phase 1, \$3,253.64 for Montjoy Creek Improvements and \$2,851.06 for Noma Drive Public Access Project.

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 4 Clark. Absent: Ward 1 Finley.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Presentation Agenda.**

**Council Comments.**

1. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
2. Proclaim April 30th National Therapy Animal Day - Presentation to Heather Deaton
3. Canal Hydrographic Survey - Nvision Solutions, Inc.
4. Sub-basin A Drainage Analysis Ben Benvenuti, Covington Civil & Environmental

**City Manager's Report.**

1. E. Aloha Phase 2 – I am asking for authorization to select Covington Engineer as the consulting engineer for the MDOT grant through GRPC for phase 2 of the E. Aloha project. This is the next step in the grant process, so we can begin this work.

2. NVision Agreement – I am requesting authorization to sign a multi-year agreement with NVision Solutions, a Diamondhead Company, for hydrographic surveys of the canals on the southside. The company will do this work in the spring of every year. In addition, they will go back out up to 2 times per year after a storm to redo the hydrographic survey. This updated information can be used to activate our pre-arranged contract with Ashbritt to clean the canals after a storm and as evidence to support a project worksheet with FEMA.
3. Canal Improvements – Over the last several years, members of the council and administration have received numerous complaints from residents living along the canals on the southside about sediment build up and need for dredging. There are 3 canals that are currently not navigable, and there are canals that have debris in the water that needs to be removed. The first step in this work is to get the hydrographic survey, that I am asking to hire NVision to do for us. My approach to the next step will be to get a work assignment with one of our engineering firms to dredge the three canals that are not navigable at this time. In riding all of the canals, all other canals had at least 4 feet depth, which is navigable for most boats. I will recommend a second project that will remove any debris that is located by NVision during the hydrographic survey. If we do this, it can show FEMA that we are maintaining our canals, and this will also make the sediment usable as a thin layer spray over the marsh during a future restoration project of all of the canals.
4. Donation of Airport Sign – We would like to thank Bill and Jill Tabbert for their generous donation of a new sign on Airport Drive for the airport community. The motion on the agenda simply accepts this donation.
5. Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Grant – During heavy rain events when there is tidal surge, there is a section of Bayou Drive by the power lines that goes under water. This road is not passable at that time which means the residents who live north of this area are stuck. Also, emergency vehicles are not able to get to these residents. I am asking for authorization to submit a grant application to the emergency road and bridge repair fund to resolve this flooding by either building a small bridge or elevating the road.
6. Road Paving Phase 4 – I am asking for authorization to advertise for phase 4 of the road improvement project. The council previously approved the streets to be included in this phase, and Digital Engineering has completed the construction documents to be ready for bidding. The budget for street paving this year is \$794K.
7. Budget Calendar – I am asking the council to approve the calendar for the preparation of the FY23 budget. This is the schedule we will follow over the next several months as we begin to work on next year's budget, and it is the same schedule that we have used for the last 4 budgets that has worked well for us.
8. SMPDD Donation – I am asking for authorization to accept a sponsorship of \$2,000 from SMPDD for the senior fair in May.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None.

**Policy Agenda.**

Ward 1 Finley joined the meeting at 6:21 p.m. via teleconference.

**Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the April 13, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the April 13, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. Motion to approve the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolutions:**

3. **2022-169:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-036 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between Lots 8 and 9, Diamondhead Phase 1, Unit 4, Block 3 for the purposes of constructing a residential structure. The physical address is 10714 Lilinoe Way; parcel numbers are 067F-1-26-180.000 and 067F-1-26-181.000. (Weber)

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adopt Resolution 2022-036 thereby abandoning a 5' drainage/utility easement on each side of the common property line between Lots 8 and 9, Diamondhead Phase 1, Unit 4, Block 3 for the purposes of constructing a residential structure. The physical address is 10714 Lilinoe Way; parcel numbers are 067F-1-26-180.000 and 067F-1-26-181.000. (Weber)

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOSLY**

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following consent agenda items (4, 6-18A):

4. **2022-020:** Motion to approve Covington Engineering to serve as consultant for East Aloha Phase II Sidewalks (MDOT Grant).
6. **2022-154** Motion to approve payment to Machada Patano in the amount of \$2,459 for Plan Review Services.
7. **2022-155:** Motion to approve payments to Digital Engineering in the amount of \$3,950 for Beaux Vue Phase 2 Drainage, \$2,102.50 for GIS Maintenance, \$20,750 for Paving Phase 4.
8. **2022-156:** Motion to approve payments to Pickering Firm in the amount of \$510 for Strategic Initiatives & Planning, \$5,000 for Lily Pond Dredging and \$4,500 for Diamondhead Dr. East Pond Dredging.
9. **2022-157:** Motion to approve agreement with NVision Solutions Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$13,500 surveying of the canals on the southside.

10. **2022-158:** Motion to accept substantial completion of the the City Hall Parking Lot Project as of April 7, 2022.
11. **2022-159:** Motion to approve final payment in the amount of \$25,167.59 to Moran Hauling, Inc. for the City Hall Parking Lot Project.
12. **2022-161:** Motion to accept from Bill and Jill Tabbert the donation of the Aviation Community Sign with an estimated value of \$750.
13. **2022-162:** Motion to authorize application to the FY22 Emergency Road & Bridge Repair Fund Program for funding for road elevation/bridge for flood-prone area of Bayou Drive.
14. **2022-163:** Motion to approve Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$108,364.22 to Moran Hauling, Inc. for the East Aloha Phase 1 Project.
15. **2022-164:** Motion to approve to advertise for bids for Roadway Improvements Phase 4.
16. **2022-165** Motion to approve compensation for election commissioner, clerks, poll managers/workers for the May 10, 2022 Special Election.
17. **2022-166:** Motion to accept from Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 for the Senior Fair to be held Friday, May 20, 2022.
18. **2022-167:** Motion to adopt the FY23 Budgeting Process Timeline.
- 18 a. **2022-168:** Motion to approve payments to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$10,935.50 for East Aloha Improvements Phase 1, \$3,253.64 for Montjoy Creek Improvements and \$2,851.06 for Noma Drive Public Access Project.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

19. Motion to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT159524-DKT159566) in the amount of \$296,790.84.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to approve the Docket of Claims (DKT159524-DKT159566) in the amount of \$296,790.84.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**Executive Session -**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to enter closed session to determine the necessity for executive session.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to enter executive session pursuant to 25-41-7 (4) (b) for strategy sessions or negotiation discussions relating to potential litigation

involving Heath Ladner, Shelly Hansen and Bill Langkopp.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to authorize Legal Counsel to issue letter to Heath Ladner in response to the Notice of Claim received.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to leave executive session.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Voting Yea: Mayor Depreo, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 4 Clark to exit closed session.

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

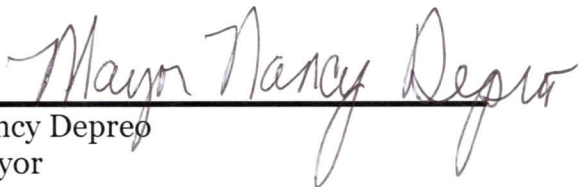
City Attorney Cusick then announced for the public that a motion was made and approved while in executive session as set forth above.

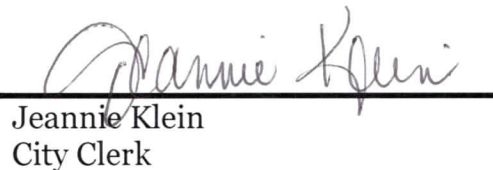
**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 7:35 p.m. and with no further business to come before the Council, motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn in memory and honor of Mr. Robert "Bob" Walker United States Marine Corps WWII Veteran and Diamondhead Resident.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

  
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Jeannie Klein  
City Clerk

