



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

## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 05, 2021

6:00 PM CST

Council Chambers, City Hall

### Call to Order.

At 6:00 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

Ward 3 Ricky Sheppard

Ward 4 Charles Clark

### ABSENT

Ward 2 Alan Moran

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to adjust the agenda moving Item 2021-313 from the Consent Agenda to the Action Agenda and approve the agenda as amended.

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

### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Presentation Agenda.

Council Comments.

1. The Next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chamber at City Hall 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead.
2. The 9th Annual Blessing of the Classics will be October 6, 2021 with a cruise-party at City Hall from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
3. The annual Hancock County Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Arena located at 4184 Kiln-Delisle Road.
4. The Diamondhead Festival and BBQ Competition will be held Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Harbor Circle.
5. Diamondhead Police Department's National Night Out will be held October 14th from 6 - 8:30 p.m. - Event Update, Captain A. J. Gambino
6. Trey Bobinger of Point One Strategies provided an update on current legislative matters.

7. Proclaim October 2021 Domestic Violence Awareness Month and present to Jamie Boyer with the Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence
8. Proclaim October 15, 2021 White Cane Day in the City of Diamondhead and present to Dr. Dwain Simpson of the Diamondhead Lions Club
9. Trinity Capital Investors presentation- Jeff Wilson, President, provided an overview of firm and the services offered.
10. Discussion regarding Kapalama Cove HOA donation of streets for right of way. Resident Nina Day addressed the Council and was provided direction to begin the process; first is to provide the Council with legal description proposed dedication.
11. Mayor Depreo thanked Life Scout Thomas Konkel for the 6 bird houses for the dog park as a part of his Diamondhead Boy Scout Troop 210 Eagle Scout Project.
12. Matt Mooneyham updated the council regarding the Hurricane Ida debris pick up process.

#### City Manager's Report.

1. Hurricane Ida Debris – The contractor has been picking up Hurricane Ida debris for the last two weeks. They are estimating we have 10K cubic yards of debris in the city. They have 2 trucks that will make only one pass on all streets. Residents are asked to separate their debris into 2 piles. One would be only vegetation and the other would be everything else.
2. Cruisin the Coast in Diamondhead – The blessing of the classics in Diamondhead is schedule for Wednesday, October 6. There will be parade of cars on Diamondhead Drive loop beginning at 3pm. There will be party at city hall following the parade, and there will be music, food, and drinks. We have Giant Burrito and Rouses selling food and the Funkey Monkey selling loaded teas, snowballs, and ice cream.
3. Festival and BBQ Competition – The festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 13. Anyone interested in being sponsor, vendor, or BBQ team, please visit our website for information. There will be a sponsor party on Friday night. There will also be a prayer service for veterans at 10am on the 13<sup>th</sup> before the festival opens for music, food, and drinks. All are invited to this free event.
4. Rostan Solutions for CRS Certification – There is a motion to get Rostan Solutions to help the city become CRS certified with the National Flood Insurance Program. This provides opportunities for discounts on flood insurance policies for property owners in Diamondhead, and it also improves our applications for hazard mitigation grants.
5. Zoning Code Re-Write – I am recommending that the council hire Orion Planning and Design to re-write our zoning codes. This was a recommendation from the comprehensive plan. This is a 8-10 month process and will allow Envision Diamondhead 2040 to become reality in the city.
6. Tidelands Grant – The city was awarded a \$400K grant from Tidelands by our State Legislature last Spring. This is for the Noma Drive Waterfront project. This agenda item simply accepts the agreement with DMR.
7. Dog Park Grant – There is a motion to accept a \$10K donation from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation for the dog park construction project. We are grateful for this grant from one of their funds.
8. Appropriations – There is a motion to approve the expenditure of funds that were budgeted as allocations for FY22. These are funds sent from the city to these organizations that help our community.

9. Financial Audit – The administration is recommending to the council that we negotiate with Necaise and Company for the FY21 comprehensive annual financial report. Ty completed his 3-year agreement for this service to the city. This will allow him to do one more year before we advertise for proposals for a new auditing firm. The administration is extremely pleased with the work of Ty and his team.
10. Hilo Street Drainage Project – There is a motion to accept the recommendation of the engineer to hire the contractor with the low bid for the Hilo Street Drainage project. This is the failed culvert passing between two homes and under the Hilo Street.
11. Hilo Way Drainage Project – There is a work assignment with Machado Patano for survey and assessment of an area on Hilo Way where we have been experiencing drainage problems for many years. This will evaluate the area and provide a recommendation to the council to help correct the problem.
12. Sub-Basin A and Ieke, Kaleki and Amoka Drainage – There is a work assignment with Covington Engineering for the next phase of analysis for Sub-basin A and Ieke, Kaleki and Amoka. Ben from Covington is here to speak towards this work assignment.
13. Kolo Ct Drainage Project – There is a new work assignment on the agenda for Pickering Engineering for the design phase of the Kolo Ct Drainage Project. The engineering firm submitted their report with several options and their recommendation. The estimated cost of the entire project is \$512K. Previously, DNA Underground submitted a proposal to do a small section of this project for about \$80K, which was consistent with this engineer's recommendation. This is an erosion problem near sewerage lines. It does not impact homes, but it does impact the sewerage lines in this area. My recommendation to the council is to consider doing only a limited area of the project for now that has the immediate concern. Then, as the council works to prioritize major drainage projects, we include the remainder of the project in that list.
14. Engineer RFQ – I plan to have recommendations to the council for engineering services at the next council meeting. We have many great firms that have submitted qualifications to the city.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items.**

Rose Blanchard a resident on Laa La Place accompanied by her son addressed the Council regarding stormwater runoff on her property. The request was made for the Public Works Department to dig the ditches

**Policy Agenda.**

**Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolutions:**

- 2. 2021-330:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-070 regarding temporary mobile restroom, concessions, cargo (storage) trailers and marina office trailer that are on wheels in the regulatory floodplain.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher.

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Consent Agenda:**

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

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 4. 2021-317:** Motion to approve payment to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$1,837.50 for Noma Drive Project (Tidelands), Montjoy Creek Improvement in the amount of \$820.00 and East Aloha Improvements in the amount of \$3,012.50.
- 5. 2021-318:** Motion accept and approve the annual Municipal Compliance Questionnaire.
- 6. 2021-319:** Motion to accept bids received for the Hilo Street Culvert Replacement Project and award the project to Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC low bidder in the amount of \$184,054.50, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and issue the notice to proceed as appropriate.
- 7. 2021-320:** Motion to approve payments to Pickering Firm in the amounts of \$2,225.00, \$700.00 and \$26,100.00 for Hilo Street Culvert Replacement, \$1,452.20 Makiki Drive and Kui Place, \$4,794.40 Channel Stabilization-NRCS Grant, \$1,430.00 Kolo Court Drainage and \$835.00 Strategic Initiatives & Project Agreement.
- 8. 2021-321:** Motion to enter into agreement with Rostan Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$28,000 for professional services with the City for Community Rating System certification.
- 9. 2021-322:** Motion to approve payment to ERS, Inc. in the amount of \$81,183.63 for the Diamondhead Drive East at Alkii Way Channel Stabilization Project (NRCS Grant).
- 10. 2021-324:** Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 to contract with ERS, Inc. for the NRCS Channel Stabilization on Diamondhead Drive East at Alkii Way to add an additional 60 days with no change in the contract price.
- 11. 2021-325:** Motion to accept the donation of 6 bird houses for the dog park and other areas valued at \$15.00 for a total value of \$90.00 from Diamondhead Boy Scout Troop 210 as part of Life Scout Thomas Konkel's Eagle Scout Project.
- 12. 2021-326:** Motion to accept the Tidelands Grant Agreement FY2021 with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

13. **2021-327:** Motion to approve accept the Gulf Coast Community Foundation Grant for the dog park in the amount of \$10,000, accept the grant agreement assurances and authorize the City Manager to execute same.
14. **2021-323:** Motion to approve Agreement with Orion Planning in the amount of \$75,000 for Zoning Code Rewrite Project.
15. **2021-328:** Motion to authorize events and expenses for each for upcoming Fiscal Year 2022.
16. **2021-328:** Motion to approve Master Service Agreement Work Assignment in the amount of \$13,000 with Machado Patano for Hilo Way Drainage Study.
17. **2021-329:** Motion to approve FY22 appropriations totaling \$53,600 to CASA in the amount of \$5,200, East Hancock Library in the amount of \$30,000, Hancock Human Resource Center in the amount of \$3,200 Hancock Resource Center in the amount of \$1,200, Hancock County Tourism in the amount of \$1,000, Diamondhead SPCA in the amount of \$10,800, Magdalene House in the amount of \$2,200 and to authorize lump-sum disbursements.
18. **2021-331:** Motion to authorize the repayment of \$60,000 interfund loan and local match reduction in the amount of \$50.56 totaling a total to the General Fund from Fund 114 Commercial Area Connectivity Study.
19. **2021-332:** Motion to approve Master Service Agreement Work Assignment with Covington Civil & Environmental for Turnberry Drainage Phase 2 design.
20. **2021-334:** Motion to approve Master Service Agreement Work Assignment with Covington Civil & Environmental for Sub-Basin A Drainage Phase 2.
21. **2021-335:** Motion to authorize the administration to enter into negotiation with Necaise & Company for the FY2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

#### **Action Agenda.**

Motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to table agenda item **2021-313:** Motion to authorize Master Service Agreement Work Assignment with Pickering Firm in the amount of \$48,100 for Kolo Court Ditch Improvements and Culvert Replacement.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Routine Agenda.**

#### **Claims Payable**

22. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (Claims DKt158858 -DKT15900) in the amount of \$300,674.22.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Sheppard to approve Docket of Claims (Claims DKt158858 -DKT15900) in the amount of \$300,674.22.

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

#### **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

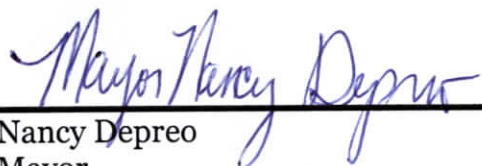
**Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items -None.**

**Adjourn/Recess.**

At 7:58 p.m. and with no further business to come before the Council, motion made by Ward 1 Finley to adjourn, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark.

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

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Nancy Depreo  
Mayor

  
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City Clerk

