



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**  
**6:00 PM CST**

**Call to Order**

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

Invocation - Councilmember 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 Charles Clark

**Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order**

Motion made by Mayor Depreo, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjust the agenda adding the following items-

**12a.** Consent Agenda - Motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise to bid Makiki Culvert Replacement Project Design by Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC.

**14.** Claims Payable - Motion to approve Docket of Claims DKT 230991 in the amount of \$3,862.00.

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 September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located at City Hall.

**City Manager's Report.**

1. Park Ten Road – Covington Engineering is awaiting contract documents before issuing a notice to proceed. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for this week. This will be Phase I of the Commercial District Transformation Project.
2. Noma Drive Restoration – Covington Engineering is awaiting contract documents before issuing a notice to proceed. This will be Phase II of the Commercial District Transformation Project.

3. Phase 4 paving – The paving project has not re-mobilized at this time due to an issue at the contractor’s plant. The new contact end date for this project will be September 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Diamondhead Drive Paving – Digital Engineering is awaiting contract documents before issuing a notice to proceed. This project will pave the entire Diamondhead Drive loop.
5. Noma Drive Utility Improvements – The final lift of rock is being placed on the road this week. The water and sewer lines have been installed. The contractor is connecting to the water & sewer this week and will do final grading and seeding next week. The contract end date is September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
6. Makiki Drive – The city is in negotiations with the bonding company regarding the request for penal damages. On tonight’s agenda, the city is requesting permission to advertise the project.
7. ARPA/GOMESA Projects – The following projects have been assigned to an engineering firm and are currently in the design phase.
 

a. Coon Branch	b. Koloa Steet @ Ala Moana
c. Lots 7 & 8	d. Kolo Court
e. Turnberry	f. Ahuli Place
g. Kaleki Way	h. Kalae Street
i. Hilo Way -- West	j. Hilo Way to Hapuna Place
k. Hilo Way at Koko Street	l. Aukai Place/DH Dr East
m. DH Drive East/Kalani	n. Veterans/Substation
o. Bayou Drive Culvert	p. Anahola Place
q. Fairway Drive	r. Kome Drive

### **Email Request Received**

1. Lily & I-10 Ponds –PW will continue to monitor and repair the silt fencing until grass grows.
2. Drainage Ditch – Request to clean out drainage ditch behind 3, 4, and 5 Rabbit Run. Work order is still open.
3. I-10 & Gex Drive Lights – Resident informed me that most of the lights on I-10 and Gex Drive were not working. Electrical vendor has been contacted, waiting on date available.
4. Guard Shack – Resident expressed concerns regarding the condition of front entrance and the guard shack. A work order has been created for Public Works to address the issues.
5. Kanoa Way – Large debris piles from lot clearing are still on site. Code enforcement has issued a 27-19-11 notification to the owner. This will be on the next council meeting. Chief Munger is also contacting the landowner and sprayed down the debris on Monday.
6. 734 Akaka Court – Grass not mowed. Code enforcement have been notified and will contact the landowner.
7. Cul-de-sac Rabbit Run – Request to clean up overgrowth and to trim tree branches. Completed.
8. 6621 Golf Club Drive – Received email regarding the residence pool. The property owner has installed a hard cover for the pool.
9. 8 Wilderness Run –Public works has removed the cross ties and rock from the right of way and placed everything on resident’s driveway.

10. Augusta Way – Property owner’s home permit request was five months old and there were no permits issues. The builder informed me that the site had wetland issues and just received permit from USACE and no house plans have been submitted to city for review or permit requested.
11. Medical Dispensary – Question about fire alarm. The company installing the sprinkler system is not licensed in MS to design or install fire alarm systems. The Building Department is working with a contractor to resolve the issue so the project can be completed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - None

**Policy Agenda.**

1. **Public Hearing - Election Redistricting**

City Attorney Cusick discussed Election Redistricting and gave a recap of the numbers presented from Gulf Regional Planning Commission after the 2020 census. At the conclusion of the Election Redistricting Public Hearing, Mayor Depreo called for anyone with comments or questions regarding election redistricting; no comments or questions were presented and the public hearing was closed. A resolution, confirming the current election district and affirming that there is no need to redistrict, will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

2. **FY24 Budget Public Hearing.**

City Manager McCraw presented the proposed FY24 Budget. At the conclusion of the FY24 Budget presentation, Mayor Depreo called for anyone with comments or questions regarding the proposed FY24 Budget; no comments or questions were presented and the public hearing was closed.

**Minutes:**

3. Motion to approve the August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Liese, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to approve the August 1, 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:**

4. **2023-274:** Motion to contribute up to \$40,000.00 for the Dog Park from the General Fund Balance. (Finley)

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**Consent Agenda:**

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

5. **2023-297:** Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for the allocation of funds for Drainage, Flood Prevention and Water Quality Improvements Project Phase II and authorize City Manager to execute same.
6. **2023-298:** Motion to approve payments to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$32,343.00 for Commercial District Transformation Project, in the amount of 49,925.00 for Commercial District Transformation Project - Noma Drive Improvements, in the amount of \$7,000.00 and \$7,000.00 for Standard Specifications and Drawings, in the amount of \$16,800.00 for Support Services for Makiki Drive Project, in the amount of \$1,265.00 for Subdivision Regulations Update, in the amount of \$2,972.50 for Site Development Plan, in the amount of \$7,200.00 for Kaleki Way Drainage and in the amount of \$2,117.50 for the Traffic Impact Study.
7. **2023-299:** Motion to approve the Amendment #1 of Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for the allocation of funds for Flood Prevention and Detention Pond Restoration and authorize City Manager to execute same.
8. **2023-300:** Motion to approve Work Assignment under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$263,000.00 for Kome Drive and Fairway Drive Drainage Project.
9. **2023-301:** Motion to approve Pay App #1 to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC. In the amount of \$23,466.90 for Noma Drive Phase I Utilities, Drainage and Road Improvements Project.
10. **2023-302:** Motion to approve payments to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$3,687.50 for Noma Drive Waterfront Improvements and in the amount of \$533.00 for Canal Dredging.
11. **2023-303:** Motion to approve ARPA Funded Work Assignments under the Master Service Agreement with Covington Civil and Environmental, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$93,000.00 for Diamondhead Drive East Drainage Project, in the amount not to exceed \$131,000.00 for Ahuli Drainage Project, in the amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 for East Aloha Drive and Veterans Drive Drainage Project and, in the amount, not to exceed \$76,000.00 for Bayou Drive Drainage Project.
12. **2023-304:** Motion to amend and approve Master Service Agreement Work Assignment with Chiniche Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$186,250.00 to include Anahola Draw to the Coon Branch Drainage Improvements for a total Work Assignment amount of \$478,100.00.
- 12a. Motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise to bid Makiki Culvert Replacement Project Design by Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC.

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

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**Routine Agenda.**

**Claims Payable**

- 13. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230947 - DKT230984) in the amount of \$308,346.84.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230947 - DKT230984) in the amount of \$308,346.84.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 14. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230991) in the amount of \$3,862.00.

Motion made by Ward 3 Cumberland, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve Docket of Claims (DKT230991) in the amount of \$3,862.00.

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

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**Department Reports**

- a. Motion to approve the following Department Reports.

Court  
Police  
Building  
Code Enforcement

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following Department Reports.

Court  
Police  
Building  
Code Enforcement

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

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**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 6:43 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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Mayor



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City Clerk