



Mayor Pro Tem Depreo
Councilmember L'Ecuyer At-Large
Councilmember Moran Ward 2
Councilmember Morgan Ward 3
Councilmember Clark Ward 4

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
6:00 PM CST
Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order.

Invocation--Councilmember L'Ecuyer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Depreo

Ward 3 Jamie Morgan

Ward 4 Charles Clark

Councilmember-At-Large Lindsay L'Ecuyer

ABSENT

Ward 2 Alan Moran

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to amend agenda items 2020-277 to include accepting the resignation of Robert Redd, Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commissioner, effective November 1, 2020 and further to approved the agenda as amended.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

Council Comments.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall 5000 Diamondhead Circle.
- b. The Diamondhead Festival & BBQ Competition will be held November 14, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

City Manager's Report.

1. Comprehensive Plan – Orion Planning is continuing their work on our comprehensive plan. Information from the last community meetings and surveys are all available for residents to review on the website: www.envisiondiamondhead2040.com. The planners would like to hear your comments over the next two weeks days before they start writing the draft plan.
2. Library – The library is open for residents in Diamondhead. They have health and safety guidelines in place to protect visitors.

3. Compensation for Employees for FY21 – I am asking the council to approve FY21 compensation to be effective October 20, 2020. I hope to have the salaries for council approve at one of our next meetings. This will allow us to pay the increase back to Oct 20. We are looking at an incentive-based pay program like the one D'Iberville currently uses. This is different from what we have done the last couple of years.
4. Initiative 65 – MML recently passed a resolution opposing Initiative 65 and asked member cities to do the same, since it would change the State Constitution. Our resolution opposes Initiative 65 and recommends approving Initiative 65A, which would allow the State Legislature to create laws that allow for the growth and sale of medical marijuana.
5. Generator at City Hall – I am asking the council to approve an annual maintenance contract with Taylor Power Systems for the generator at City Hall. This equipment has not been serviced by a professional company since we received it from the County in 2015. We need to service this equipment annually to make sure it will run properly in the event of an emergency.
6. GIS Services – The city currently has a work assignment with Digital Engineering to maintain our GIS software. I am asking the council to sign the new work assignment for FY21. We are billed based on usage under this contract.
7. Surplus Equipment – I am asking the council to declare several items as surplus equipment. Most of this equipment we inherited with the purchase of this building or from the POA, and we are not using it. By declaring the equipment surplus, we will be able to either throw it away or sell it.
8. Clark Auctions – I am asking the council for authorization to sign a contract with Clark Auctions to sell much of the surplus equipment. Clark will advertise and run the live auction on November 7, 2020.
9. SMPDD – The city maintains an open contract with SMPDD for assistance with economic development and grant writing. The renewal contract for FY21 is on the agenda for council consideration.
10. E. Aloha Improvements Phase I – We opened bids for phase 1 of the E. Aloha Improvements project. Submitted bids ranged from \$351K to \$557K. This is much higher than we expected since our MDA grant was for \$150K. In addition, Orion Planning has recommended some changes to this area to help revitalize this commercial area in our city. I am recommending that we decline all bids at this time to give us more time to adjust the plans to fit the vision of new comprehensive plan.
11. Appropriations – I am asking the council for authorization to distribute the funds allocated to several organizations in our FY21 budget.
12. Update on Private Development –
 - a. I-10 Clearing – Jeff Pressman received a permit from MDOT to clear 400 ft along I-10 in front of his property. He is doing that to show his property that is listed for sale.
 - b. Medical Office Building – Rick and Jonathan Marshall are developing a 20K sq ft. medical office building at the corner of Veterans and E. Aloha. The property has been cleared but the building permit has not been issued yet.
 - c. Elliott Homes Subdivisions – A development permit has been issued for the two subdivisions by Elliott Homes. They have started the land clearing and infrastructure development.
13. New Public Works Director Introduction – Stanley Bychurch
14. Election Commissioners, Resolution Board Members & Poll Workers - After a long election day, I would like to recognize and thank all of our poll workers, election commissioners, and resolution board members for their hard work and dedication as they serve this community. I have watched the long hours and hard work they all put in to host an election. Thank you!

Public Comments on Agenda Items -None.

Policy Agenda.

Minutes:

2. Motion to approve October 6, 2020 Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the October 6, 2020 Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer

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Resolutions:

3. **2020-277:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-066 thereby appointing Bryon Griffith (Ward 4) to serve as Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commission to fill an unexpired vacant term beginning November 1, 2020 and expiring September 28, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2020-066 thereby accepting resignation of Robert Redd as Diamondhead Water & Sewer Commissioner and further appointing Bryon Griffith (Ward 4) to serve as Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commission to fill an unexpired vacant term beginning November 1, 2020 and expiring September 28, 2024.

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4. **2020-273:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-067 thereby appointing Cindy Lamb (Ward 4) to Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commission effective immediately and expiring September 28, 2025.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer to adopt Resolution 2020-067 thereby appointing Cindy Lamb (Ward 4) to Diamondhead Water & Sewer District Commission effective immediately and expiring September 28, 2025.

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5. **2020-282:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-068 thereby formally requesting from Hancock County the use of the large event tent for the annual Diamondhead Festival & BBQ Competition on November 14, 2020.

Motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2020-068 thereby formally requesting from Hancock County the use of the large event tent for the annual Diamondhead Festival & BBQ Competition on November 14, 2020.

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6. **2020-284:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-069 thereby opposing Initiative 65 proposing an amendment to the Mississippi Constitution to legalize medical marijuana in conjunction with Mississippi Municipal League.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adopt Resolution 2020-069 thereby opposing Initiative 65 proposing an amendment to the Mississippi Constitution to legalize medical marijuana in conjunction with Mississippi Municipal League.

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7. **2020-287:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-071 thereby establishing October 20, 2020 as the effective date for compensation for all employees for FY21 and for other related matters.

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan, to adopt Resolution 2020-071 thereby establishing October 20, 2020 as the effective date for compensation for all employees for FY21 and for other related matters

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8. **2020-288:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-070 thereby abandoning the 5' drainage and utility easements on each side of the common lot line between lots 8 and 9, DH PH 2, Unit 10, Block 3 for the purpose of constructing a new single family home. The parcel number is 067N-2-35-078.000. The proposed street address is 6414 Iona Street. The property owner is Kathleen Criss.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 3 Morgan to adopt Resolution 2020-070 thereby abandoning the 5' drainage and utility easements on each side of the common lot line between lots 8 and 9, DH PH 2, Unit 10, Block 3 for the purpose of constructing a new single family home. The parcel number is 067N-2-35-078.000. The proposed street address is 6414 Iona Street. The property owner is Kathleen Criss.

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Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following items by consent:

9. **2020-274:** Motion to approve to enter into agreement with Taylor Power Systems for full-service annual maintenance in the amount of \$1,475 and follow-up inspection in the amount of \$200 of the generator located at City Hall.
10. **2020-275:** Motion to approve Master Service Agreement Work Assignment with Digital Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 for GIS system maintenance effective October 1, 2020.

11. **2020-278:** Motion to approve payments to Digital Engineering in the amount of \$3,400 for Paving Phase 2, \$9,172.28 MDOT Feasibility Study and \$1,797.50 developer plan/spec review.
12. **2020-279:** Motion to declare surplus property, establish value for intergovernmental transfer items and proceed with proper disposal of other items.
13. **2020-280:** Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Clark Auctions to conduct a surplus property sale.
14. **2020-281:** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$1,004 to Machado Patano for plan review services relating to the Dollar General building permit application.
15. **2020-283:** Motion to approve to enter into agreement with South Mississippi Planning and Development District for Economic Development Support and Grant Procurement and Administration for FY21 in an amount not to exceed \$6,000
16. **2020-285:** Motion to reject bids received for East Aloha Improvements Phase 1 Project.
17. **2020-286:** Motion to approve and authorize lump sum payment appropriations as allocated in the FY21 budget.
18. **2020-290:** Motion to approve Budget Amendments 2021-003, 2021-004,

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Action Agenda.

19. **2020-289:** Motion to approve the resubdivision plat of Lot 26, DH PH 1, Unit 1, Block 11; 557 Aila Street

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the resubdivision plat of Lot 26, DH PH 1, Unit 1, Block 11; 557 Aila Street.

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Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following claims payable and department reports:

Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT157642 - DKT157692) in the amount of \$195,59.36.

21. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT157693) in the amount of \$3,000.00.
22. Motion to approve Payroll Payables DKT167628 - 157640 in the amount of \$39,765.49, PRCLAIM059 in the amount of \$30,007.53, PRCLAIM060 in the amount of \$1,914.00 and PRCLAIM061 in the amount of \$28,817.53.
23. September 2020 Departmental Reports:
 - Police Department
 - Building Department

Code Enforcement
Privilege Licensing

24. September 2020 Financial Reports

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

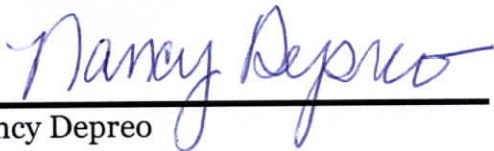
Bryon Griffith addressed the Council regarding the excellent manner in which the City's Building Department assisted with the construction of his new home.

Adjourn/Recess.

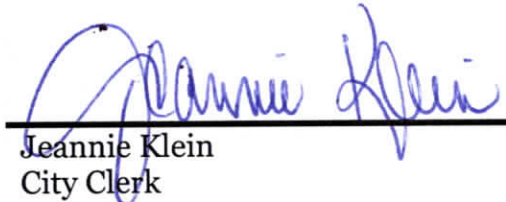
At 6:20 p.m. and with no further business to come before the Council at this time, motion made by Ward 3 Morgan, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Depreo, Ward 3 Morgan, Ward 4 Clark, Councilmember-At-Large L'Ecuyer

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Nancy Depreo
Mayor



Jeannie Klein
City Clerk

